

Third Sunday After Pentecost



June 21, 2020
10:30 AM

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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.

Zoom Children's Time is each **Sunday** at **9:30 AM**. Join: <https://zoom.us/j/374109491>.

Evening Prayer: Wednesdays at **7:00 PM** on both our [Facebook](#) and [YouTube](#) pages.

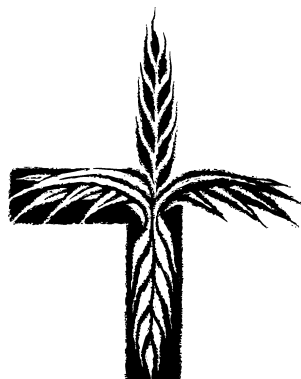
Hymns of Faith: Wednesdays at **10:30 AM**. Zoom <https://zoom.us/j/97268221619>.

Worship Live Stream at 10:30 AM on Facebook at www.facebook.com/stjohnssummit or our YouTube Channel at www.youtube.com/user/StJohnsSummitNJ to see the livestream or access the video archive. **Worship bulletins** are located: <https://www.stjohnssummit.org/bulletins>.

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.

Social Ministry Highlight:

Lutheran World Relief offers many ways to give at this time. For hands-on projects, School Kits can be made (see lwr.org/downloads/school-kit-assembly-instructions) and the Face Mask Challenge is still going strong (see lwr.org/masks). For financial donations, if you visit lwr.org/donate-emergency, you'll see the coronavirus donation link as well as the "World of Good" link, which supports weather-related disasters.



We're delighted you're worshipping with us. As part of our ongoing outreach, your voice and your image may be videographed and photographed and used by St. John's for ministry purposes. For any questions or concerns, contact the church office.

June 21, 2020 Announcements

Honoring Graduates: We want to recognize all our 2020 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 ASAP.

Book Study: Join us to study *Grace Will Lead Us Home*. This is the story of how survivors and a community torn apart by racism and violence begin to heal. **Tuesdays, 5:00 PM, June 23, 30.** Books are in the church office. Join us at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89281885352>

Farewell to Norma: Longtime member, Norma Engelhardt, is moving to Florida. We will have a short, socially-distanced service of Godspeed and Farewell in the parking lot at **3:00 PM Sunday June 28.** Afterward, members are encouraged to drive by and offer personal farewell to Norma here at the Church.

Just Mercy: This powerful, true story of racism and redemption is available for free [here](#) through June.

Virtual VBS: Everyone--of ALL ages--is invited to our Virtual VBS! We will be holding a 5-day program on Facebook Live and Zoom, **July 20-24 from 5:00–6:15 PM.** This is completely free and open to all--tell your friends and family. Please register [here](#). We need help, volunteer [here](#).

Hinman Scholarship: We have funds available to support our college students. Access the application [here](#). Applications must be submitted by **August 1** to Linda.Mesenbrink@verizon.net.

Plastic Bag Collection: Due to the pandemic, we are no longer collecting plastic bags.

Need Fair Trade Chocolate, Coffee or Tea? Contact [Jane Bowman](#) to make arrangements.

Old Smartphones: We can use old smartphones that can still record or view videos that you would be willing to lend or donate to the church. Call the church office to arrange a drop-off.

Summer Music: Covid-19 has changed the kinds of music normally offered at St. John's during the summer. Singers and woodwind and brass instrumentalists are welcome to offer "virtual" music or music that you record in your home. Virtual music would be included in prerecorded worship services. String instrumentalists, handbell ringers, and percussionists can participate in offering live music during worship this summer. For more information, contact Donna Garzinsky.

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 the covenant, your compassion reaches beyond the mere making and keeping of promises. Teach us to listen to one another with your heart, 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 *Ouimette*

By Jacob B. Weber (b. 1988)

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 before God and 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 451 We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus



1 We are bap-tized in Christ Je - sus, we are bap - tized in his death;
2 In the wa - ter and the wit - ness, in the break - ing of the bread,
3 Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, glo - ry be to Christ the Son,



that as Christ is raised vic - to - rious, we might live a brand new life.
in the wait - ing arms of Je - sus who is ris - en from the dead,
glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one;



And if we have been u - nit - ed in a dread - ful death like his,
God has made a new be - gin - ning from the ash - es of our past;
as it was in the be - gin - ning, glo - ry now re - sounds a - gain



we will all be re - u - nit - ed, for he lives.
in the los - ing and the win - ning we hold fast.
in a song that has no end - ing. . . . A - men.

