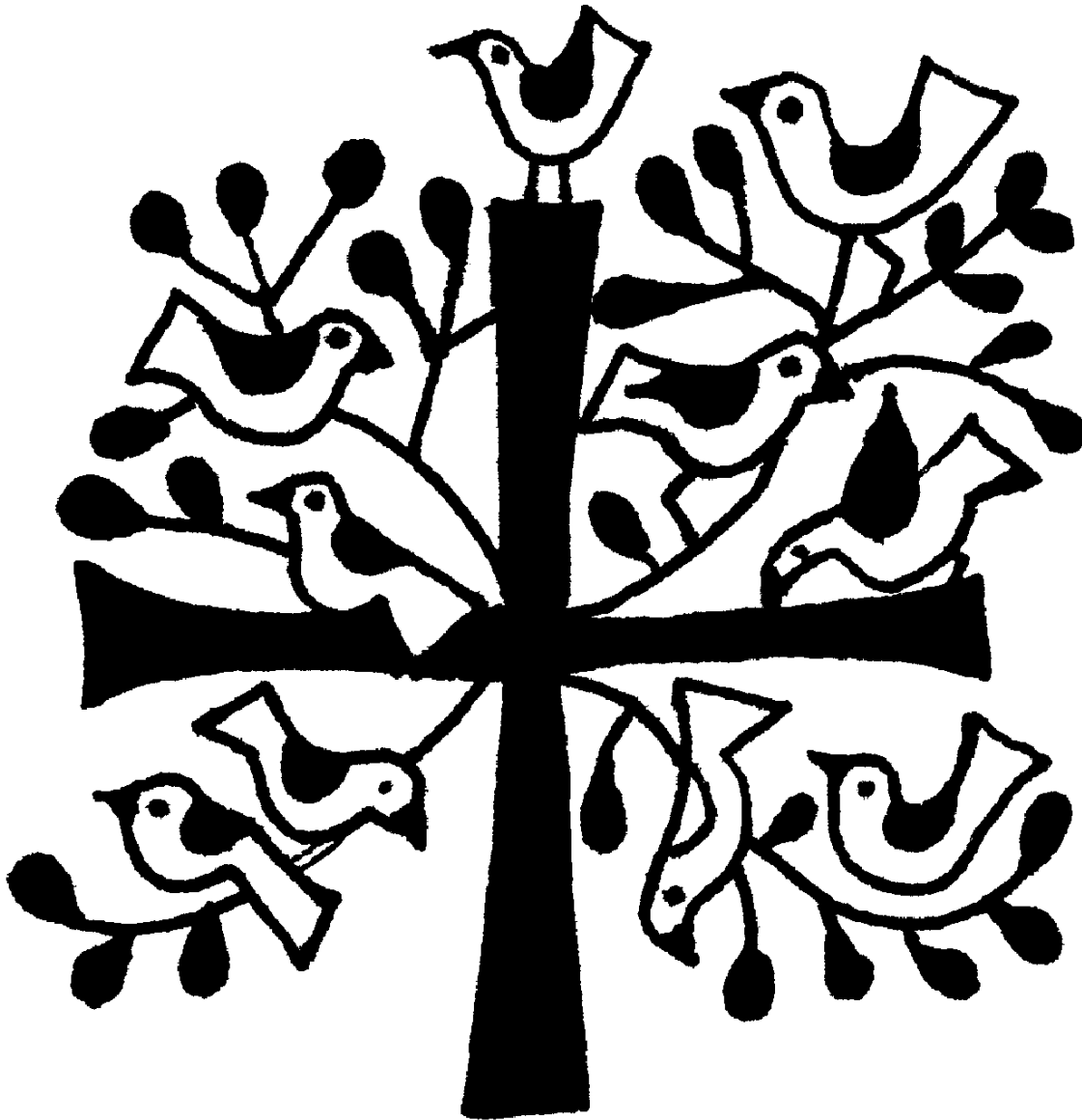


# Third Sunday After Pentecost



June 13, 2021

10:30 AM

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



**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 13, 2021**

**Today's altar flowers** are given to the glory of God.

**In-Person Worship Needs Your Help!** Please fill out this questionnaire to help with these services: (<https://tinyurl.com/3s49f4nn>) or the sign up board in the narthex. **URGENT NEED** for livestream help and Altar Guild.

