

# Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost



**October 18, 2020**  
**10:30 AM**

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.

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**Online Pledge Form:** This year our primary mode of collecting 2021 Financial Stewardship Pledges will be online. You may fill out the Online Pledge Form here: <https://forms.gle/9X3dVQkh6J8MCU5v9>. You may also submit the paper pledge card in person to the church office.

**In-Person Worship TONIGHT:** 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. Please use discretion. **Please RSVP [here](#)** so that we can plan for attendance.

**Music Note:** Today's prelude and postlude were composed by St. John's member and former music director Wayne H. Dietterick for Donna Garzinsky. The chorale and variations are based on the hymn "We Give Thee but Thine Own," ELW 686, a wonderful stewardship hymn. We give thanks to God for this lovely musical gift and the talents that created it.

**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](#).

**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.

**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

Holy God, you have made us in your image, and we belong to you alone. Therefore we offer ourselves to you, in service, love, and praise. Use us for the glory of your realm and the good of your people; 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** Four Variations on *Heath*: Chorale, Variations I, II, and III

By Wayne H. Dietterick (b. 1952)

Chorale: We Give Thee but Thine Own

I . . . life and peace . . .

II . . . captives to release . . .

III . . . our faith . . .

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

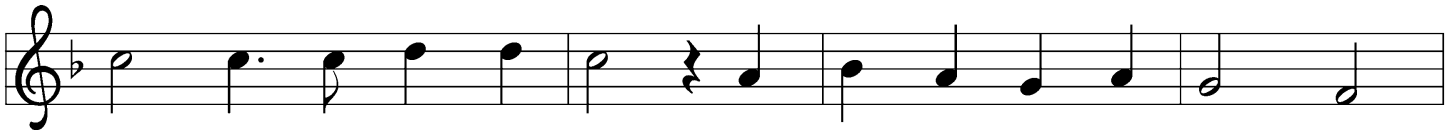
God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

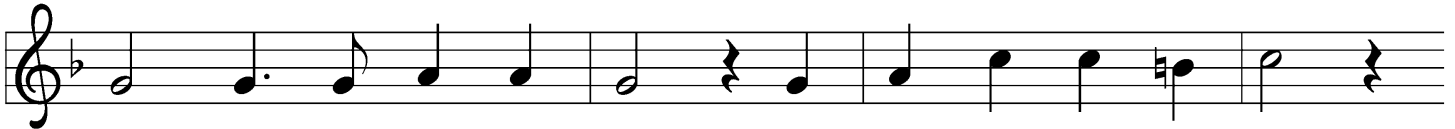
## GATHERING HYMN 839 Now Thank We All Our God



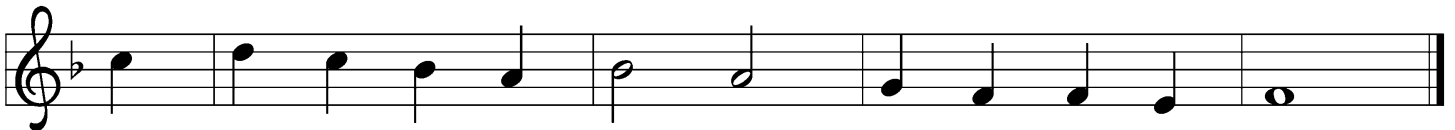
1 Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,  
2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,



who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us,  
the Son, and Spirit blest, who reign in highest heaven,



who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way  
and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed,  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;



with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.  
and free us from all harm in this world and the next.  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ever more.

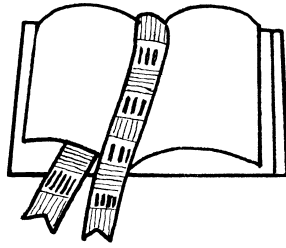
Text: Martin Rinkhart, 1586–1649; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878  
Music: NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT, Johann Crüger, 1598–1662

## 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. Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



## Word

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

### **FIRST READING** Isaiah 45:1–7

<sup>1</sup>Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: <sup>2</sup>I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, <sup>3</sup>I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. <sup>4</sup>For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. <sup>5</sup>I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, <sup>6</sup>so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. <sup>7</sup>I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

## Psalm 96:1–9

*Spoken responsively*

- <sup>1</sup>Sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
- <sup>2</sup>**Sing to the Lord, bless the name of the Lord;  
proclaim God's salvation from day to day.**
- <sup>3</sup>Declare God's glory among the nations  
and God's wonders among all peoples.
- <sup>4</sup>**For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised,  
more to be feared than all gods.**
- <sup>5</sup>As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols;  
but you, O Lord, have made the heavens.
- <sup>6</sup>**Majesty and magnificence are in your presence;  
power and splendor are in your sanctuary.**
- <sup>7</sup>Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- <sup>8</sup>**Ascribe to the Lord the honor due the holy name;  
bring offerings and enter the courts of the Lord.**
- <sup>9</sup>Worship the LORD in holy splendor;  
tremble before him, all the earth.

## SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

<sup>1</sup>Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Grace to you and peace.

<sup>2</sup>We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly <sup>3</sup>remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, <sup>5</sup>because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. <sup>6</sup>And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, <sup>7</sup>so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. <sup>8</sup>For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. <sup>9</sup>For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, <sup>10</sup>and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*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 22:15–22

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

<sup>15</sup>Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. <sup>16</sup>So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. <sup>17</sup>Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” <sup>18</sup>But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? <sup>19</sup>Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. <sup>20</sup>Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” <sup>21</sup>They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” <sup>22</sup>When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

## SERMON

## HYMN OF THE DAY 678 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending



- 1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,  
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.  
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;  
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;  
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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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.**



## DEDICATION OF PLEDGES AND GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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## OFFERING ANTHEM “Consecration”

By John Ness Beck (1930–1987),  
arr. Craig Courtney (b. 1948)

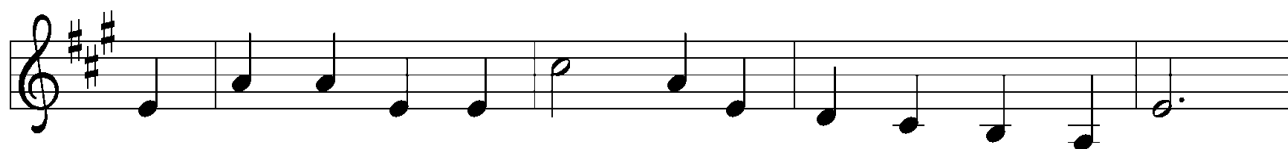
Johna Miller, soprano

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee;  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.  
Take my voice, and let it sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry power as Thou shalt choose.  
Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

Text by Frances R. Havergal (1836–1879)

## 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.*

### 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  $\text{†}$  Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you and rest upon you now and forevermore. **Amen.**

### SENDING HYMN 583 Take My Life, That I May Be

*Refrain/Estribillo*




To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -  
Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón  
to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

*To stanzas* *Last time*



y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.  
let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té  
1 Take my hands and let them move  
2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,  
3 Take my voice and let me sing  
4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;  
at the im - pulse of thy love;  
not a mite would I with - hold;  
al - ways, on - ly for my King;  
it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -  
take my feet and let them be swift and  
take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry  
take my lips and let them be filled with  
take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

*Refrain/Estribillo*



pul - so de tu a - mor.  
beau - ti - ful for thee.  
pow'r as thou shalt choose.  
mes - sag - es from thee.  
be thy roy - al throne.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** Four Variations on *Heath*: Variation IV

IV . . . we believe thy word . . .

