



**May 11, 2020**

## **The Good News from Trinity PC**

### **Trinity Worship Services for May and June 2020**

The Trinity session had a virtual meeting on Sunday, May 3 to discuss plans for Trinity worship services for the rest of May and into early June. In accordance with the continuing Ohio restriction on group gathering size of 10 people and the recommendation of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, the session reached consensus that we would continue to have virtual pre-recorded worship services through Sunday, May 24. These recorded services will be equivalent to those offered recently, basically a full worship services including musical accompaniment. Bulletins are emailed on Thursday to follow along.

The session's intent is to begin in-person Trinity worship services at the church building on Sunday, May 31, a day on which we will have a belated Easter celebration service.

On the following Sunday, June 7 we will celebrate Pentecost.



Over the next two weeks a committee of session members will finalize the plans for reopening the Trinity building for worship. A letter will be mailed to the congregation during the week of May 18, that will describe what actions will be taken to prepare the building for onsite worship, what to expect in terms of the configuration of the sanctuary and worship format, and what other actions we will perform to protect the health of our congregants.

Session understands that not everyone will be comfortable returning to the building for worship at the end of May. Therefore, we plan to continue to offer recordings of the worship service on May 31 and subsequent Sundays. By May 31 we also anticipate that Trinity will have the technical capability to provide a video recording of the worship service, that can be live streamed at 10:15 AM or played later at your convenience.

#### **Office Open**

**9:00-Noon Monday-Thursday**

**Prayer Requests can be emailed to:**

**[office@trinitypresbyfairfield.org](mailto:office@trinitypresbyfairfield.org)**



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**Prepare for Worship  
6th Sunday of Easter**

**Psalm 66:8-20**

“Bless our God, O peoples,  
 let the sound of his praise be heard,  
 who has kept us among the living,  
 and has not let our feet slip.  
 For you, O God, have tested us;  
 you have tried us as silver is tried.  
 You brought us into the net;  
 you laid burdens on our backs;  
 you let people ride over our heads;  
 we went through fire and through water;  
 yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.  
 I will come into your house with burnt offerings;  
 I will pay you my vows,  
 those that my lips uttered  
 and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.  
 I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatlings,  
 with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;  
 I will make an offering of bulls and goats.  
 Come and hear, all you who fear God,  
 and I will tell what he has done for me.  
 I cried aloud to him,  
 and he was extolled with my tongue.  
 If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,  
 the Lord would not have listened.  
 But truly God has listened;  
 he has given heed to the words of my prayer.  
 Blessed be God,  
 because he has not rejected my prayer  
 or removed his steadfast love from me.”

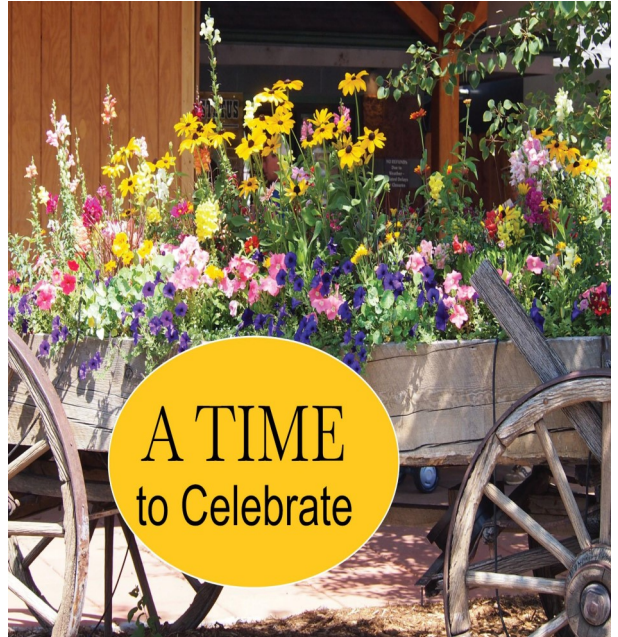
**Reflection**

According to the psalmist, God brought the people through trials, tests, burdens, and pain to a spacious place of life, breath, and salvation. God heard their prayers and opened them to deliverance. Where have you felt such a spacious place? What story do you tell of the ways that God is blessing you? What story does your faith community tell of the ways in which God is blessing them?