**Outdoor Services:** Join us **TODAY and June 27 at 5:00 PM.** This service will be offered biweekly.

**ASP Sponsorship Fundraiser** is going on now. See the sign-up board in the narthex.

**Next Sunday is our commemoration of the Emmanuel Nine.** Our Antiracism Committee is hosting a conversation at 9:00 AM in Hinman Hall. All are encouraged to attend.

**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](mailto:janeKay.b@comcast.net) or 908-447-8865.

**Altar Flowers:** With worship returning to the sanctuary, 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.

**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](https://tinyurl.com/7kr8yzu). 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 [Bridges](#).

**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.

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

## Gathering

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

**PRELUDE** Setting of *Christe Sanctorum*: Meditation and Arioso By Lynn L. Petersen (b. 1962)

Organ

“Courante”

By Michael Praetorius (1571–1621)

Recorder Ensemble

## 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 558 Lord God, We Praise You



1. Lord God, we praise you, now the night is o - ver, ac - tive and  
3. All - ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual Spir - it, Trin - i - ty  
watch - ful, stand - ing here be - fore you; sing - ing, we of - fer  
bless - ed, send us your sal - va - tion; yours is the glo - ry,  
prayer and med - i - ta - tion; thus we a - dore you.  
gleam - ing and re - sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

Text: attr. Gregory I, 540–604; tr. composite  
Music: CHRISTE SANCTORUM, Paris *Antiphoner*, 1681

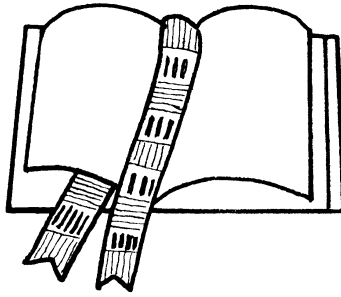
## APOSTOLIC GREETING

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. O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and love those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**





### Word

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

#### **READING** Ezekiel 17:22–24

<sup>22</sup>Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup>On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup>All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

*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 4:26–34

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

<sup>26</sup>[Jesus] said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,<sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup>The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup>But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.”

<sup>30</sup>He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup>It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup>yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.”

<sup>33</sup>With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup>he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

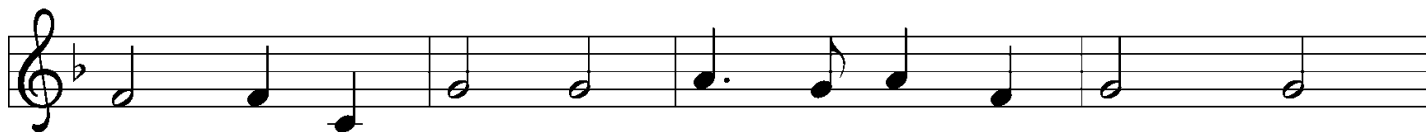
*The gospel is proclaimed, concluding:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

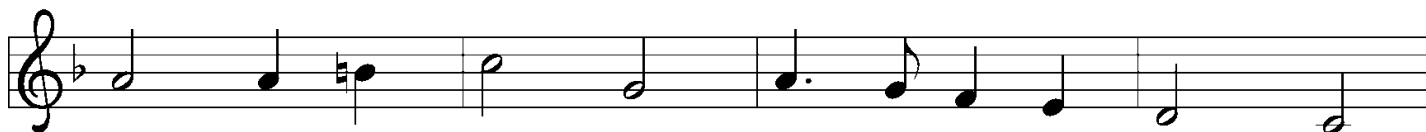
The Rev. Kate Carlisle

# HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 342 There in God's Garden

## Verses 1-4



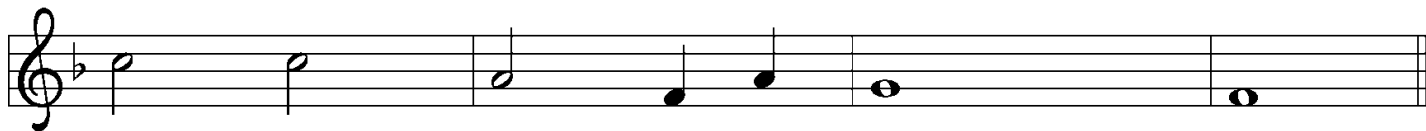
1 There in God's gar - den stands the Tree of Wis - dom,  
2 Its name is Je - sus, name that says, "Our Sav - ior!"  
3 Thorns not its own are tan - gled in its fo - liage;  
4 See how its branch - es reach to us in wel - come;



whose leaves hold forth the heal - ing of the na - tions:  
There on its branch - es see the scars of suf - f'ring;  
our greed has starved it, our de - spite has choked it.  
hear what the Voice says, "Come to me, ye wea - ry!