By Wayne H. Dietterick

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

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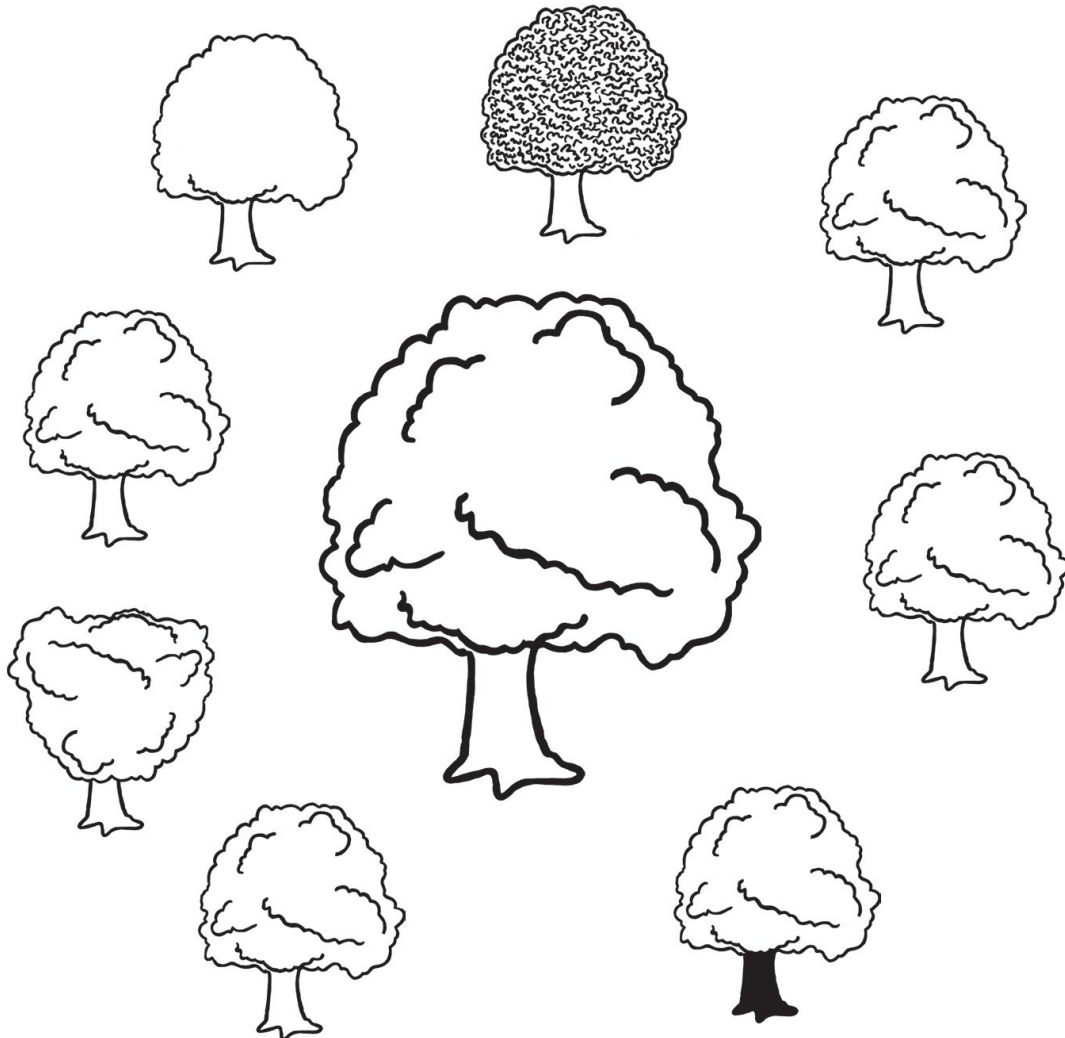
# PRE-READER

Pentecost 20

- Today is the **20<sup>th</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
- Pentecost is a season of **growing**.
- God helps us grow by **loving us**.

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**Sometimes we have to look very closely to see what belongs together. Look at the tree in the middle. Find the trees that match this tree. Draw lines from the trees that match to the tree in the middle.**





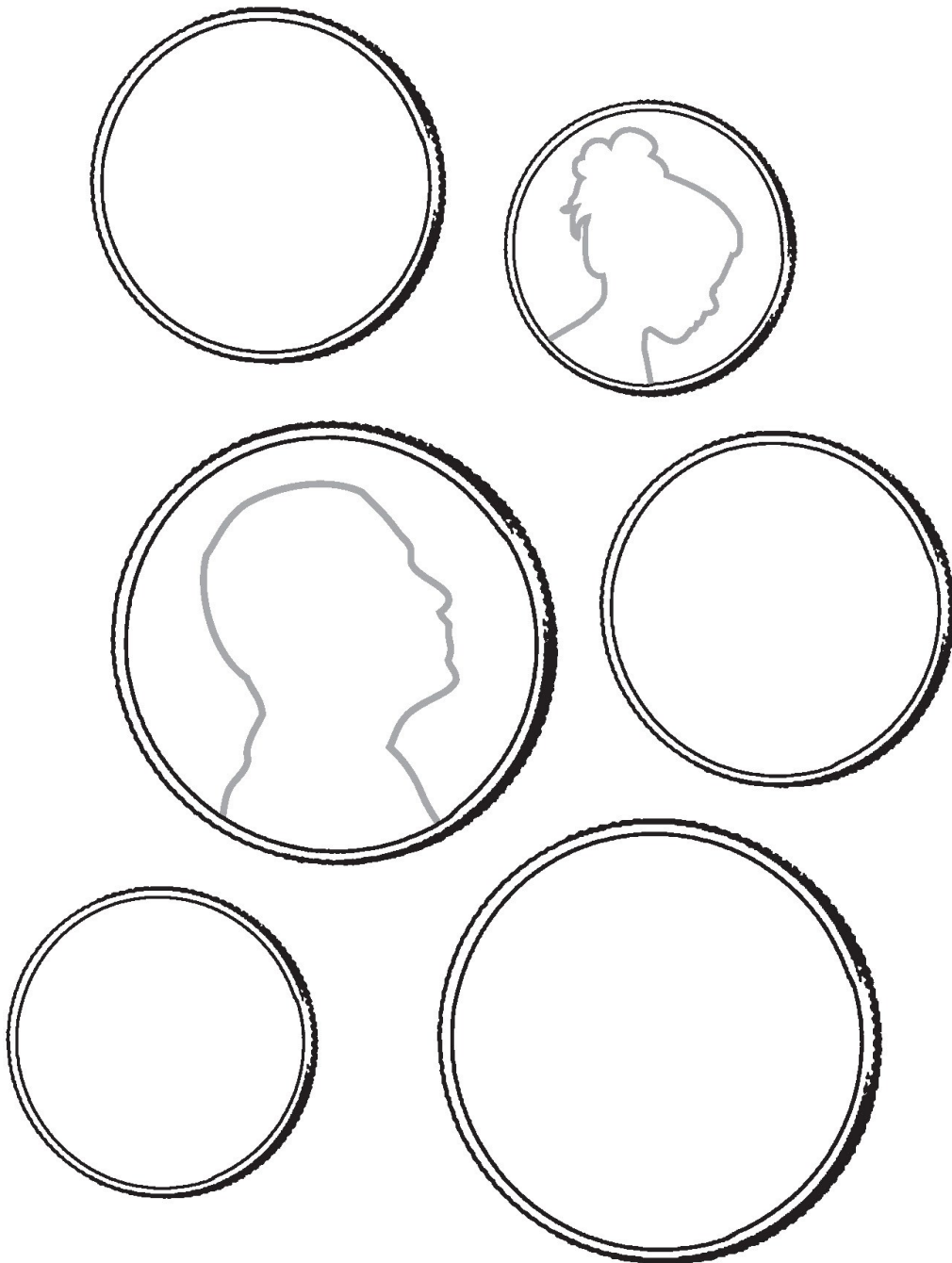
**“Then give to God the things that are God’s,” said Jesus.**



