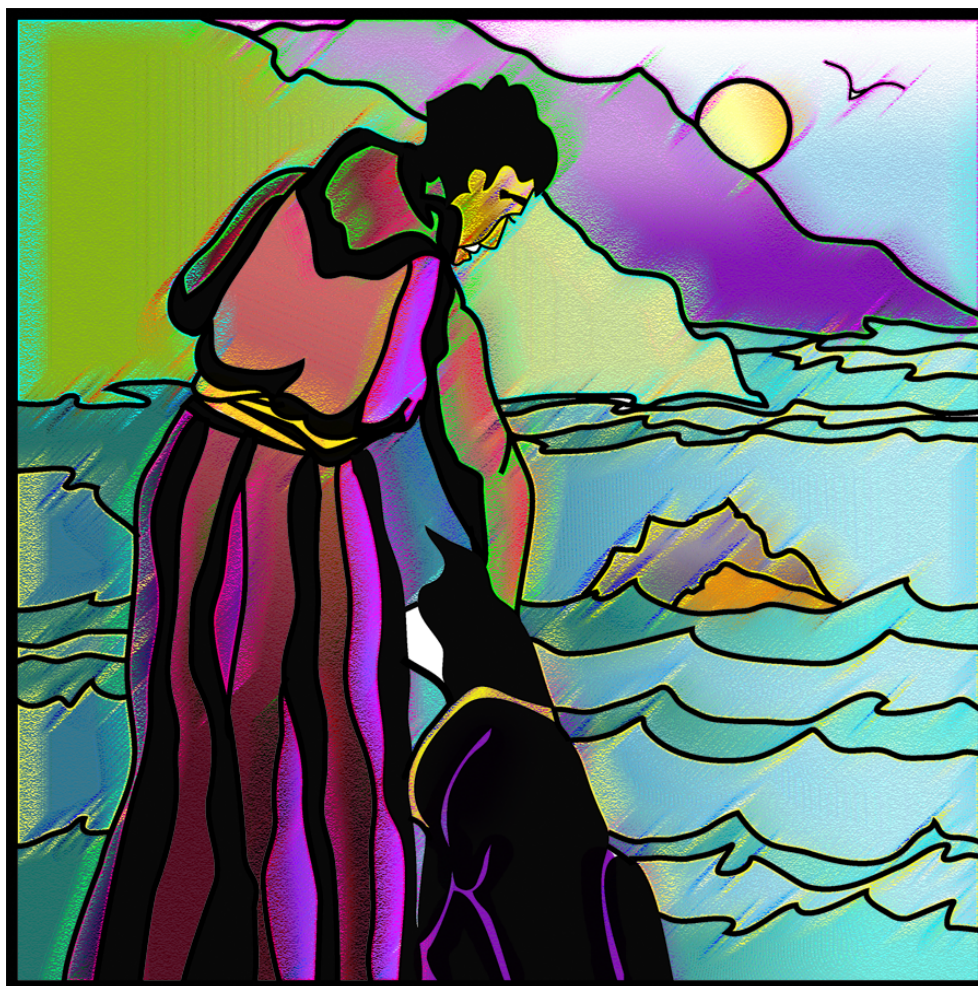


# Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost



October 4, 2020  
10:30 AM

Join us for our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit/>  
or <https://www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ>  
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**Everyone is welcome.** As people of God, St. John's welcomes all regardless of age, economic status, ethnic background, gender, physical or mental ability, race or sexual orientation. We affirm that in Christ "there is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female." (Galatians 3:28) This is Christ's church, and Christ has bid you come.

## October 4, 2020

**In-Person Communion Service:** Join us for in-person worship services every other **Sunday at 4:00 PM**. Please bring your own chairs—spots will be marked on the front lawn. Masks must be worn and social distance must be observed. Limited bathroom usage. At-risk individuals or anyone feeling unwell should not attend. Please use discretion. Our next outdoor worship service will be on **October 11**. Please **RSVP** [here](#) so that we can plan for attendance.

