



Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

10:30 AM

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Virtual Coffee Hour begins today after worship. Join us each Sunday by clicking on this link: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>.

We will continue offering Sunday worship at 10:30 AM via Facebook Live **UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**. Whether you have a Facebook account or not, you can sign on to our www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit to access the livestream or the archive of videos. **YOU DON'T NEED AN ACCOUNT**. When you reach the login page, select "NOT NOW" to proceed. Once you reach our page, **SCROLL** down a bit to see the livestream video. To access the archived videos, select "Videos" on the left sidebar.

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REMEMBER: You can set up access to your own giving profile **AND** see the church directory by creating an account with our database system, Servant Keeper. Invitations were sent out with instructions this past week. If you have questions, contact the church office.

Palms will be available, Saturday, April 4 for pickup at the church. You will find them available near the front and back entrances for access from your car.

Pastoral Care During Covid-19: During this time it is important for the whole congregation to care for one another. If you have a health, mental, or emotional concern, please do not hesitate to reach out to [Pastor Moore](#) or [Pastor Scalet](#) (click on their names to be redirected to their emails). We may not be able to meet in person but we can talk on the phone, set up a Zoom meeting, or just share a quick text. We are here for you. Likewise, all members should make contacting fellow members a priority.

Prayer Before Worship

Lord God, Great I AM, you are resurrection and life.
As we worship you this day show us who we are: bearers of good news,
messengers of resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

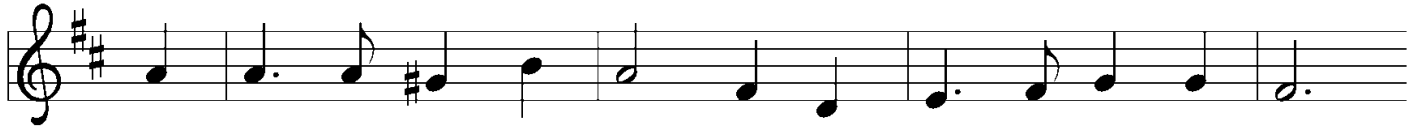
Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins to God, seeking forgiveness in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our † Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

GATHERING HYMN 338 Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

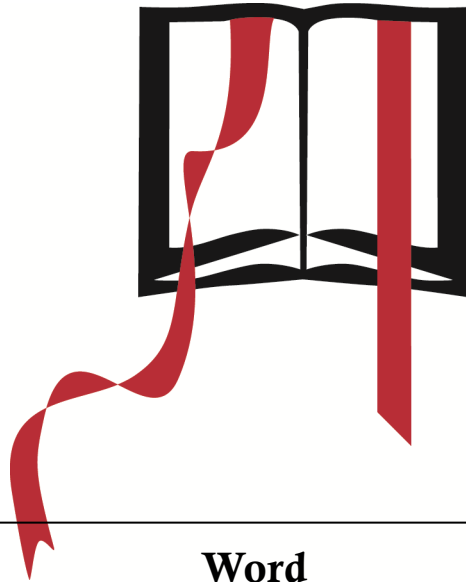
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**



Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 37:1–14

¹The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³He said to me, “Mortal, can these bones live?” I answered, “O Lord GOD, you know.” ⁴Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD.”

⁷So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.” ¹⁰I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹Then he said to me, “Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.’ ¹²Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ¹³And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act, says the LORD.”

The reader concludes: The word of the Lord. *The assembly responds:* Thanks be to God.

PSALM 130

Spoken responsively.

¹Out of the depths

I cry to you, O LORD;

²**O LORD, hear my voice!**

Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplication.

³If you were to keep watch over sins,

O LORD, who could stand?

⁴**Yet with you is forgiveness,**

in order that you may be feared.

⁵I wait for you, O LORD; my soul waits;

in your word is my hope.

⁶**My soul waits for the Lord more than those who keep watch for the morning,
more than those who keep watch for the morning.**

⁷O Israel, wait for the LORD, for with the LORD there is steadfast love;
with the LORD there is plenteous redemption.

