

May 31st, 2020

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Deadline for submission is Thursday at 9 a.m.

DAY OF PENTECOST

Readings for this week: Numbers 11: 24-30; Acts 2: 1-21; John 7: 37-39

O God, on this day You once taught the hearts of Your faithful people by sending them the light of Your Holy Spirit. Grant us in our day by the same Spirit to have a right understanding in all things and evermore to rejoice in His Holy consolation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You in communion with the same Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer: *“Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to trust You during this time of great distress. In mercy put an end to the coronavirus epidemic that is afflicting many people around the world. Grant relief to those who are suffering, and comfort to those who mourn the death of loved ones. Sustain all medical personnel who are attending to the sick, and bless the efforts of those who are working tirelessly to discover a treatment for this disease. In these times of affliction and distress, strengthen us by Your Word and Spirit to continue steadfast in the one, true, saving faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our suffering Lord and Saviour, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.”*

Pray also for *all of our congregations and Pastors in LCC and all people in Canada and throughout the world dealing with this Covid 19. I have been in contact via messenger with many people throughout the world. Africa, South America, Mexico, England and the population of the whole world is dealing with it, and some governments like in Uganda are just ignoring it, there are going to be millions of people wiped out because of this. We know God is in control but also that sin and mankind has brought this upon ourselves. He is our Refuge and Strength and ever-present help in trouble. ...Pastor Makey*

REJOICING AND THANKING GOD IN PRAYER: We thank God for our wonderful shepherds Pastor John Makey & Linda as they continue their work among us during our vacancy. We rejoice also with Pastor Todd and family at the purchase of their new home here in St. Catharines. Their intention is to move for July. May God continue to give each of these gifted pastors His wisdom, discernment and compassion; and may He keep them and their families safe and healthy during this time of crisis.

REMINDERS: Our own **WEBSITE** (www.christlutheransc.ca) and **FACEBOOK PAGE** (**Christ Lutheran Church in St. Catharines**) are both packed with useful information for ourselves and to share with others. They include sermons from Pastor Makey and Pastor Todd, Children's Messages, the bulletin and other resources as well as important updates and upcoming events. Thank you to Karen and Lisa for your diligence in keeping both of these updated!

CHILDREN'S MESSAGES are available on our church website or on our Facebook page. **Precious Moments** is also online. If you or someone you know would like to receive these please text Louise (905-339-8579) or send an email.

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR JOHN:

The Day of Pentecost:

In the Small Catechism we are taught under the 3rd Article of the Apostle's Creed:

I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian Church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and all believers, and will at the Last Day raise me up and all the dead, and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true.

Q: We celebrate Pentecost as a Christian festival, but isn't it a Jewish festival from the Old Testament?

A: Yes, Pentecost has roots in the worship life of the Old Testament. Pentecost is the Greek name for the festival denoting that it was the fiftieth day after the Passover. The festival was also known as the Feast of the first Fruits, the Feast of Weeks, or the Feast of the Harvest. Originally it was a thanksgiving for the harvesting of the spring wheat (or barley) crop. Later it also recalled the giving of the law on Mt. Sinai, as king of "birthday" of the Jewish religion, and was also a day on which all male Jews were commanded to bring their tithes to the temple. As good Jews, the disciples probably would have gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish First Fruits even if Christ had not told them that He was sending His Holy Spirit. St. Luke describes what happened on this day in considerable detail – the sound of the rushing wind, the tongues of fire, and the speaking in foreign languages. In English speaking Christianity, Pentecost used to go by the name of Whitsunday because, in Anglo-Saxon, wit or whit means wise, or wise man and on this day baptisms and confirmations were often conducted. It was customary to speak of the baptized or confirmed as those who had been made wise – wise unto salvation, of course. Pentecost is no longer the holiday it once was, but it still should be a re-letter day in the calendar of the church, reminding us that Christ left us on this earth to carry out His will and to be earthly temples of the Holy Spirit. In the Western church the colour of the liturgical vestments is red, symbolizing the Holy Spirit who descended upon the Apostles in tongues of fire.