**Hymnal Supplement:** The ELCA has produced a hymnal supplement to our current *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* entitled *All Creation Sings* to be released in November. If you would like to purchase a personal copy or donate toward the cost of the congregation purchase please contact the church office. \$12.50 per copy. For more information click [here](#).

**St. John's Anti-Racism Committee Book Dialogue:** *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo. The discussion will take place via ZOOM on **Tuesdays, October 6, and 13 at 5:00 PM**. Please join us on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82257936347?pwd=OTlJU3AvVEgwd3BpeGlEWW9vR1g4Zz09>, **password:** 222626.

**Cross Roads Tea:** Our benefit Tea Party for Cross Roads Camp is going virtual! We will be meeting over Zoom on **October 17 at 4:00 PM**. Upon RSVP we will deliver you a personal tea party box. Join us for a fun afternoon to support our church camp. You must sign up by **October 9**. Sign up [here](#) to reserve a spot.

**Remembrance of the Faithful Departed:** Each year on All Saints Day we remember those who have died in the past year. You are invited to submit names and a picture of any loved ones or friends who have died in the past year. For more information or to submit a name please email Pastor Blake. Names must be submitted by **October 25**.

**Market Street Mission Coat Giveaway:** Donations of coats, hats, scarves or gloves for men, women, and children, may be brought to St. John's by **October 25**. For those living closer to Maplewood, you may also make arrangements to drop off items with Carmen Johnson,. Please contact her directly to make arrangements, or call the church office.

**Reformation Intergenerational Zoom Event:** Join us **Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 PM** for a fun program for all ages. We will sing, share, and learn about our Lutheran heritage.

**Christmas Trees:** We are looking to borrow well-kept, green artificial Christmas trees for use in producing Advent & Christmas videos. This would be a loan NOT a donation--you can have your trees back. We would want them by early November and can return them to you by **December 16**. If you have a possible tree to loan us, please contact the church office.

**The ELCA Church Council** has unanimously adopted a new social message. Read [here](#).

**Calling all musicians:** Join us in our virtual music-making this fall! Email Donna Garzinsky ([dgarzinsky@stjohnssummit.org](mailto:dgarzinsky@stjohnssummit.org)) to find out how you can get involved.

**Neighbors Helping Neighbors:** Please give generously to the emergency fund sponsored by the Summit Interfaith Council to help Summit immigrant neighbors adversely affected by COVID-19. You may make your tax-deductible donation to the Relief Fund [here](#), by either check or PayPal. Checks should be made out to and mailed to Beacon UU Congregation in Summit, 4 Waldron Ave., Summit, NJ 07901.

## Prayer Before Worship

God of all power and peace, as Jesus sent his disciples out to heal the sick, cast out demons, gather the lost, raise the dead, and proclaim the nearness of your realm, make us ready to go and share the good news we have received; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

From *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion, Year A, Vol. 2*

## Gathering

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

**PRELUDE** Setting of *Lasst uns erfreuen*

By Michael Burkhardt (b. 1957)

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation. **Amen.**

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

In the beginning, the Spirit over the deep; new life daily unfolding at God's call. Darkness and light: Good. Skies, lands, and seas: Good. The earth and all that fills it—plants and rocks, the finned, the feathered, the furry: Good. At the last, humankind in God's image: Very good.

Yet we have failed to draw from that goodness in care for God's creation.

**Forgive us, God, for the ways we have exploited the earth and its creatures.**

We have misunderstood our calling to be stewards and protectors of God's creation.

**Forgive us, God, for the ways we have exploited the earth and its creatures.**

We long for new relationships with God's creation that has been entrusted to us.

**Help us, God, to make a new community with all that lives alongside us.**

May the merciful God who calls us to tend earth and all its creatures, deepen our knowledge of creation's interweaving and forgive us our past failings, so that our lives may be shaped in wholeness and peace with all living things; in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Hear the good news: Behold, I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. God renews us and all creation. By God's grace, in Jesus' name † you are forgiven. **Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN 835 All Creatures, Worship God Most High!

## Verses 1-3, 6



1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and  
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and  
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor  
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,  
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:  
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -  
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,  
and worship God with humble heart:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,  
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:  
Alleluia.