Tree of all knowl - edge, Tree of all com -  
see there the ten - drills of our hu - man  
Yet, look! it lives! its grief has not de -  
Give me your sick - ness, give me all your



pas - sion, Tree of all beau - ty.  
self - hood feed on its life - blood.  
stroyed it nor fire con - sumed it.  
sor - row, I will give bless - ing."

## **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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**OFFERING MUSIC** Setting of *Shade's Mountain*

By John Eggert (b. 1946)

## **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.**



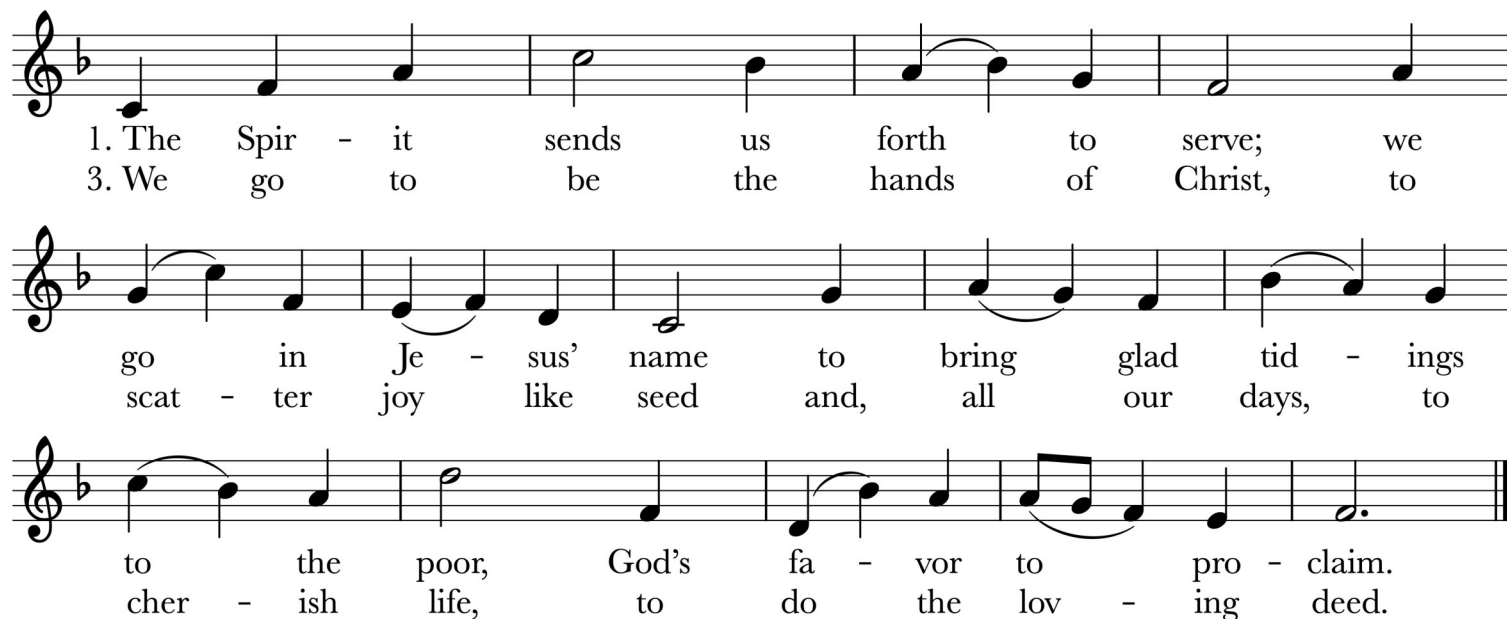
## Sending

*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 551 The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve *Verses 1 & 3*



1. The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we  
3. We go to be the hands of Christ, to  
go in Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
scat - ter joy like seed and, all our days, to  
to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### POSTLUDE Setting of *Chesterfield*

By John Leavitt (b. 1956)



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# READER

Pentecost 3

- Today is the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
- God plants **faith** in us.
- Big or small, we all **grow** during the season after Pentecost.

## The Best Nest

Pretend you are a bird! Build and decorate a nest in this tree using the items below. (It's okay if it looks more like a fort.)



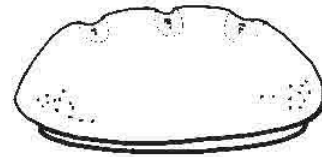
# What's It Like?

