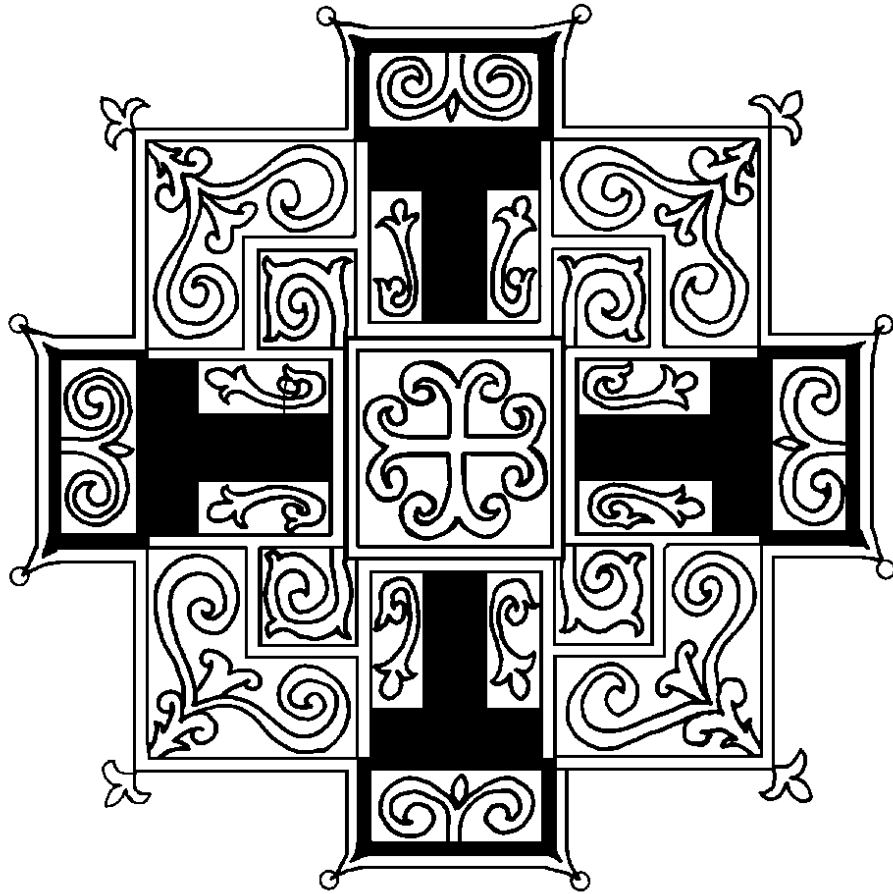


Second Sunday After Pentecost



June 6, 2021

10:30 AM

Pre-recorded Service

Join us for our livestream at <https://www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit/>
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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.

June 6, 2021

In-Person Worship Resumes TODAY with worship in the sanctuary at 8:00 and 10:30 AM. Fill out this questionnaire (<https://tinyurl.com/3s49f4nn>) to help with these services.

TODAY, Farewell & Godspeed for Margaret Sherman: Join us as we bid farewell to lifelong member Margaret Sherman **TODAY at 2:00 PM.**

Altar Flowers: With worship returning to the sanctuary on June 6, altar flowers will resume! Please sign up in the rear entry. The weekly flower cost to the church is \$80. Please give as you are able, online or with a check.

Outdoor Services: Join us **June 13 at 5:00 PM.** This service will be offered biweekly.

Honoring Graduates: We want to recognize all our 2021 graduates. If you, or your child, graduated this year, please send Pastor Blake: 1) a photo, 2) name of school graduated from, 3) plans for future/next year. Please email by **June 18.**

Rally for Social Ministry: Help us support five of St. John's hunger and housing ministry partners. We will be raising at least \$1,000, supporting a different group each week. If the total goal of \$5,000 is raised, the committee will make a \$500 donation. There will be a celebration rally after the 5:00 PM service on **June 27** with music, dancing, fellowship, sandwich-making for Bridges, and a food drive. Make all donations **DIRECTLY TO ST. JOHN'S** with a check or through the "Special Offerings" category using this [secure link](#). Please note the organization you are supporting and fill out this form (<https://tinyurl.com/7kr8yzu>). St. John's will make one large monetary donation on behalf of our congregation to each organization. This week we are collecting for [The Community Food Bank of NJ](#).