Let us Pray: O Holy Spirit, come upon us we pray. Fill us with dreams and vision for ministry, for all the great things You would accomplish through us. Enter us and take over our hearts and minds, that we might do Your will. Through Jesus, we pray. Amen.
May you all be blessed this Pentecost Day in the midst of this covid19 crisis.

Love in Christ,

Pastor John and Linda

SCRIPTURE MEDITATIONS:

Monday: Acts 10: 42-48

Wednesday: Acts 3: 1-10

Friday: Eph. 2: 17-22

Tuesday: Acts 2: 42-47

Thursday: Acts 4: 6-21

Saturday: Acts 8: 14-25

YOUTH & CONFIRMATION are invited to join us for a **Zoom chat** on **Tuesdays at 3:00 p.m.** as together we **IMPACT** those around us. ***"By this everyone will know that you are My disciples if you love one another."*** John 13:35

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY, Our right now media. Discover with us who Jesus is through the unique perspective of women in the Bible. **Friday, June 12th and Friday June 26th at 7:00 p.m.** For an invite contact Louise (905-329-8579)

“ROCKY RAILWAY; Jesus’ power pulls us through” **V.B.S.** is full steam ahead. Our plan is to offer a virtual experience this summer. Please continue to pray that the Lord will help us in implementing this special program to our families and those we can share God’s Great love and power with.

IMPACT: So during this time of isolation how are you making an impact on your family, on your neighbours, on those around you? Colossians 3:12, 16 &17—As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness and patience...Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts whatever you do, do it in the name of Jesus.

ART ENTHUSIASTS: We are asking members to share a favourite Bible Verse. You may choose to make a Bible Verse poster, you may choose to display it in the window of your home, write it on your bathroom mirror, get out some chalk and write it on your sidewalk or driveway; however you choose to display your Bible Verse, please take a picture and share it with us, and we will put it on our Facebook page. This is a great opportunity to get the entire family involved and a wonderful way to impact our community. May God continue to help us **GROW IN HIM!**

MEMORY VERSE CHALLENGE: Have you had a chance to start this challenge? Memorizing God’s Word is ALWAYS a wonderful thing. You can do it as a family, couple or even as individuals while we are in self isolation. Some people are copying a verse and placing it on their kitchen table to read at each meal, or on their bathroom mirror. May you be blessed as you meditate and memorize God’s Word and encourage others to do the same.

A = “**Ask** and it will be given to you, **Seek** and you shall find, **Knock** and the door will be open to you.” Matthew 7: 7 (April 19, 2020)

B = “**Blessed** are those who have not seen and yet believe”. John 20:29 (April 26, 2020)

C = “**CAST** your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you.” 1 Pet. 5:7 (May 3, 2020)

D = “**DO NOT BE ANXIOUS** about anything, (but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God.” Phil 4:6 (May 10th, 2020)

E = “**EVERY GOOD** and perfect gift is from above.” James 1:17 (May 17th, 2020)

F = “**FOR GOD** so loved the World that He gave His one and only Son that whoever believes in Him should not die but have everlasting life.” John 3:16 (May 24th, 2020)

G “**GOD IS OUR REFUGE** and strength a very present help in trouble.” Ps. 46:1 (May 31st, 2020)

Right Now Media Video Picks:

During this time of self-quarantine, we have opportunity to share videos from our [Right Now Media Streaming Video Library of Bible Studies](http://www.rightnowmedia.org) (www.rightnowmedia.org). Below are some videos to check out this week for the entire family. Some suggestions are:

Children: “Veggie Tales” or “What’s in the Bible”

General: “Overcoming Anxiety during Covid 19” with Jonathon Pokluda

Women: “What the Women Saw” with Sadie Robertson Huff

Men: “This is the Day” with athlete Tim Tebow

Youth: “Different” with Jonathon Evans

Couples: “Ready or Knot”

This is the perfect time to be making use of this wonderful tool-site. For more information about how to join, feel free to text Pastor or Louise (905-329-8579). May God bless you as you continue to listen to and study His Word.

NOTE: If you have something that you would like added to the bulletin, please send to Pat by Thursday morning as usual at, secretary@christlutheransc.ca. Thank you!