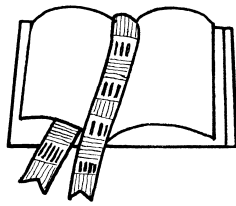
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APOSTOLIC GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Teach us, good Lord God, to serve you as you deserve, to give and not to count the cost, to fight and not to heed the wounds, to toil and not to seek for rest, to labor and not to ask for reward, except that of knowing that we do your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**



Word

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

READING Romans 6:1b–11

^{1b}Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

Psalm 69:7–9

Spoken responsively

⁷Surely, for your sake I have suffered reproach,
and shame has covered my face.

**⁸I have become a stranger to my own kindred,
an alien to my mother's children.**

⁹Zeal for your house has eaten me up;
the scorn of those who scorn you has fallen upon me.

**¹⁰I humbled myself with fasting,
but that was turned to my reproach.**

¹⁶Answer me, O Lord, for your love is kind;
in your great compassion, turn to me.

**¹⁷Hide not your face from your servant;
be swift and answer me, for I am in distress.**

¹⁸Draw near to me and redeem me;
because of my enemies deliver me.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 174 Celtic Alleluia

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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GOSPEL Matthew 10:24–39

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

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ²⁴“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

²⁶“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

³²“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

³⁴“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

³⁵For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;

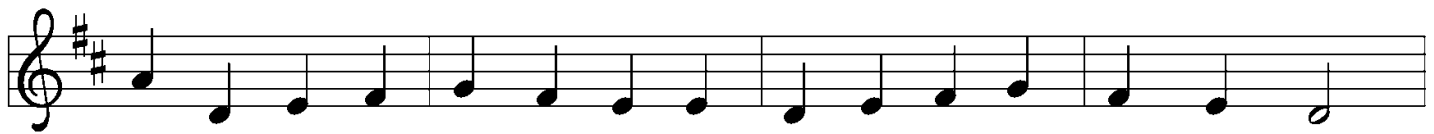
³⁶and one's foes will be members of one's own household.

³⁷Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; ³⁸and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. ³⁹Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY 802 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus



1 Let us ev - er walk with Je - sus, fol - low his ex - am - ple pure,
2 Let us suf - fer here with Je - sus, and with pa - tience bear our cross.
3 Let us glad - ly die with Je - sus. Since by death he con - quered death,
4 Let us al - so live with Je - sus. He has ris - en from the dead



through a world that would de - ceive us and to sin our spir - its lure.
Joy will fol - low all our sad - ness; where he is there is no loss.
he will free us from de - struc - tion, give to us im - mor - tal breath.
that to life we may a - wak - en. Je - sus, you are now our head,



On - ward in his foot - steps tread - ing, trav - 'lers here, our home a - bove,
Though to - day we sow no laugh - ter, we shall reap ce - les - tial joy:
Let us mor - ti - fy all pas - sion that would lead us in - to sin;
we are your own liv - ing mem - bers; where you live, there we shall be



full of faith and hope and love, let us do our Sav - ior's bid - ding.
all dis - com - forts that an - noy shall give way to mirth here - af - ter.
and the grave that shuts us in shall but prove the gate of heav - en.
in your pres - ence con - stant - ly, liv - ing there with you for - ev - er.



Faith - ful Lord, with me a - bide; I shall fol - low where you guide.
Je - sus, here I share your woe; help me there your joy to know.
Je - sus, here with you I die, there to live with you on high.
Je - sus, let me faith - ful be; life e - ter - nal grant to me.

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.

OFFERTORY 686 We Give Thee but Thine Own
verses 1 & 4

1. We give thee but thine own, what e'er the gift may be; all
4. And we be-lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be: what-

that we have is thine a-lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un-to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 1850

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. **O God, we long for the time when the meek shall inherit the earth and all who hunger and thirst after justice shall be satisfied, and we believe that, despite the persistence of evil, now is always the time when more good can be done and we can make a difference. May it be so, by the presentation of these gifts and the offering of our lives through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

O give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let us bless the Lord.
Praise and thanks to God.