HeartSaver First Aid/CPR/AED is being held at St. John's on **June 19 at 9:00 AM** to teach skills needed to recognize emergencies and give first aid. Contact Jane Bowman at janeKay.b@comcast.net or 908-447-8865.

Rummage Sale, July 9 & 10. Clean out your closets! Details will be forthcoming.

Giving Is Important. We count on your generous offerings to continue to do our robust ministry. Please give generously. You may [give online](#) or mail checks to the church.

Prayer Before Worship

Holy God, let your Spirit now move in us, to turn us away from the temporary and move us to your eternal love made visible in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

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Gathering

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

PRELUDE “Air”

By G. F. Handel (1685–1750)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

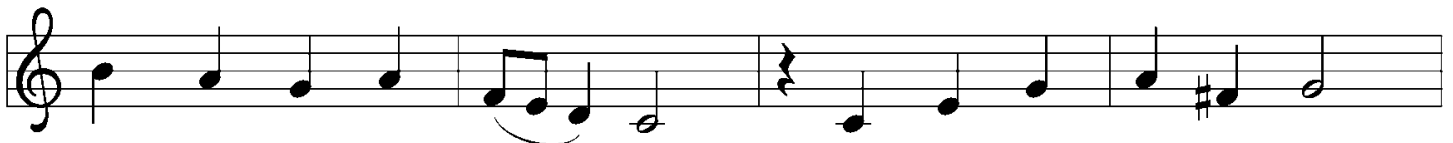
GATHERING HYMN ELW 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



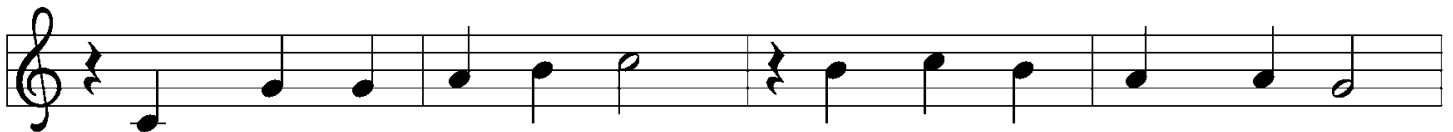
1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat - 'ning to de -
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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. All-powerful God, in Jesus Christ you turned death into life and defeat into victory. Increase our faith and trust in him, that we may triumph over all evil in the strength of the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Word

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

READING 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

¹³Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke”—we also believe, and so we speak, ¹⁴because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. ¹⁵Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

¹⁶So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. ¹⁷For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, ¹⁸because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

^{5:1}For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL Mark 3:20–35

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

[Jesus went home;] ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

²⁸“Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”—³⁰for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

³¹Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” ³³And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

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

SERMON

Seminarian Psomi Psomas-Jackloski

HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 665 Rise, Shine, You People!



1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered
2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing;
3 Come, cel - e - brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing,
4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent the Son to save us.



our hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
he brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
your songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
Tell of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the



us, by death and sin sur - round - ed, with grace un - bound - ed.
wom - en, who by guilt are driv - en, now are for - giv - en.
world go out and tell the sto - ry of Je - sus' glo - ry.
Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion God's new cre - a - tion.

Text: Ronald A. Klug, b. 1939, alt.

Music: WOJTKIEWIECZ, Dale Wood, 1934–2003

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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

If you would like to make a one-time or recurring electronic contribution, or want information about mailing checks, you may visit www.stjohnssummit.org/giving. You may also contact the church office for more options.