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1182-1226; tr. composite  
Music: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, *Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Köln, 1623  
Text © 1997 Augsburg Fortress.

## 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. Source and sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that nourish and serve us, befriend, enrich, entertain, and protect us. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your groaning yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## Word

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

### FIRST READING Job 12:7–10

<sup>7</sup>But ask the animals, and they will teach you; the birds of the air, and they will tell you; <sup>8</sup>ask the plants of the earth, and they will teach you; and the fish of the sea will declare to you. <sup>9</sup>Who among all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? <sup>10</sup>In his hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of every human being.

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

### PSALM 24:1–6

1. "The earth is the good Lord's and the full - ness that there - of."  
2. May we be good stew - ards of all that you give,  
Cre - a - tion re - minds us, O God, of your love.  
Pro - tect - ing cre - a - tion wher - ev - er we live.  
By grace we are learn - ing, as year leads to year,  
May we be a church that re - news and re - stores  
We're called to be stew - ards, your care - ta - kers here.  
And lov - ing - ly cares for this earth that is yours.

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Tune: ST DENIO, Welsh traditional

### *Spoken responsively*

- <sup>1</sup>The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world and those who dwell therein.
- <sup>2</sup>**For the Lord has founded it upon the seas  
and established it upon the rivers.**
- <sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,  
and who may stand in God's holy place?
- <sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being,  
nor do they pledge by what is false.**
- <sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing from the Lord  
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.
- <sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,  
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. R**

## SECOND READING Revelation 22:1–2

<sup>1</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Congregation:*



Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, Lord, to whom shall we go?—



You have the words of e-ter-nal life: Al-le-lu-ia!—

Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen, b. 1950  
Music © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc., 7404 S. Mason Ave., Chicago, IL 60638. www.giamusic.com. 800.442.3358.

## GOSPEL Matthew 9:35–38

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

<sup>35</sup>Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. <sup>36</sup>When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. <sup>37</sup>Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; <sup>38</sup>therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

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

## SERMON



## HYMN OF THE DAY Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom

1. Earth is full of wit and wis-dom, sound-ing God's de-light-ed laugh,  
 2. Earth is full of wit and wis-dom, wo-ven in-to har-mo-ny.  
 3. Earth is full of wit and wis-dom: pen-guin, pla-ty-pus, and snail,

from the ti-ny ro-ly-po-ly to the tree-top-tall gi-raffe.  
 Ev-ry crea-ture has a pur-pose, ev-'ry flow'r and bum-ble-bee.  
 cac-tus, sea slug, oak, and al-gae, from the mi-crobe to the whale.

All cre-a-tion sings in won-der; e-ven rocks and trees re-joice  
 Spi-der, hu-man, red-wood, geck-o, mon-key, chick-en, mouse, and snake  
 In this great and strange cre-a-tion, with a breath God gives us birth:

as they join the ring-ing cho-rus: ech-oes of our Mak-er's voice.  
 live with-in a sin-gle fab-ric: cloth that on-ly God could make.  
 born of soil to live as stew-ards, called to love and serve the earth.

Text: Adam M.L. Tice, b. 1979

Music: W. Moore, *Southern Harmony*, 1825; arr. hymnal version.

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## **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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## **STEWARDSHIP MOMENT**

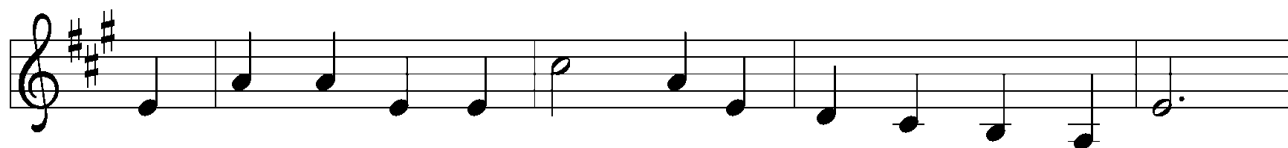
Corey Sanders

**OFFERING MUSIC** Setting of "All Things Bright and Beautiful" By Sandra Eithun (b. 1963)  
Virtual Ringers: Linda Clark, Lisa Wichman, Christian Wichman, Kim Kanefke