Jesus said, "Give to God the things that are God's."  
We belong to God.



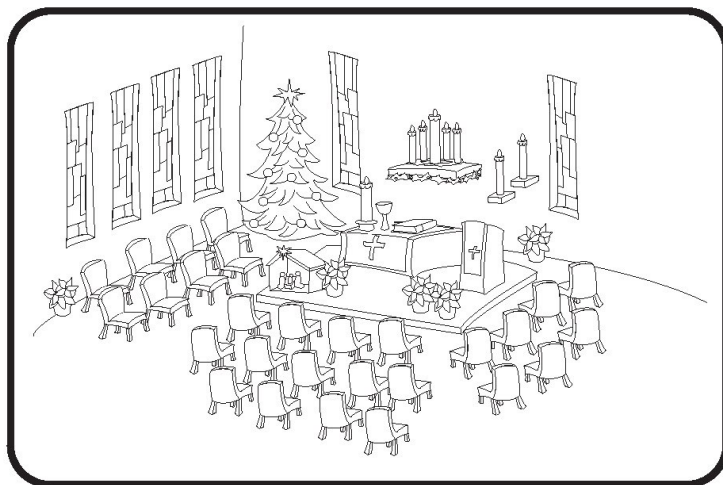
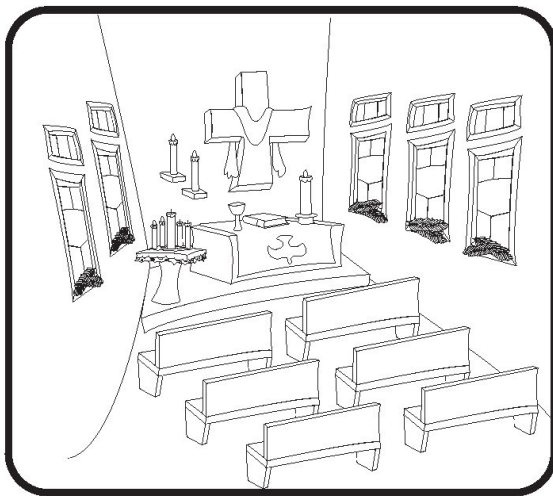
**Draw your face in the middle of a circle.**  
**Draw your friends' faces in other circles.**





We belong to God. God gives us a place to call home.  
One place we can call home is our church.

**Color in these church homes.**







# READER

Pentecost 20

- Today is the **20<sup>th</sup>** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The season after Pentecost is sometimes called **Ordinary Time**.
- Ordinary Time means Pentecost is an **ordinal**, or counting, time.

## Created by God

How do you make a tree? You are about to find out. Copy what you see in each box at the bottom into the boxes at the top. See what you can make!