OFFERING MUSIC “Come, Thou Fount of Ev’ry Blessing”
Stephanie Rothman, trumpet

Arr. John Carter (b. 1930)

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.**

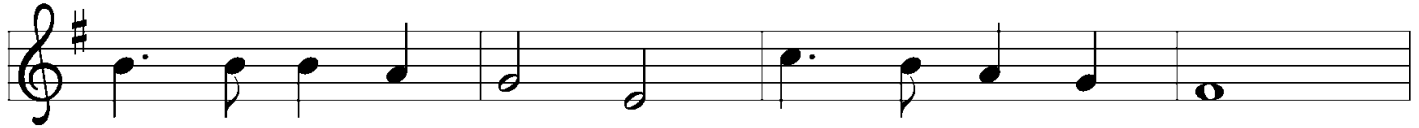
Sending

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

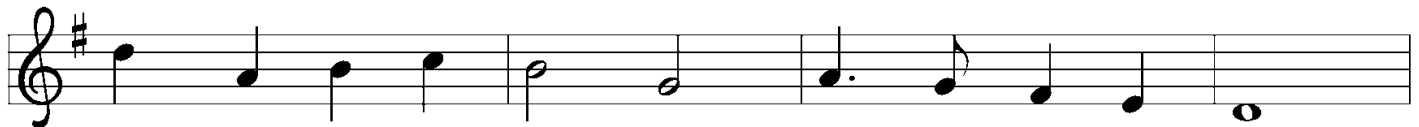
BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace. **Amen.**

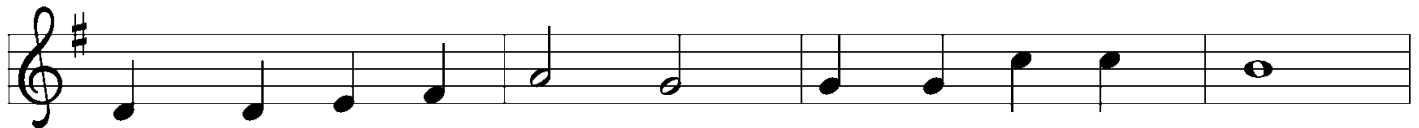
SENDING HYMN ELW 537 On Our Way Rejoicing



1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;



Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

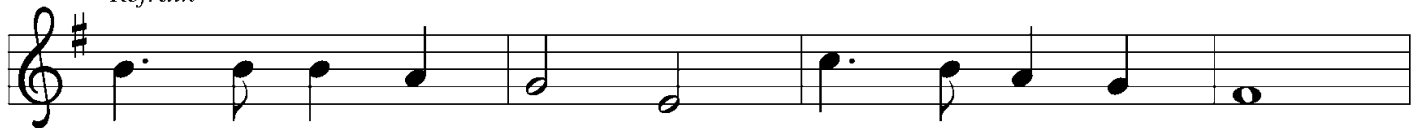


Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,



who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain



On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,



hear - ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Setting of *Ein feste Burg*

By Jacob B. Weber (b. 1988)

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READER

Pentecost 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday** after Pentecost.
- One symbol for the season after Pentecost is the **tree**.
- Trees remind us of **life**.