Jesus said the kingdom of God is like a growing seed. What else is it like? Draw lines to connect the verses, words, and pictures.

## Matthew 13:24

Jesus told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a \_\_\_\_\_ who sowed good seed in his field.

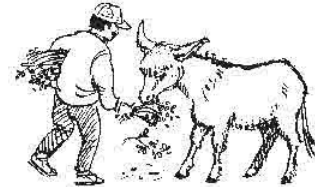
NET



## Luke 13:21

It is like \_\_\_\_\_ that a woman took and mixed into about sixty pounds[a] of flour until it worked all through the dough."

YEAST



## Mark 4:31

It is like a \_\_\_\_\_, which is the smallest of all seeds on earth.

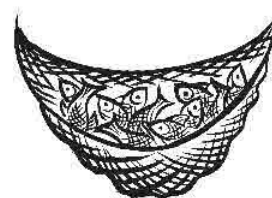
SOWER



## Matthew 13:47

Once again, the kingdom of heaven is like a \_\_\_\_\_ that was let down into the lake and caught all kinds of fish.

MUSTARD SEED



Read another seed story that Jesus wants us to hear in Luke 8:5-8.

This verse is going from Jesus' mouth into a disciple's ear. Make sure it gets there!  
Draw arrows to put the words of Mark 4:33 in order.



A word cloud containing the words: WITH, SUCH, SPOKE, AS, PARABLES, WORD, HEAR, TO, MANY, THE, HE, WERE, ABLE, THEY, THEM, TO, IT. An icon of a mouth is at the top left with an arrow pointing to the word "WITH". An icon of an ear is at the bottom right with an arrow pointing from the word "IT" to it. A grey fan-shaped graphic is on the left side.

### It's Like This...

Fill in the blank. Then sketch your idea.

I think the kingdom of God is like \_\_\_\_\_

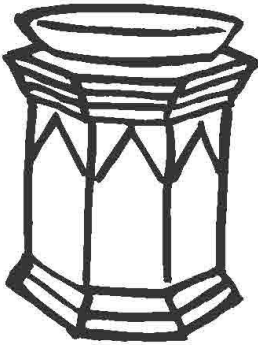
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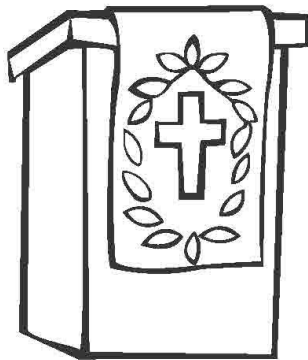
I think the kingdom of God looks like this:

# What's the story?

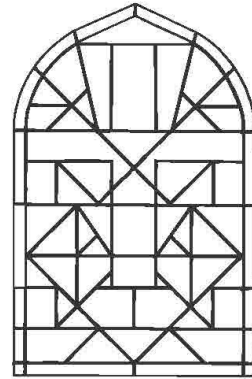
Choose one item below and make up a story about it.