ANNUAL REPORT: It's that time again. Please send your annual reports as they are ready to: secretary@christlutheransc.ca. I can work on them at home.

SUPPORTING YOUR CHURCH DURING THE PANDEMIC

1. THROUGH EFT DONATIONS:

During these uncertain times, it's important for members to keep in mind that although the Church is closed for services, expenses continue to accumulate. Expenses for payroll, utilities, maintenance, etc. continue whether we hold services or not. We have an awesome tool available to us in the form of EFT donations. Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation continues to facilitate this service for us. To assist you in continuing your financial support to your church during these troubled times, we encourage you to fill out the form that is available for printing on Christ's website, (PDF form under "*Coming Events*" tab --> "*Bulletin Board*" tab --> *LCC-ED-EFT Authorization Form-Parishioner*) or follow the link: http://christlutheransc.ca/?page_id=96 and then mail the form along with a voided cheque to:

Lutheran Church - Canada, East District Corporation
275 Lawrence Ave.
Kitchener, ON N2M 1Y3
Attn: Darryll Holland

2. BY MAIL: cheques can still be mailed to:

Christ Lutheran Church
140 Russell Ave.
St.Catharines, ON
L2R 1W1

or dropped in the Church mailbox at the East entrance. (Please note: Donations will be collected during the month and deposited on the last day of the month.)

3. ONLINE VIA LUTHERAN CHURCH-CANADA:

Lutheran Church-Canada has opened a web portal that allows parishioners to donate directly to their home church. Just visit LCC's website: www.lutheranchurchcanada.ca and click on the "*Support My Home Congregation with Online Donations*", select "*St. Catharines-Christ Lutheran-30950*" from the drop down menu, enter the amount of your donations and LCC will transfer your donation to Christ. Donation is via VISA or Mastercard. Tax receipts will be issued by LCC (not Christ). This opportunity will be in effect until the COVID-19 emergency is over.

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES INFORMATION: www.lhmcanada.org

LISTEN TO THE LUTHERAN HOUR, Sundays at **8:00 a.m.** on CHAM 820

Next Sunday, June 7th — "**Undeserved Salute**" **Matthew 5: 17-20** Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler—Rev. Zeigler will begin a new sermon series on "Sermon on the Mount". **(They are also working on a special Canadian program for the June 28th (Canada Day) broadcast so stay tuned!!!!)**



A special edition of The Canadian Lutheran has been released for March/April of 2020 – with a focus on "Feeding the faith at Home" through devotional resources". To read it online click on the link:

<https://issuu.com/thecanadianlutheran/docs/cl3502-web>



Call service 2019

Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary's annual Call Service will be a brief online event:

Friday, 29 May 2020, at 7.00 p.m. EDT.

In this way, both LCC seminaries will be able to release news of placements by Friday night.

President Winger will lead Vespers from the seminary chapel while the faculty, students, and their families

connect through an online meeting. In the course of the service, the placements will be announced. The event will be live streamed so that church members—particularly those waiting to hear whom they will receive as pastor or vicar—can watch. We encourage viewers to have their LSB hymnals on hand so they can join in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving. You will find the live stream event on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/concordialutherantheologicalseminarystcatharines>

Here are the details of this year's Call Service:

We are pleased to announce the students who are ready for their placements in May:

Vishal Paul, who is ready to be certified for the holy ministry, will be given his first congregational placement.

David Zakel will receive his vicarage placement.

The Spring Call Service is also the occasion when other students are recognised for their academic achievements, and honorary awards are given. We intend to delay presenting these awards until such a time as the recipients can be present in person, most likely at the seminary's opening service in September.



We are pleased, however, to announce and recognise these recipients now. The faculty and Board of Regents have chosen

Mr. Carl Wathke from (Faith Lutheran Church, Desboro) to receive the "**Delta Chi (Servant of Christ) Award**", the seminary's highest honour.

Mrs. Mary Silver, Christ Lutheran Church, will be given the "**Friend of the Seminary**" Award.

Both have a long CV of service to the church, which will be shared when the awards are given.

This is such an honour and we thank both of them for their many years of service to God in our congregations. What an encouragement and a witness to all of us.