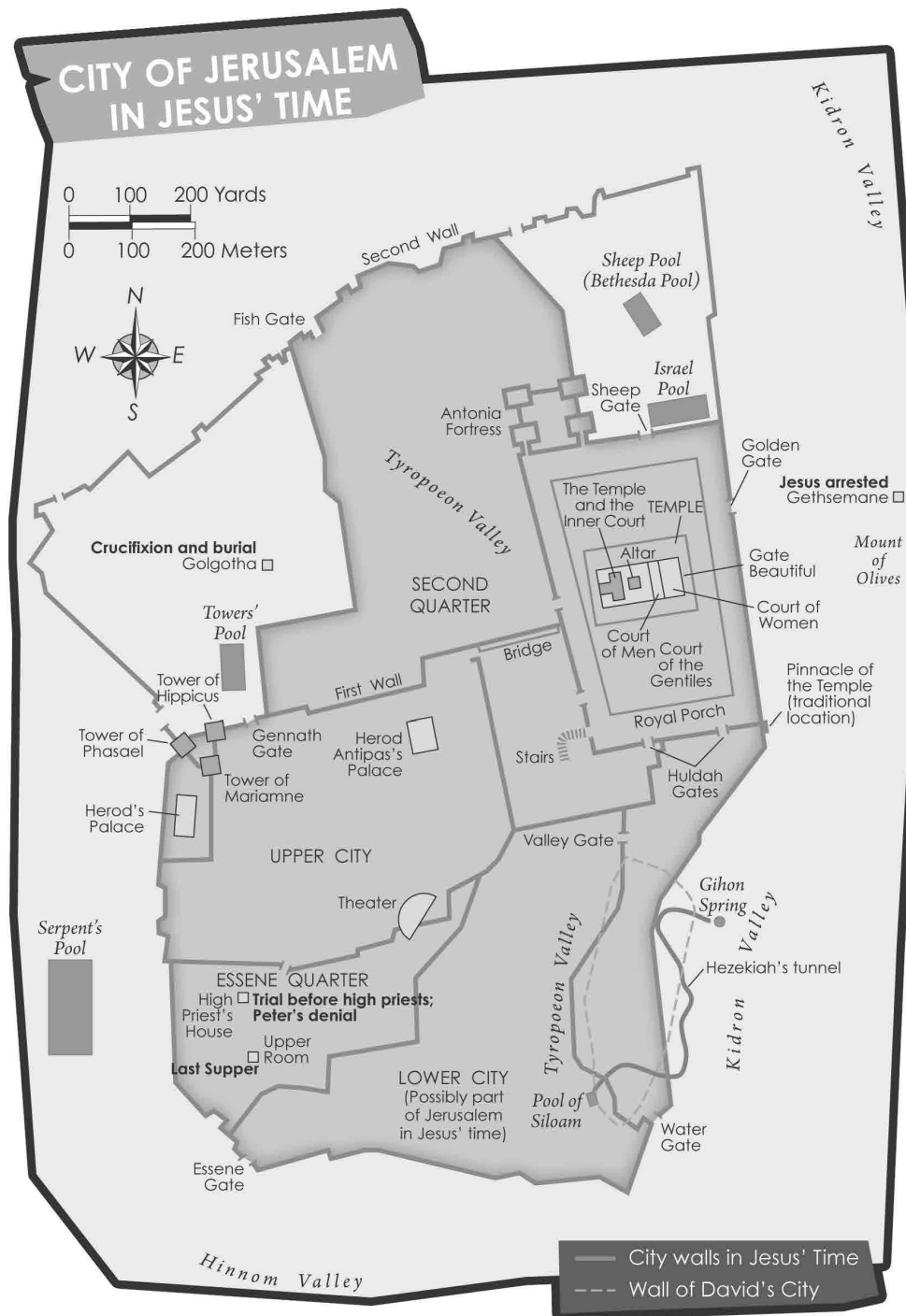
Five Alive

Add five things to the wheelbarrow that you could use to keep this tree alive.



Path of Forgiveness

Jesus' followers gathered in Jerusalem for Pentecost. Many of them stayed there to spread the good news of Jesus. Take a look at this map of Jerusalem. What places do you recognize? Circle them.



Circle every fourth letter and write it on the blanks below. The remaining letters are today's Memory Verse from Mark 3:35. Underline each word as you memorize it.

Memory Verse



W H O W E V E E R D O

A E S T R H E W E I L L I O F G N O D

I G S M Y O B R O D T H E S R A N F D S

I A S T E M R A N I D M O L T H E Y R.

Mark 3:35

So who's in God's family?



Bible Tip!

Pent means five. **Pentecost** is the 50th day after Easter. The first five books of the Bible are called the **Pentateuch**. So what would a high pente be? Give one to a friend after church.

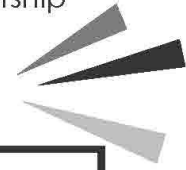


Look it Up!

Jesus' disciples were like family to him. See how Jesus asked one disciple to care for his mother in John 19:26-27.

Church Directory

In the squares below draw pictures of your family and of God's family. Look around your church and include as many people as you can. After worship ask these people what they love about God's family and get their autographs.



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PRE-READER

Pentecost 2

- Today is the **2nd Sunday** after Pentecost.
- The **tree** is one symbol of the season after Pentecost.
- Trees remind us of **life**.

Look at what lives around this tree! Draw more things that live around this tree.



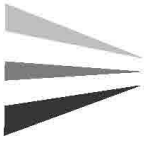


Together, they were part of a new family of people who believed in Jesus.



People that serve God are part of God's family. We can all serve God!

Finish drawing these members of God's family.



Green is the color of Pentecost.

Color five things in this picture that could be green.