⁸**For the LORD shall redeem Israel
from all their sins.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Lord, we turn to lis - ten to you; send your Word to us a - new. Let your
stead - fast love sur - round us; lead our hearts to be re - newed.

GOSPEL John 11:17–27

The Holy Gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.” ²³Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.” ²⁴Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.” ²⁵Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?” ²⁷She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”

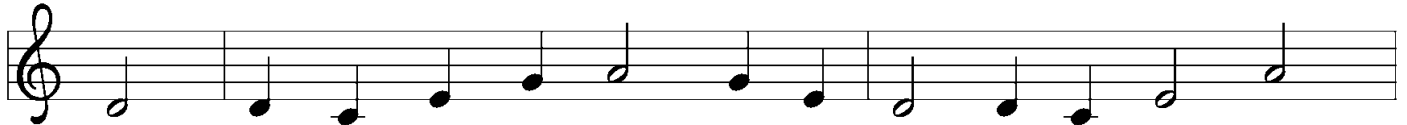
The Gospel is proclaimed, concluding: The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

HOMILY

Silence for reflection



HYMN OF THE DAY 666 What Wondrous Love Is This



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when
3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when I was sink - ing down
God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,



that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
who is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing



soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy, . . . **Hear our prayer. *Response at the conclusion of the prayer: Amen.***

LORD'S PRAYER

And now let us pray as our Savior taught us:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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OFFERTORY

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right

spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your

pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -

store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,

and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for the Lord is good.

God's mercies endure forever.

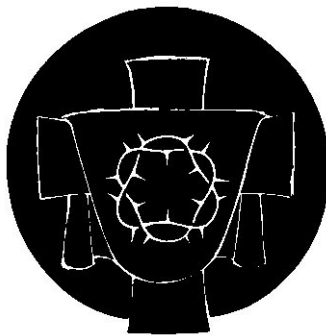
Let us pray. **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we humbly thank you for your goodness to us and to all that you have made. We praise you for your creation, for keeping us and all things in your care, and for all the blessings of this life. Above all we bless you for your immeasurable grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies that with thankful hearts we praise you, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving ourselves to your service and by living in your gifts of holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all worship and praise, now and forever. Amen.**

Sending

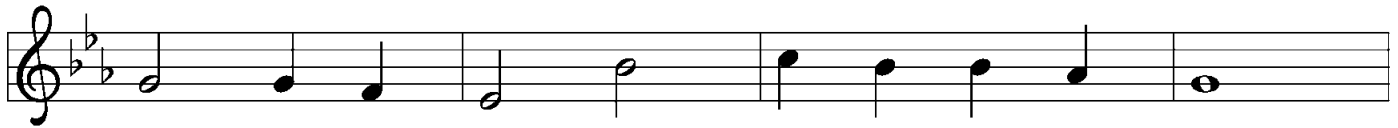
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



SENDING HYMN 629 Abide with Me



1 A - bide with me, fast falls the e - ven - tide.
2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
3 I need thy pres - ence ev - 'ry pass - ing hour;
4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes,



The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide.
earth's joys grow dim, its glo - ries pass a - way;
what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's pow'r?
ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;



When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
change and de - cay in all a - round I see;
Who like thy - self my guide and stay can be?
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;



help of the help - less, oh, a - bide with me.
O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
Through cloud and sun - shine, oh, a - bide with me.
I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me!
in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

Text: Henry F. Lyte, 1793–1847

Music: EVENTIDE, William H. Monk, 1823–1889

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you. **Thanks be to God.**

ZOOM COFFEE HOUR Join us now by clicking here <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>

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READER

Lent 5

- Today is the **fifth Sunday** in **Lent**.
- Lent always happens during the **season** of **spring**.
- In the spring, we celebrate **new life**.
- Jesus brings **new life** to us!

It's Spring!