"Well done good and faithful servant."

While we regret deeply that these placements and awards cannot be properly celebrated in the usual way, we ask you to pray for the students and to watch the live stream to learn of their placements. God be praised for His gracious gifts!

LUTHER SEAL

What does this mean?



Excerpts from Luther's interpretation...

THE BLACK CROSS IN A HEART

retains its natural color, so that I myself would be reminded that faith in the Crucified saves us. For one who "believes from the heart will be justified" (Rom. 10:10). Although it is indeed a black cross, which mortifies and which should also cause pain, it leaves the heart in its natural color. It does not corrupt nature, that is, it does not kill but keeps alive. "The just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17) but by faith in the crucified.

A WHITE ROSE

shows that faith gives joy, comfort, and peace. In other words, it places the believer into a white, joyous rose, for this faith does not give

peace and joy like the world gives (John 14:27). That is why the rose should be white and not red, for white is the color of the spirits and the angels (Matt. 28:3; John 20:12).

THE SKY-BLUE FIELD

symbolizes that such joy in spirit and faith is a beginning of the heavenly future joy, which begins already, but is grasped in hope, not yet revealed.

A GOLDEN RING

around this field is a golden ring, symbolizing that such blessedness in Heaven lasts forever and has no end. Such blessedness is exquisite, beyond all joy and goods, just as gold is the most valuable, most precious and best metal. This is my compendium theologiae [summary of theology].

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Nelson
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PRAYING THE LORD'S PRAYER IN A PANDEMIC

An extended prayer in response to COVID-19

Written by Mathew Block

OUR FATHER WHO ART IN HEAVEN,

O God, You call us all to be Your children. Be a Father to us now in our distress.

HALLOWED BE THY NAME.

O God, in Your name is mercy and salvation. Teach us to honour that name in all things, and to call upon it in every trouble.

THY KINGDOM COME.

O God, You rule heaven and earth. Bless the work of the Church, that Your kingdom would continue to be proclaimed even in this time of upheaval and disruption.

THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

O God, Your way in all things is perfect. Enliven us with Your Holy Spirit, that we would willingly walk in the way of Your commands. Teach us to love You with heart, soul and mind.

Teach us to love our neighbours as ourselves, ministering to them in every need of body and spirit.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD,

O God, provision for all our earthly needs comes as a gift from You. Remember those facing financial uncertainty and hardship in this crisis, and grant them every needful thing. Soften the hearts of Your people, that we would share freely with those who have less.

AND FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES,

O God, You desire the death of no person, but instead seek the salvation of all. Draw all people to Yourself in this time of increased awareness of human mortality, that we would find in Your Son, Jesus Christ, forgiveness for our sins and the hope of eternal life.

AS WE FORGIVE THOSE WHO TRESPASS AGAINST US,

O God, Your mercy is over all that You have made. Make us conduits of Your love and Your grace, showing to others the forgiveness and reconciliation You have first shown to us.

AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION,

O God, You do not shift like shadows, neither are You wearied by the changes and chances of this life. Be our soul's anchor in this trial. Befriend the lonely; comfort the sick; and console the dying. Defend us from the temptation to despair of Your love. You are our fortress; let us not be shaken.

BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.

O God, against You no foe can prevail. Spare Your people, O Lord, and bring an end to the disease which threatens. Guide those in authority, that they might diligently work to protect the nations. Equip physicians and healthcare workers with knowledge and resources to care for the afflicted. Our times are in Your hand, O Lord; rescue us from danger.

**FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM AND THE POWER AND THE GLORY,
FOREVER AND EVER.**

Amen.

Feeding Program in Nicaragua Continues Service Amid Pandemic

“Whoever has a good eye will be blessed, for he shares his bread with the poor.” Proverbs 22:9

NICARAGUA – As a result of the pandemic, the Church in Nicaragua has taken precautionary measures to keep their members and communities as safe as possible. Even before the government issued any statements or mandates, the leaders of the Church began to encourage social distancing, suspending normal Church activities and projects, while also looking for ways for pastors and deaconesses to stay connected with the members of the Church. Although large Church gatherings have been put on hold for the time being, pastors are finding ways to continue to provide for the spiritual needs of their people by ministering the Means of Grace to small numbers of people at a time, providing Services and messages online, as well as sharing printed sermons and devotions.