## OFFERTORY 681 We Plow the Fields and Scatter

### *Verse 3*



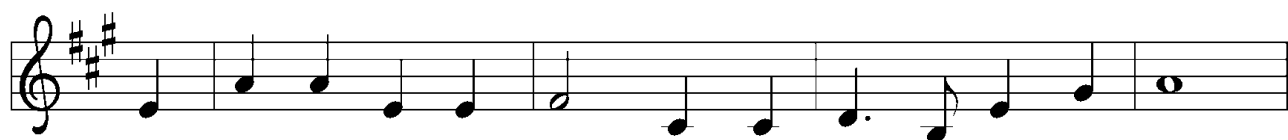
3 We thank you, our cre - a - tor, for all things bright and good,



the seed-time and the har - vest, our life, our health, our food.



No gifts have we to of - fer for all your love im - parts,



but what you most would trea - sure—our hum - ble, thank-ful hearts.

#### *Refrain*



All good gifts a - round us are sent from heav'n a - bove.



We thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord, for all your love.

Text: Matthias Claudius, 1740–1815; tr. Jane M. Campbell, 1817–1878, alt.  
Music: WIR PFLÜGEN, Johann A. P. Schulz, 1747–1800

## OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## Sending

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

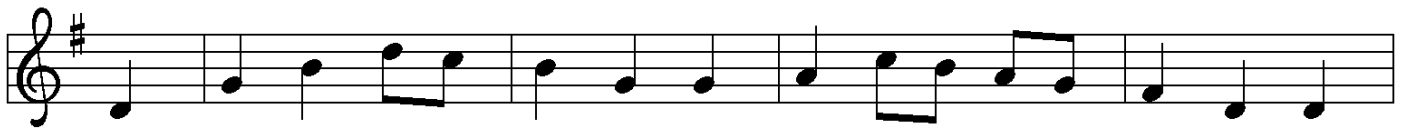
### PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

Let us pray the Prayer of St. Francis. **Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

### BLESSING

May the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of Jesus Christ our Lord; and may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the † Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and rest upon you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN 881 Let All Things Now Living



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



still guides us on to the end of our days.  
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -  
 fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise  
 till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To  
 for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"

Text: Katherine K. Davis, 1892–1980, alt.  
 Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune  
 Text © 1939, 1966 E. C. Schirmer Music Company.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Setting of *Holy Manna*

By Douglas Wagner (b. 1953)

**ZOOM COFFEE HOUR:** URL: <https://zoom.us/j/753360733>

**Zoom Children's Time, Sundays at 9:30 AM.** Join: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86580617100>.

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# PRE-READER

Pentecost 18

- Today is the **18<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a season of **growing**.
- We can grow in our faith by **listening** to God.

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God looks at the whole picture of who we are. God knows us inside and outside. Color the tree. Then color the background behind the tree and the road.





**Jesus was there to save them, but they weren't even listening.**





When we listen to Jesus, he tells us to...