Draw **40** spring leaves on the branch to help you count the **40** days of Lent.
Remember that **Jesus brings us new life!**



Jesus said, "_____ the
1
_____ and the _____."
2 3

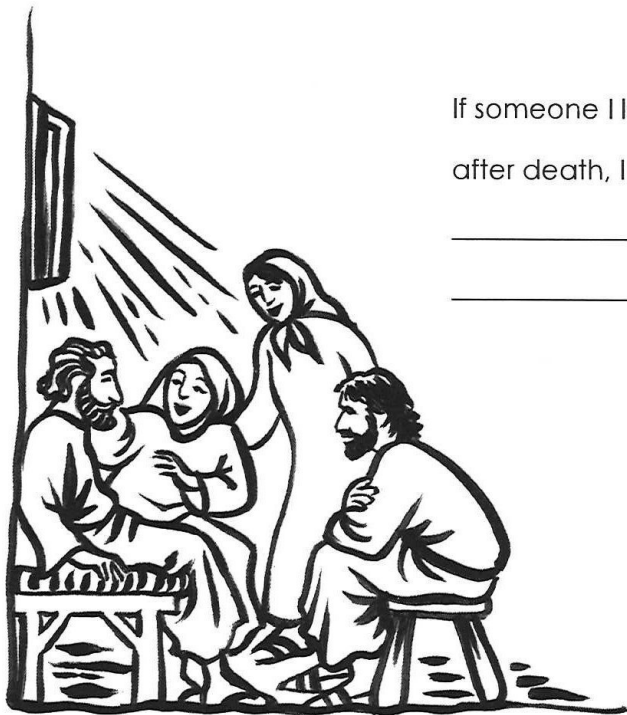
Memory Verse



John 11:25a

Look up the passages below to find the missing words from the memory verse.

1. Exodus 3:14 God said to Moses, "_____ 1 _____ who I am."
2. Matthew 27:53 After his _____ 2 _____ they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city.
3. Job 10:12 You have granted me _____ 3 _____ and steadfast love.