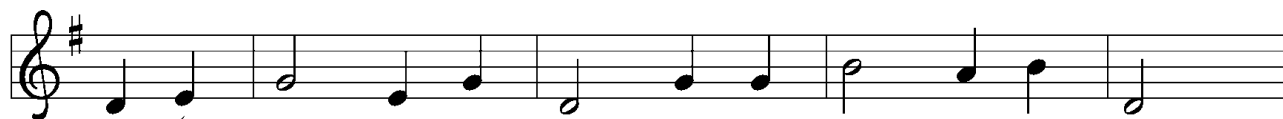
Sending

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 796 How Firm a Foundation



1 How firm a foun - da - tion, O saints of the Lord,
2 "Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dis - mayed,
3 "When through fi - 'ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,
4 "Through - out all their life - time my peo - ple shall prove



is laid for your faith in Christ Je - sus, the Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
my grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply.
my sov - 'reign, e - ter - nal, un - change - a - ble love;



What more can he say than to you he has said
I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
The flames shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign
and then, when gray hairs shall their tem - ples a - dorn,



who un - to the Sav - ior for ref - uge have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand."
your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine."
like lambs they shall still in my bo - som be borne."

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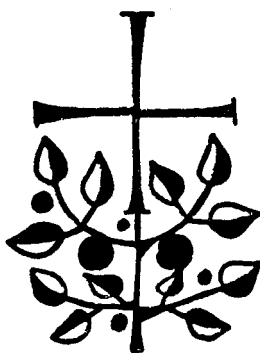
Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Setting of *Foundation*

By Dale Wood (1934–2003)

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PRE-READER

Pentecost 3

- Today is the **3rd** Sunday after Pentecost.
- The color of the Season after Pentecost is **green**.
- Pentecost is a time for our **faith to grow**.

Trees need water to grow. Draw drops of water coming from the clouds and the watering can so this sprouting tree can grow big and tall.



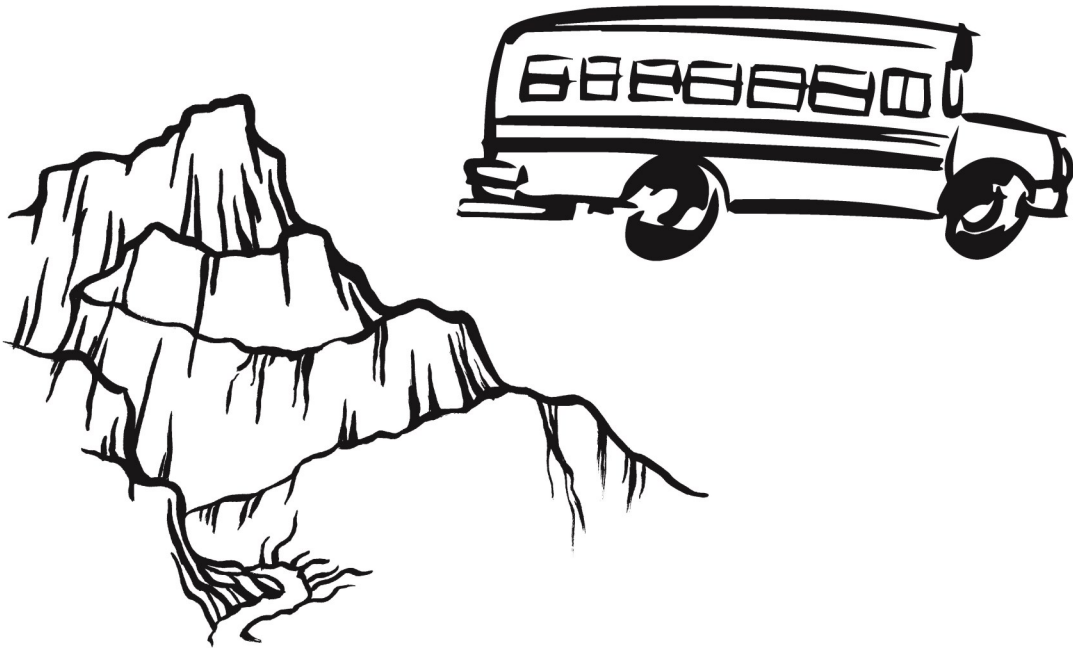


Jesus tell us to go out and share his love!