Baptismal Font



Pulpit



Window

**Where is it from?**

**Who do you think made it?**

**How old is it?**

**What makes it interesting?**

**After church, see if you can find someone who knows this object's history.**





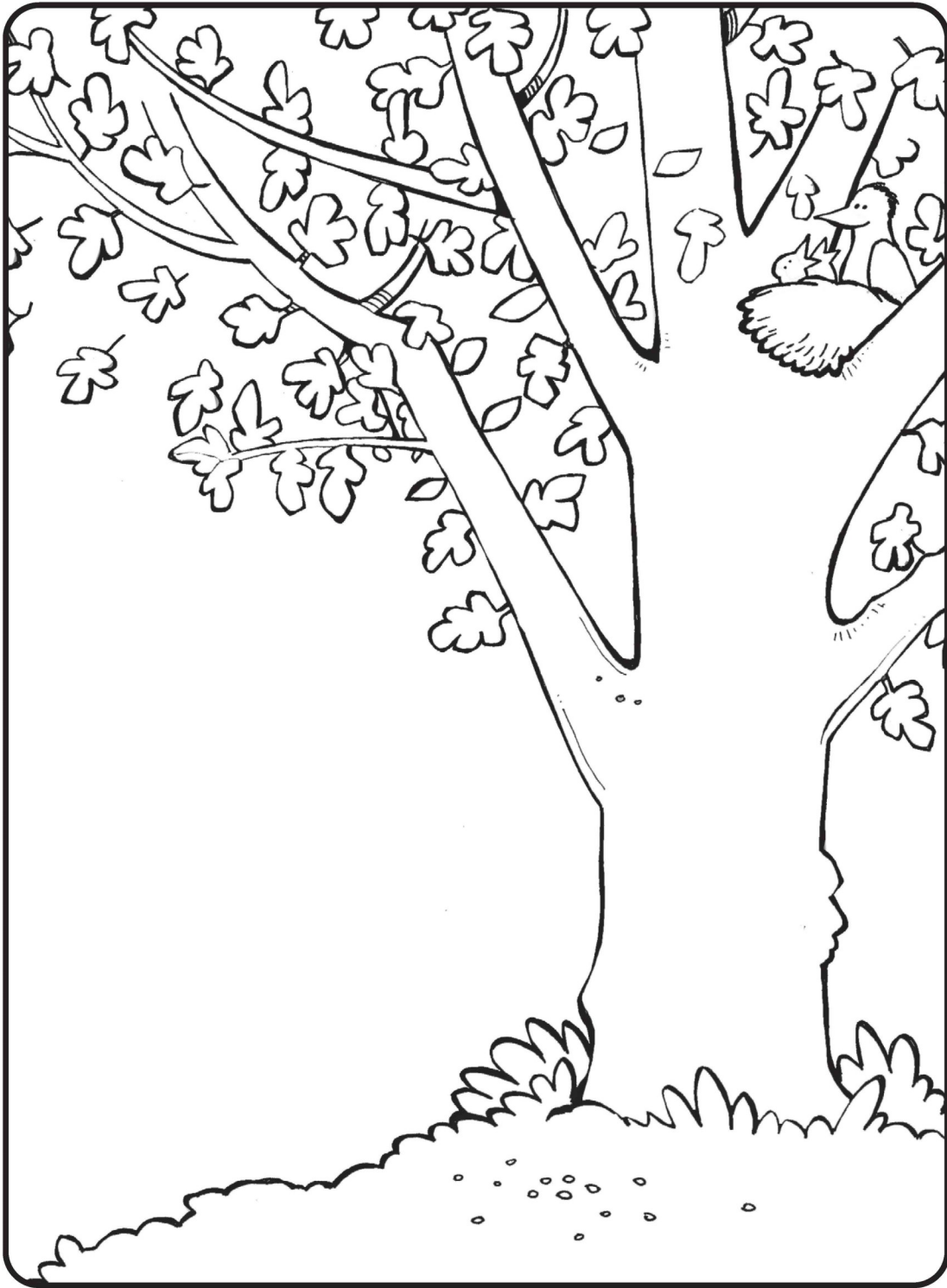
# PRE-READER

Pentecost 3

- Today is the **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday** after Pentecost.
  - The season after Pentecost is a season to learn about **growing**.
  - God plants **faith** in us.
  - Our faith can **grow** during the season after Pentecost.
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**Pretend you are a bird. Circle things that you could use to build a nest.**



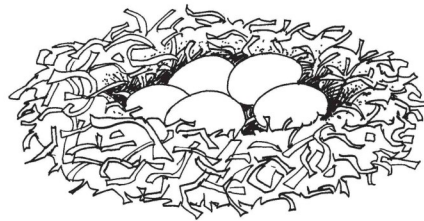
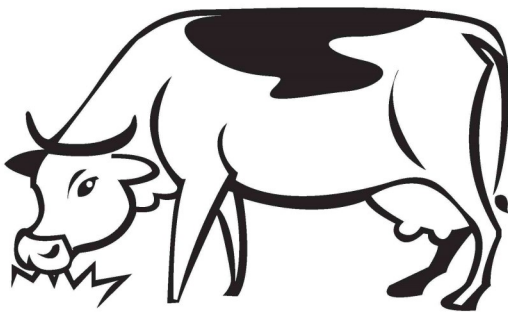
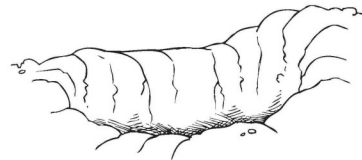
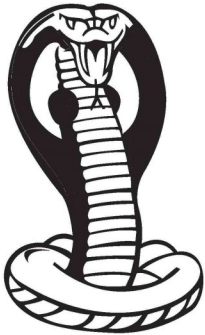


**It starts small, but the tiny seed grows into something great!**





Help these animals find their homes.



Birds feel at home in trees. God's people feel at home in church.

**Find things that you see at home and at church.**