If someone I loved came back to life
after death, I would _____



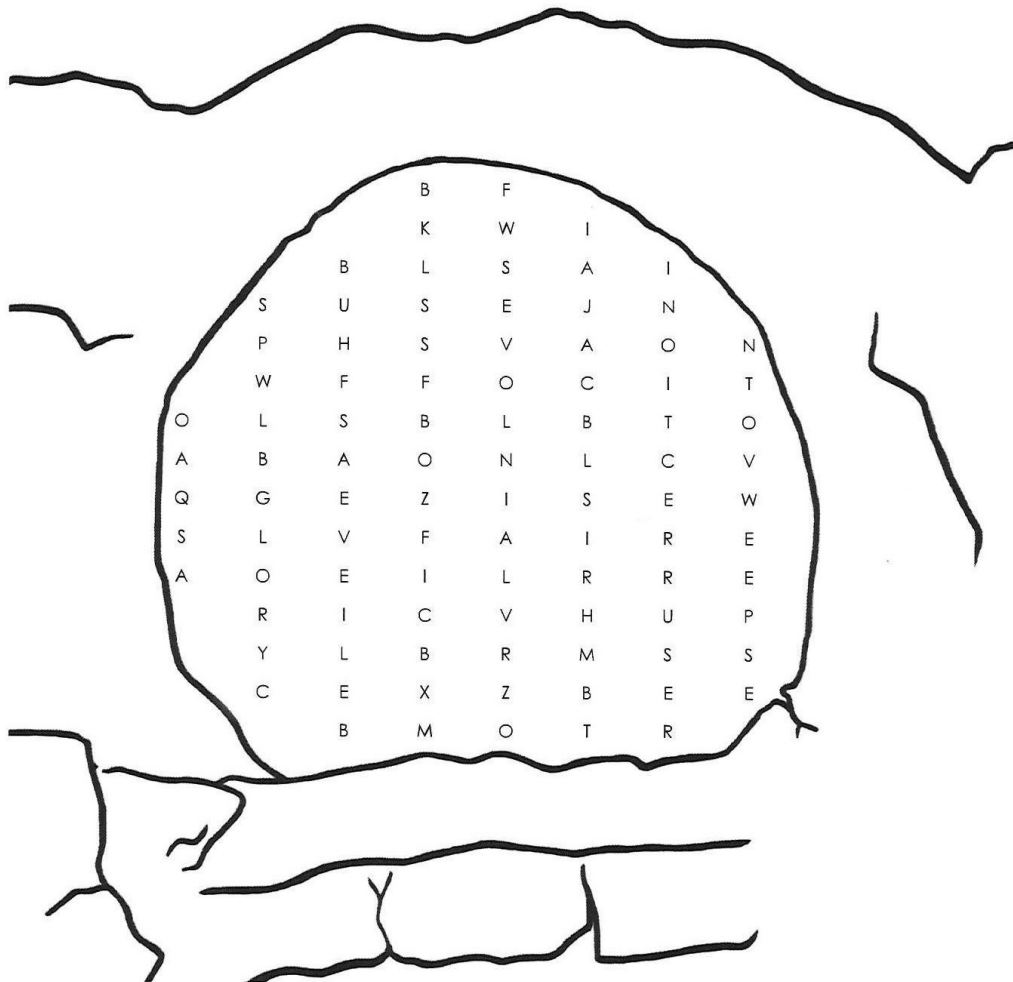
Lazarus Finds New Life

Jesus was sad when his friend **Lazarus** died.

Jesus brought Lazarus **back to life!**

The people believed in Jesus because of this **miracle.**

Through Jesus, Lazarus found new life. Look at the opening of the tomb and see if you can find words from today's Bible story.



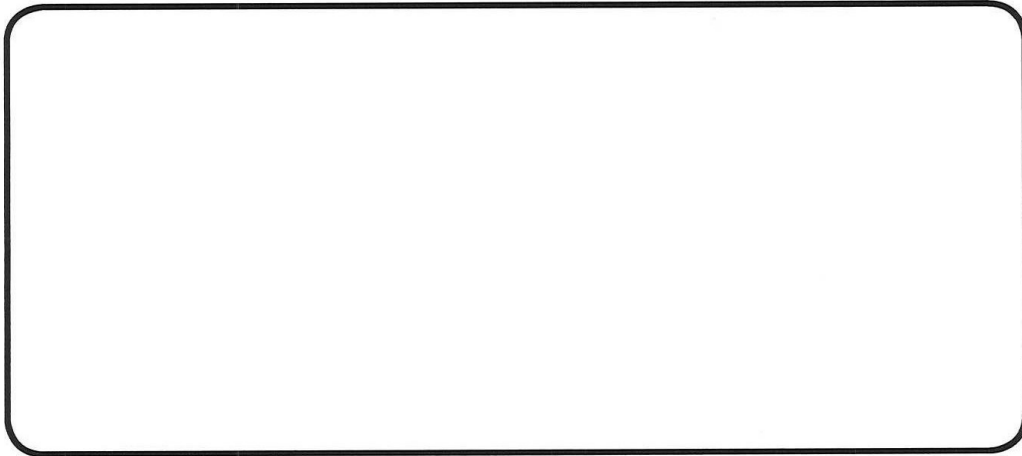
Bible Tip!

If you open your Bible in the middle, you should end up in Psalms or Proverbs. If you split the right half in half again, you'll be at the beginning of the New Testament.

Symbols of Spring

Many churches decorate their worship space with fresh flowers. They might show artwork of birds or lambs. Look around your worship space.

Do you see any symbols of spring and new life? Draw them below.



Christians also use a cross as a symbol. How many crosses are there in your worship space? _____

Come up with your own symbols for the items below.

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| Friendship | A playground |
| Free time | Home |



PRE-READER

Lent 5

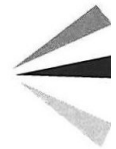
- Today is the **5th Sunday** in **Lent**.
- The word *lent* means **spring**.
- In the spring, we celebrate **new life**.

Color the flowers along the path and the birds in the sky. Make everything colorful to celebrate that spring is coming!