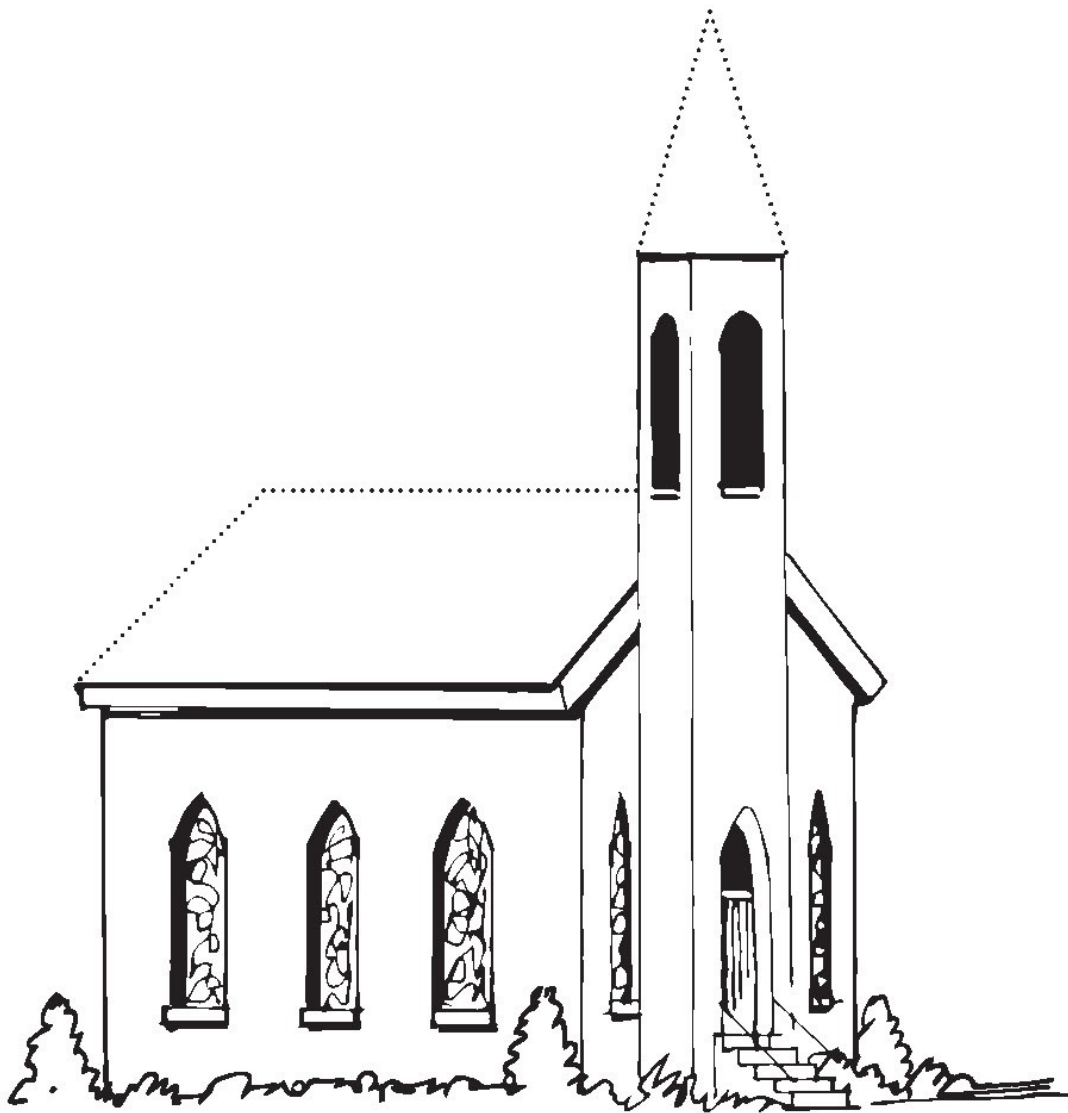
Jesus says we need to shout the Good News from the rooftops. Where else is a good place to share God's love?