LOVE

CARE

HOPE

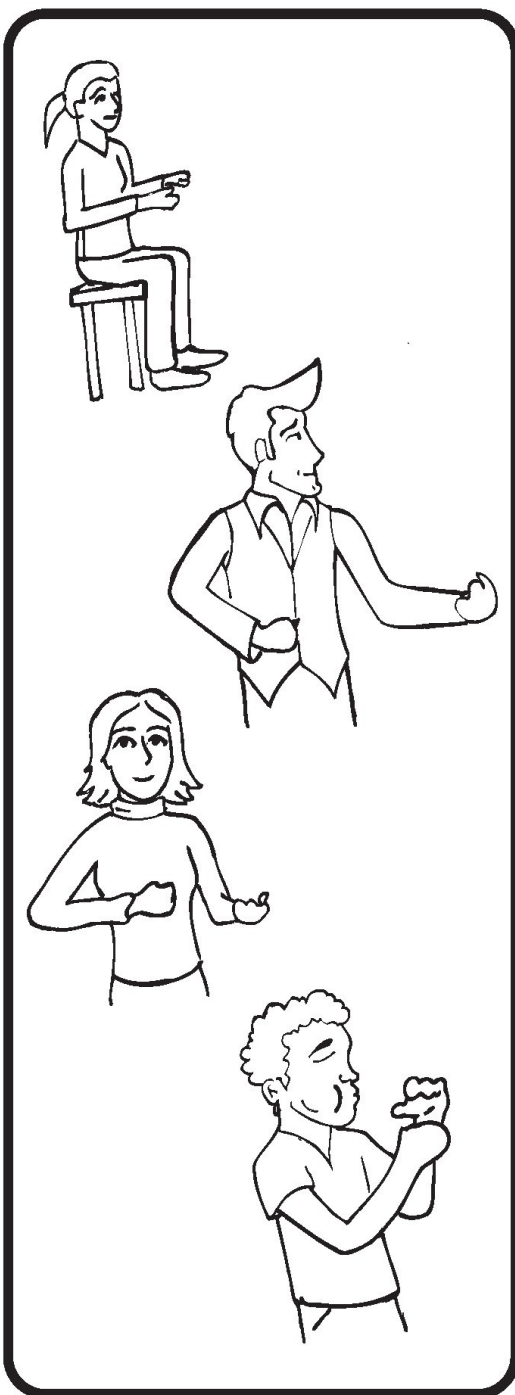
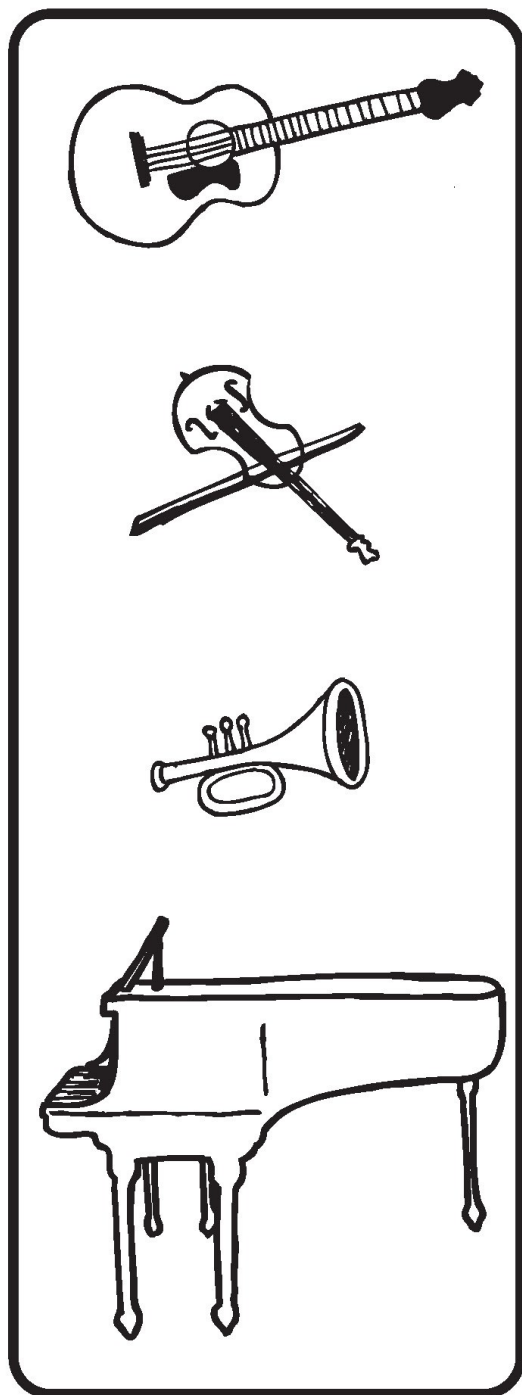
SERVE

Jesus told us we should listen. Listen in church. What do you hear?