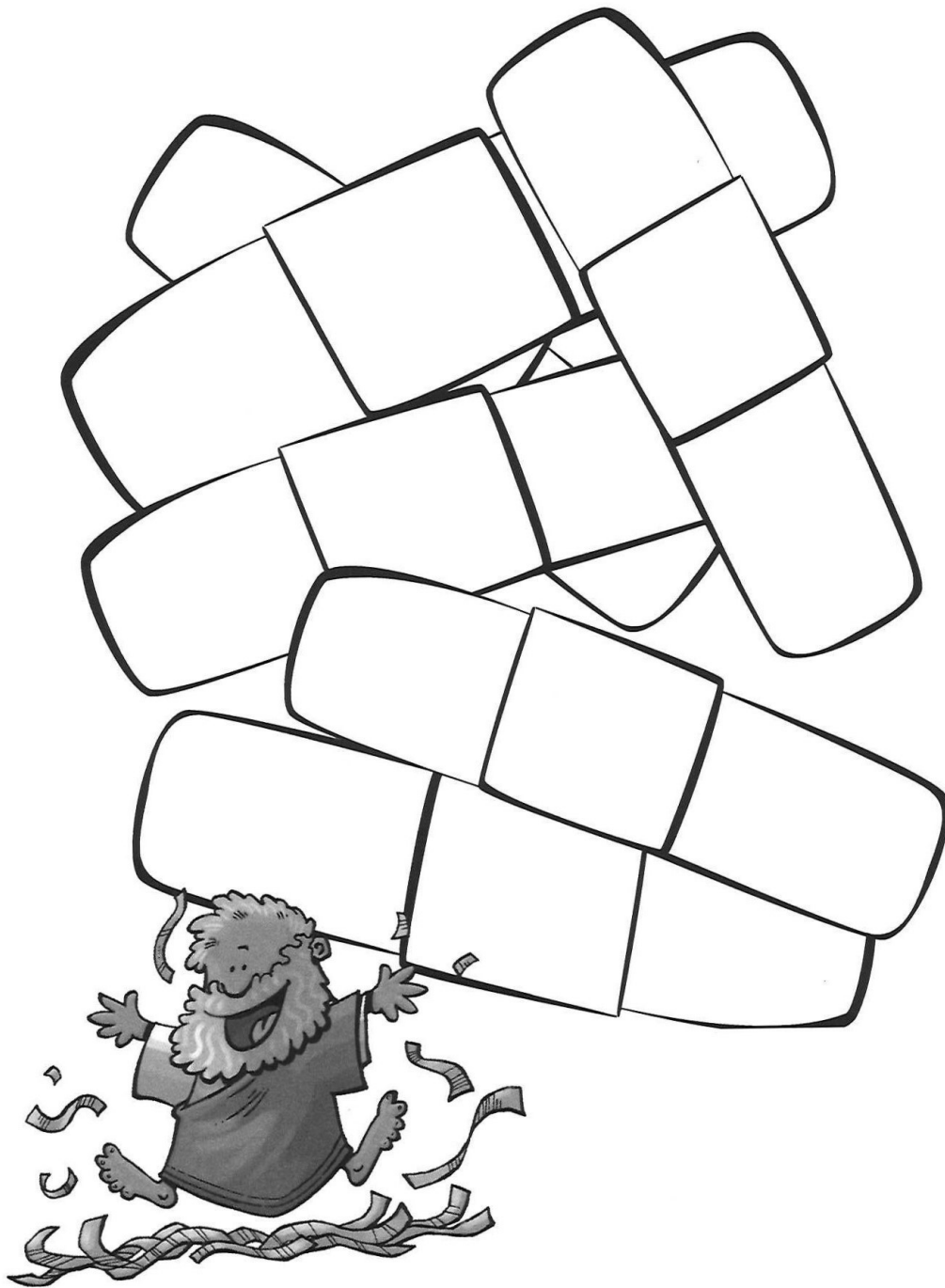


“Don’t be sad. Lazarus will live again!”



Lazarus got sick and died. Jesus brought Lazarus back to life. When we're hurting or upset, Jesus can help us, too!

Use the bandages below to write or draw things that make you feel better.



The church uses symbols. Symbols are pictures that mean something. Are there any symbols in your worship space today? Some of the pictures below are symbols.

Circle the ones that are pictures of spring.