Color these places.



Jesus says we should share his love from the rooftops.

Trace the dotted line to finish the rooftop of this church. Then draw yourself on top!





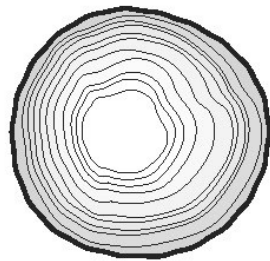
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Pentecost 3

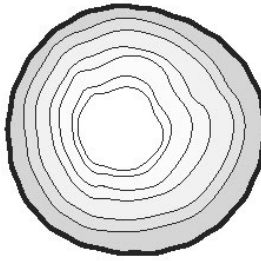
- Today is the **third** Sunday after Pentecost.
- Pentecost lasts throughout the **summer and fall**.
- Pentecost is a time for our **faith to grow**.

How Old Are You, Tree?

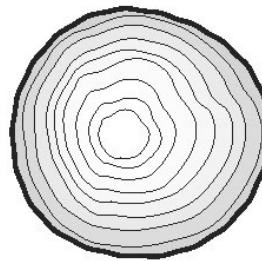
We can tell how old trees are by the number of rings in their trunk.
Count how old these trees are. Then draw rings for how old YOU are!



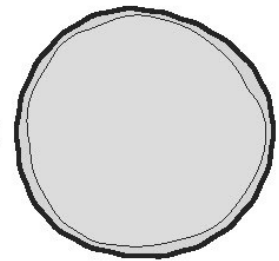
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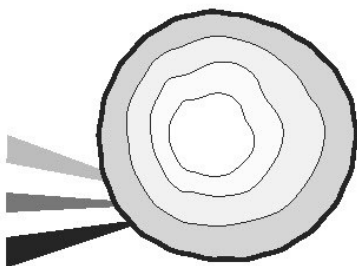
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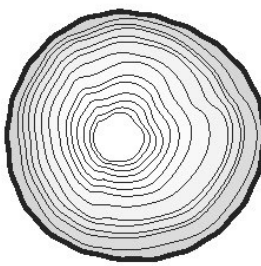
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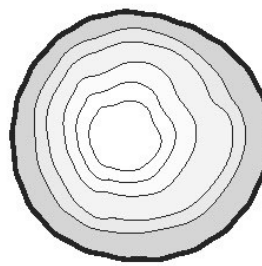
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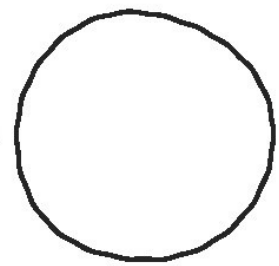
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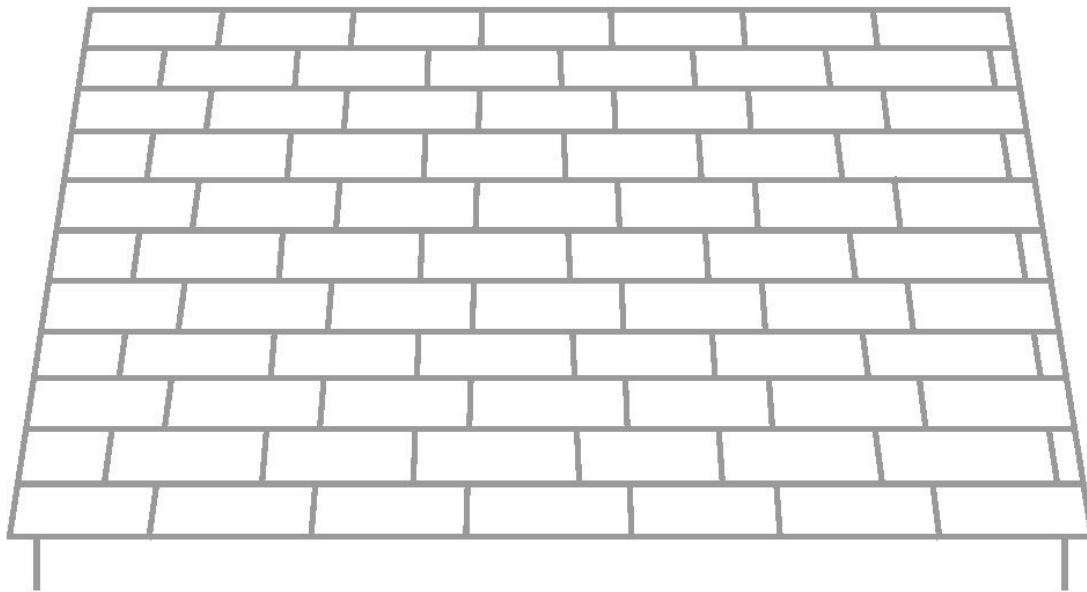