**Draw lines to match the church sounds with the person who makes the sound.**

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ommunion, look for o  
on, we're filled with  
of your blessings—fo  
with others?



a cup like the  
Jesus' blessings!

od, clothing,



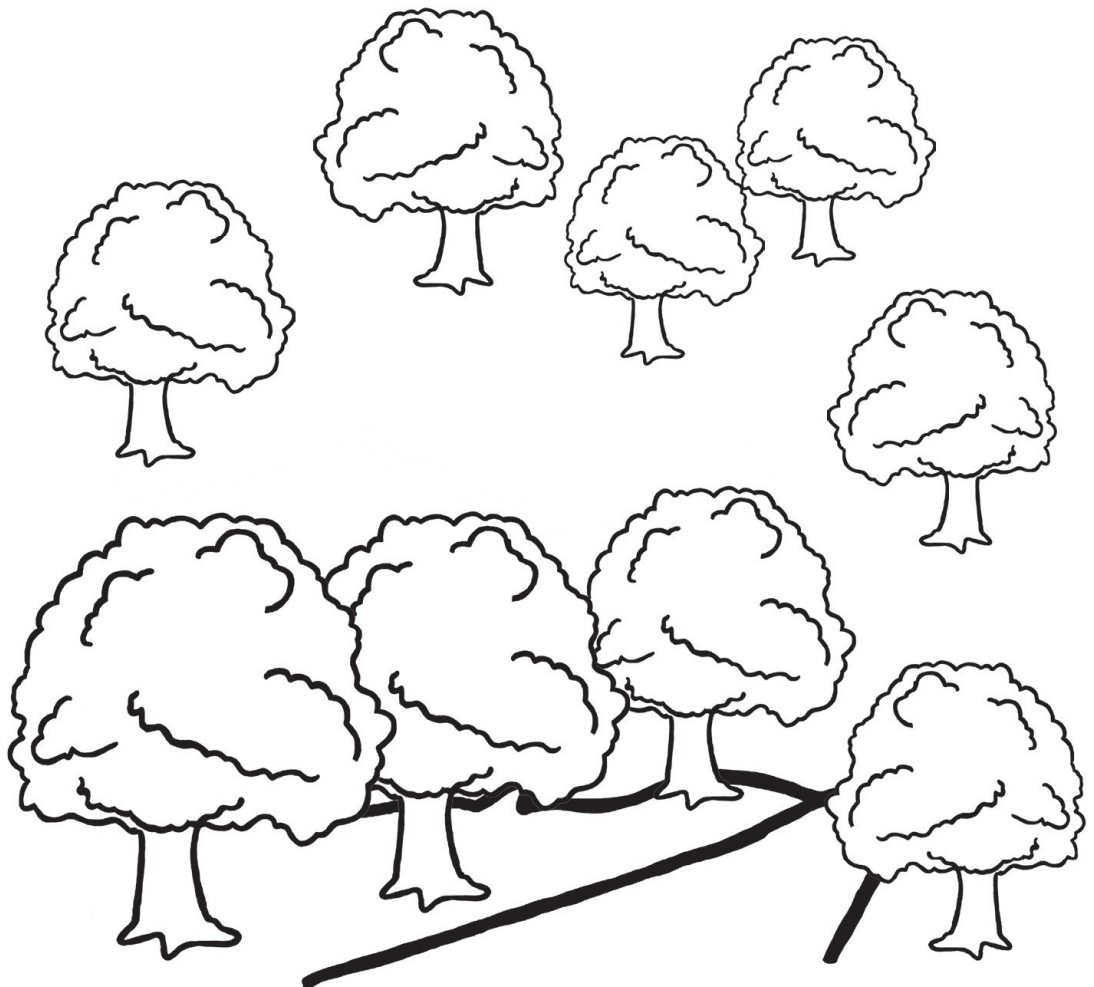
# READER

Pentecost 18

- Today is the **18<sup>th</sup>** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is the **longest season** of the church year.
- During Pentecost we have **time to learn** about the risen Christ.

## Harvest Time

The Pentecost season includes harvest time. Today's story is about harvest time. During harvest farmers gather their crops and pick their fruit. Fill these trees with an abundant harvest of fruit.