	1	2	3	4	
A					C1
B					D1
C					B4
D					D3

B1	D4	A2	C4	A3	C2
B3	D2	A1	B2	A4	C3

# Give to God

Matthew 22:15-22

Did you hear it in today's Gospel? "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." Okay, what things are God's? Have you ever thought about it?

The Bible begins with an answer to that question. In creation God separated light from darkness. In the light we can see all the things God made. Look at the pictures.

**Color what you see that is new in each frame.**



to the  
emperor

$$\begin{array}{r} 48 \\ \div 24 \\ \hline 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

the things that  
are God's

$$\begin{array}{r} 4.25 \\ + 1.75 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

the things  
that are

$$\begin{array}{r} 99 \\ - 96 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

and to  
God

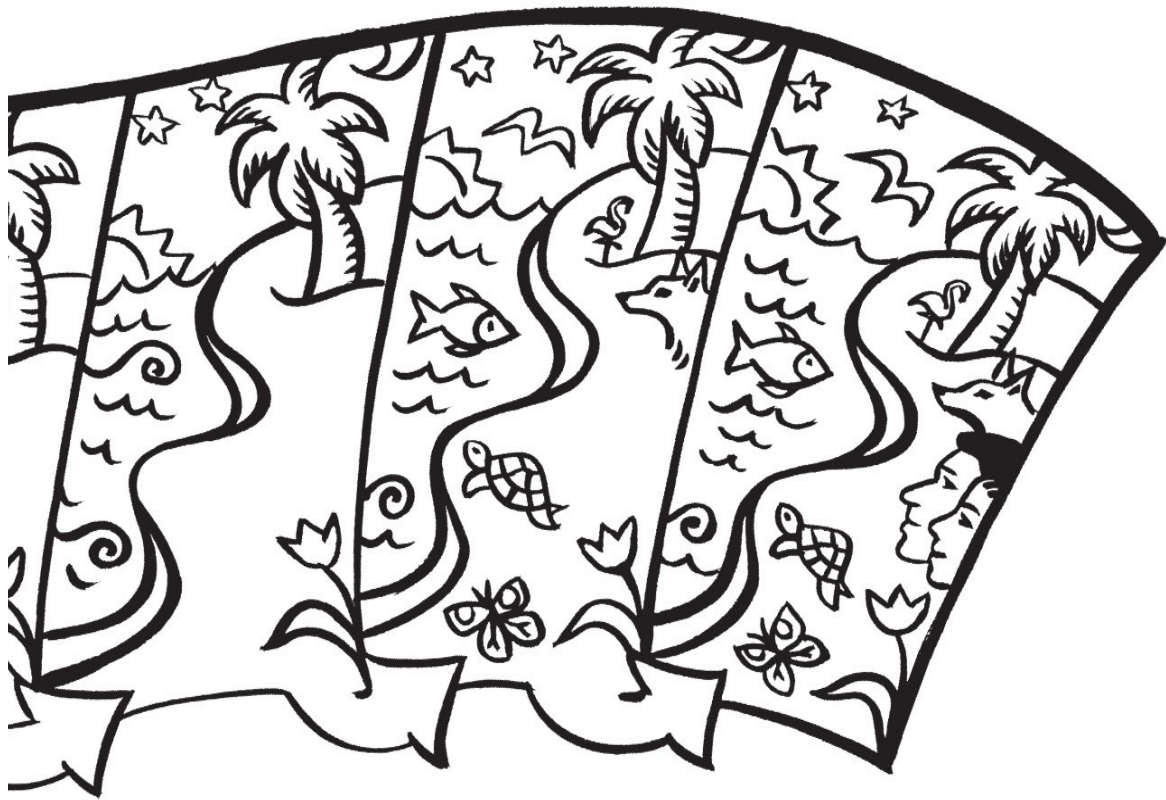
$$\begin{array}{r} 17.50 \\ - 12.50 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Give therefore

$$\begin{array}{r} 77 \\ \div 77 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

the emperor's,

$$\begin{array}{r} 100 \\ \div 25 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$



Solve the math problems to the left to find out the order of the phrases. Look up Matthew 22:21 if you need help.

## Memory Verse



to the emperor

1

2

3

4

5

6

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# Our Offerings

Worship includes offering gifts of money. These gifts are used to serve God in many ways. A coin in biblical times, called a *denarius*, had a picture of the emperor. What pictures are on the coins you offer to God?

**Fill in the offering basket with coin rubbings. Place coins under this page and rub over the paper with a pencil. Try both sides of the coin. Who do you see?**