Although the Children’s Education Program and many other activities have been suspended, the deaconesses and their assistants continue to provide for their communities through the Children’s Feeding Program. The communities where we have the Feeding Program are some of the poorest in the country, and the 3 or 4 meals a week that are offered may be the only source of a nutritious meal that many of the children in these communities will receive during the week. Because of the vital nature of this service and how essential these meals are to the children of their communities, the deaconesses and numerous volunteers that make this program possible have taken measures to ensure that this program can continue to operate safely.

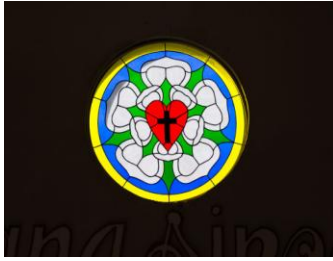
Their faith has opened their eyes to the needs of the people and has inspired and led them to find ways to address those needs, even in the face of a daunting pandemic. As a result, countless families have been and continue to be blessed.

Although the children are no longer able to gather together in the church halls for a meal, the meals are instead prepared by a couple of volunteers, boxed up and placed in a designated area where one family at a time can pick them up.

Proverbs 13: 21 reminds us, **“Blessed is he who is generous to the poor.”** We see how blessed our deaconesses in Nicaragua are in their dedication and service to the poor in their communities. Their faith has opened their eyes to the needs of the people and has inspired and led them to find ways to address those needs, even in the face of a daunting pandemic. As a result, countless families have been and continue to be blessed. We give thanks to God for these blessings and for the faithful service of our sisters in the faith, and as members of Lutheran Church–Canada we can also give thanks to God for allowing us to be a part of this program. Thanks to the generous gifts of our members and partner societies and organizations we have been able to fund this vital and blessed program for many years.

May our gracious Lord lead us to continue to share our blessings with those in need, and to shine the Light of Christ before others, so that they may see these good works and give glory to our heavenly Father.

The Children’s Feeding Program provides several meals each week to over 700 children throughout Nicaragua, in some of the poorest communities in the country. For many of these children, it is their only source for a nutritious meal. LCC Missions is grateful for the generous donations that make this feeding program possible. Donations can be made out to Lutheran Church–Canada and designated to the Children’s Feeding Program.



Prayers requested for Nicaragua amid pandemic

ILSN Mission Centre: Luther Rose
made by Resurrection, St. Catharines.

by *Olga Groh*

NICARAGUA – The pastors and deaconesses have informed us of the exponential increase in potential cases of COVID-19, occurring over the past few weeks in Nicaragua. Though the official government numbers in Nicaragua show a low number of cases – with 7 recovered cases and 8 deaths as of May 20, 2020 – recent conversations with our brothers and sisters suggest that there may be many more infected at this time, not yet verified by testing.

It is for this reason that I humbly covet the prayers of us all at this time. Let us pray:

- For those who are ill from different illnesses; for those who may already be infected or who are at risk of infection from COVID-19 in Nicaragua, Costa Rica and Honduras, especially for our brothers and sisters among the Lutheran Church Synod of Nicaragua (ILSN) membership, church workers and front-line volunteers.
- For those in the churches and local communities who are anxious; those who have lost jobs; those who can't bring food to the table; and for those who struggle to find their daily bread.
- Knowing the many factors that make social distancing and proper sanitization nearly behind the bounds of possibility in Nicaragua, let us pray for the individuals, families, businesses and all care facilities: That they may be able to obtain all necessary personal protective equipment and supplies; that they be willing and quick to learn and implement all precautionary measures to lower personal risk and possible escalation of infections.
- Let us also pray for the medical personnel and support-workers, that they may be blessed with strong health and sharp minds to help according to the best practices known at this time.
- As unaccustomed constraints increase the possibilities of social unrest and domestic violence, let us pray that the peace of the Lord will reign sovereign over human emotion in each and every place of meeting, congregation and household.
- For the ILSN Feeding programs in Matagalpa, Jinotega and Ranchería, we are thankful that the deaconesses and volunteers are able to continue distributing pre-packaged food items to the houses of the most impoverished children and families in their communities on a weekly basis. Be it our prayer that those who give and those who receive be kept safe at all times as they buy, handle, prepare, deliver and receive these goods. May children and families be blessed by the assurance that this physical bread they receive is provision from the loving heart of our heavenly Father Himself through the loving hands of those who donate, buy, prepare, and deliver it to them.
- Let us also pray for the servants of ILSN and LCC's mission in Chinandega and its staff. Lord, we thank you for the many years that you faithfully have blessed our brothers and sisters in the ILSN at large and those that serve at the Mission Centre's office in Chinandega, as they have committed themselves to serve together and assist the congregations and missions of the ILSN in the name and by the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.
- According to Your will, Lord, help the ILSN pastors and deaconesses and the Mission Centre's workers to be bold witnesses of your love and mercy among your people, especially in these testing times. Protect them from all danger; grant them wisdom in their decisions and discernment as they protect themselves and others, leading by example. Assist them as they seek to follow your directions and conduct the work of Your church according to Your will and as You have taught us in Your Word of grace, mercy, and love.

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you – Jeremiah 29:12

...the LORD is our light and our salvation—whom shall we fear? The LORD is the stronghold of our life—of whom shall we be afraid? – Psalm 27:1

Deaconess Olga Groh is Lutheran Church Canada's Diaconal Coordinator for Central America.

(Puzzles and Colouring fun for the whole family—unfortunately we are always one week behind)



Kids Lectionary Learning

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER /ASCENSION OF OUR LORD



Today is the Seventh Sunday of Easter, also the last Sunday before Pentecost. But it is also the Sunday many people celebrate Jesus' ascension. Join The Grubs, Gumps, BB and crew as we explore our Bible Readings and the love of God.

Ascension of Our Lord Readings:
Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47:
Eph. 1:15-23;
Luke 24:44-53

*"Thus it is written,
that the Christ should suffer and on
the third day rise from the dead,
AND THAT REPENTANCE FOR
THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS
SHOULD BE PROCLAIMED IN HIS
NAME TO ALL NATIONS,"*

7th Sunday of Easter Readings:
Acts 1:12-26; Psalm 68:1-10;
1 Peter 4:12-19, 5:6-11;
John 17:1-11

- Luke 24:46-47

Use the code below to decipher the words from our Bible Readings.

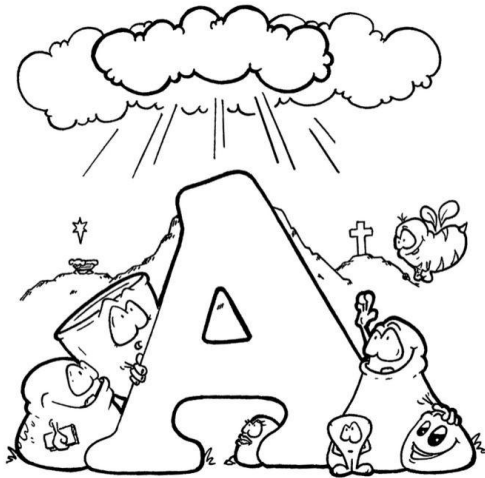
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Kids Lectionary Learning
Seventh Sunday of Easter
/Ascension of Our Lord

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD, WHICH OCCURRED 40 DAYS AFTER JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD, IS WHEN JESUS, IN FRONT OF HIS DISCIPLES, IS TAKEN UP INTO HEAVEN. DISCUSS WITH YOUR FAMILY OR PASTOR WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT.



...is for "Ascension"

Colour the Grubs as they look up as the disciples did the day Christ ascended.

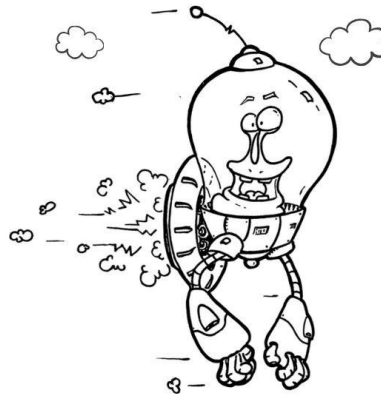
Fun Bible Fact:

According to "google" the word "Ascension" means: "the act of rising to an important position or a higher level."