# Bible Trivia

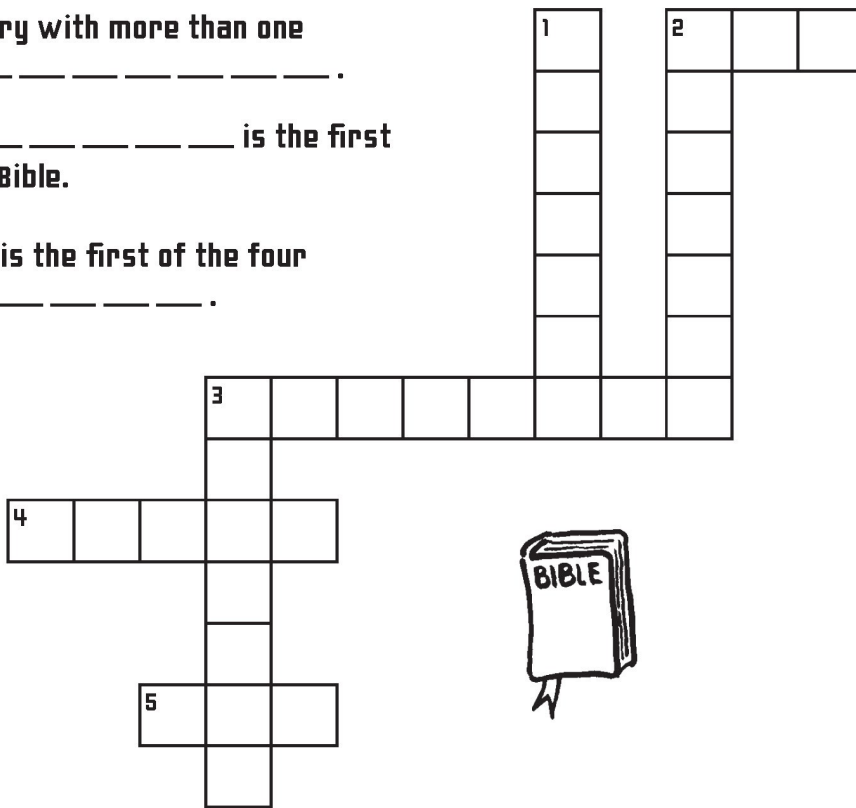
The Bible is full of books and stories. Jesus loved to tell stories and often told parables—short stories with more than one meaning. Today’s Gospel is a parable from the book of Matthew. Discover more about your Bible by completing the crossword puzzle below. Ask an adult for help, and have fun!

## Across

2. The Bible is all about \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Gospel means \_\_\_\_\_ .
4. Matthew is the \_\_\_\_\_ book of the New Testament.
5. The Bible has 2 parts: the \_\_\_\_\_ Testament and the New Testament.

## Down

1. Short story with more than one meaning: \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is the first book in the Bible.
3. Matthew is the first of the four \_\_\_\_\_ .



## More Questions...

How many pages are in your Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your favorite Bible story? \_\_\_\_\_

How many books are in the Old Testament? \_\_\_\_\_

How many books are in the New Testament? \_\_\_\_\_

Therefore I tell you, the \_\_\_\_\_

of God will be taken away from

\_\_\_\_\_ and given to a

\_\_\_\_\_ that \_\_\_\_\_ the

\_\_\_\_\_ of the kingdom.

\_\_\_\_\_ **21:43**

## Memory Verse



Find the missing words in the fruit trees and add them to the memory verse above.



## The Cornerstone

Do you know what a cornerstone is? Have you ever seen one? It is usually a big stone in the corner of a building that helps hold the whole building up. Listen today and you'll hear that Jesus is a cornerstone for the whole world. Jesus holds us up!

Draw Jesus as the cornerstone of the earth.  
He's holding us up!



# Brimming with Blessings

Jesus' love fills up with blessings. During communion, look for a cup like the one here. When we celebrate communion, we're filled with Jesus' blessings!

**In the cup below draw pictures of some of your blessings—food, clothing, family. How can you share your blessings with others?**