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MY AGE: _____

Today's memory verse comes from Matthew 10:27. "What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops." Draw yourself on the housetop. Then write today's memory verse in the speech bubble.

A large speech bubble with a tail pointing towards the bottom left. Inside the bubble are seven horizontal lines for writing.

The Gospel of Matthew, where today's lesson comes from, was likely written between the years 80 and 90 A.D.

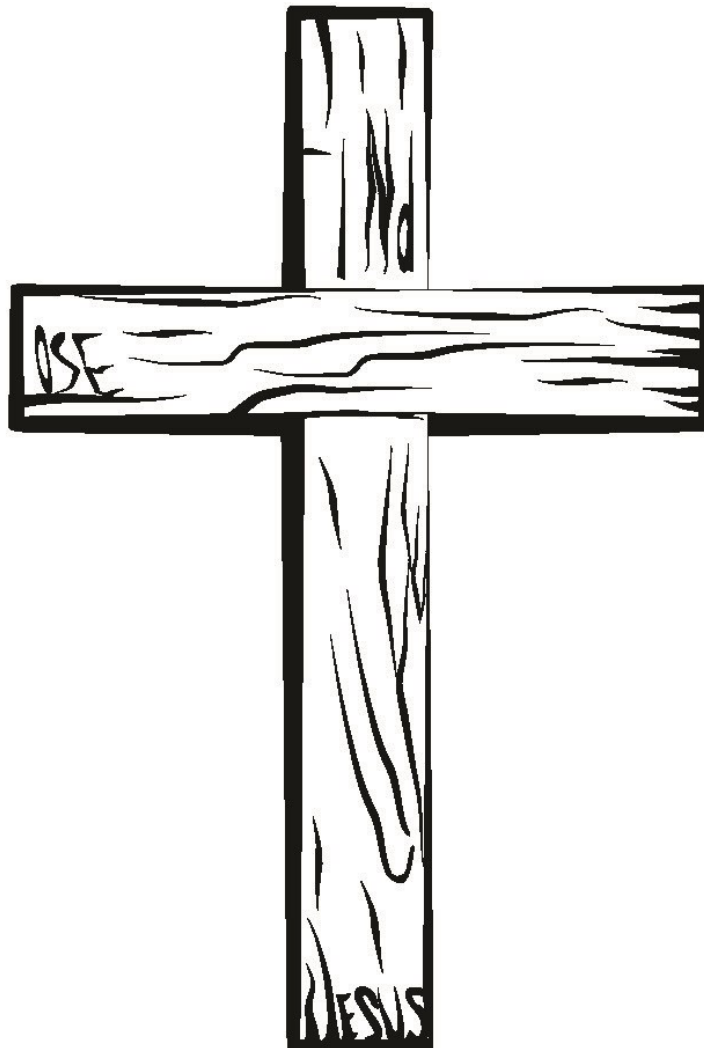


Find Your Life

In today's Bible story, Jesus tells us that "those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

What do you think this means? What is Jesus asking us to do?
Write what you think here.

Try to find the words **life**, **lose**, **find**, and **Jesus** in the cross below.



From the Rooftops

In today's story, Jesus tells us to not keep his love a secret, but instead to shout it from the rooftops! What does your church's rooftop look like? Is there a steeple? Is there a cross on top? Finish this church below by drawing the rooftop.