Jesus went up into the heavens and rose not just to a higher place but to the "right hand of God". Wow. Jesus' ascension also points us towards our own entrance into Heaven one day because of salvation in Christ.

Ascension is a big word. The Grubs love learning about Jesus, and they love learning new words. How many words of at least 2 or more letters can you make from the word "Ascension"? (you can use letters more than once)

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Ivan is super excited to try out his new flying robo-suit. Ivan likes going up but he also knows he has to come back down.

Christ ascended into heaven and has given us eternal life in Him. And he also promises that he will come again and He has sent us His Spirit to always be with us.



Kids Lectionary Learning
Seventh Sunday of Easter
/Ascension of Our Lord



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER LOOKS AT THE DISCIPLES,
TRUSTING IN GOD IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING OR FEAR,
AND JESUS PRAYING FOR HIS PEOPLE.
THANK YOU JESUS FOR YOUR GREAT LOVE AND THAT YOU
CARE FOR US EACH AND EVERYDAY!

Word Search

Sabbath	Guide	Christian	Faithful
Disciple	Holy	Rejoice	Humble
Prayer	Beloved	Test	Pray
Scripture	Suffer	Glorify	Word



Tabs sometimes feels worried about life, or friends, or the future. But she also knows that God is with us.

Read through the lessons for the 7th Sunday of Easter and talk about the ways in which these verses give us comfort and peace.

L D A Z Q W C A Y D U E O O Z G W K D Z
K N R O U V C H R I S T I A N M K P I S
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Verse to remember:

*"Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you."
(1 Peter 6:6-7)*



How many clouds can you find in these pages? ____



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This Week with Your Family

This week with your family, or those you hold dear, try playing a game and praying together.

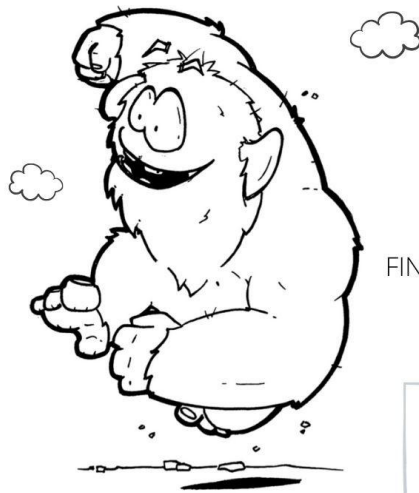
One great game is a Bible version of Pictionary.

Start by writing down various scenes from the Bible and placing the pieces of paper into a bowl or hat. Split the family up into two teams and have a member of each team come forward to pick a out a piece of paper.

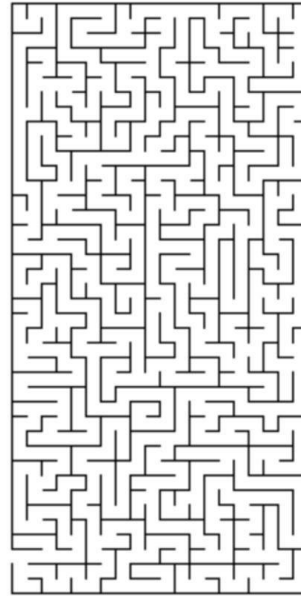
Their task then is to then draw the scene out on a large piece of paper or whiteboard for everyone else to guess.

After the game, spend some time talking about the scenes you chose from the Bible.

Try praying together and thank God for His Word for us and all the blessings and ways He takes care of each one of us.



FINISH



START

Gumps loves Bible Pictionary, spending time with family, and reading God's Word. Help Gumps through the maze so he can join the fun and make sure to colour him in, too.

Dear Jesus, thank You for Your love.
Thank You for ascending into heaven. Thank you for always being with us and for guiding us.
Help us now to give You thanks for all the blessings we have, like family, church, and forgiveness.
May we remember to cast all our cares on You, because You love us.
In Jesus name we pray, amen.



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