**Morning Prayer**

I give thanks for the gift of life and breath that is mine today in Christ. Make me eager to do good and to resist evil, and grant me the wisdom to recognize the difference. Fill me with your assurance in all I say and do that I may share the hope that is within me in gentleness and reverence of Christ. Amen.

—adapted from *Feasting on the Word Worship Companion: Liturgies for Year A, Volume 1* © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press



**May Celebrations**

**May Birthdays**

Gina Anaple	May 1
Michel Tenga	May 5
Dallas Wiggins	May 13
Valentine Nyamusa	May 17
Gary Anaple	May 18
Judy Huber	May 20
Keith Harring	May 21
Debbie Johnson	May 21

**May Anniversaries**

Donna and Kurt Schuler	May 1
Glenn and Marta Mojzer	May 14
Cindie and Ken Postell	May 20

**Early June Birthdays**

Marta Mojzer	June 2
Glenn Mojzer	June 13
Allison Schuler	June 13
Joleen Goens	June 15

*What if you could measure your age  
 not by the weakness of your body,  
 but by the radiance of your spirit?*

-Dr. R. Maurice Boyd

*How you would Shine!*

## Rev. Dunlap's Sermons on-line and on YouTube

Pastor Dunlap has recorded his message for this Sunday and it is on the Trinity web page at the link below. This week's recording is a full service with music, including again Davis on piano. You will notice a change in the player this week on the website page as we are preparing to offer full video services in the near future.

To play the service, click on the video player and when it begins, you will have the option to click on the square in the lower right corner of the player to go full screen. In addition, you may click on the "CC" to enable the closed captioning service. The sermon is also available in PDF format along with a PDF of the bulletin. Please simply click on these icons to open the files and follow along.

<http://www.trinitypresbyfairfield.org/may-2020.html>

Trinity now has an official YouTube video channel! You may click on the circular icon on this week's video on the upper left to go directly to the channel. There you will find in the coming weeks an archive of the previous services as well as the current week's service. You may also click on the link below to go directly to the channel and "subscribe" (on the lower right).

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn4Bfx9UtjiaWsrXObnly6g>

## New Website Look

Trinity has launched a new website which will have a somewhat different look and feel along with some new features that we hope everyone will use. The website address will not change, and a lot of the old features will still be available, including accessing the online worship services, viewing the activity calendar, and retrieving old newsletters from the archive. There will also be direct links from the website homepage to our Facebook and YouTube channel for your convenience. One of the exciting new features will be an online prayer wall. You may enter prayers directly onto the website and have the option to post anonymously or open to the online world. It has a great feature to send an email (at your discretion) to you every time someone prays for your request. We hope that will be a source of comfort to our members in difficult times. Another feature that Trinity will be offering is online giving, which will allow the Trinity faithful to make giving contributions by credit card to several pre-set categories. Stay tuned to the newsletter as these features come online. We will be providing even more details on how to use them in the coming weeks.

## Sandwiches for the Homeless

The Presbytery of Cincinnati has extended a challenge to congregations to make sandwiches for *Our Daily Bread*, an outreach that feeds the homeless in Cincinnati. Due to the growing number of people, more sandwiches are needed than usual.

Please drop off at Trinity on Thursday, May 14 by 11:00 AM, your homemade sandwiches of: ham and cheese, baloney and cheese or peanut butter and jelly. Please individually wrap or put the sandwiches in individual baggies and mark or add a tag that notes the kind of sandwich inside. Please **do not add any condiments**. We appreciate your help with this Mission Outreach Project.

## Bulletins on Thursday

On Thursdays, you will receive a bulletin via email for the Sunday service. Davis will be playing the hymns in the recorded service on the web page. Lyrics will be included in your bulletin. Please check your emails on Thursday and be prepared to sing along on Sunday.

## Preparing for the Future

If anyone in the congregation needs a mask for when you return to worship, please email the office at [office@trinitypresbyfairfield.org](mailto:office@trinitypresbyfairfield.org) or call 513-860-4114. We have volunteers who are willing to make a mask for you.

## From the Treasurer:

Please continue to mail in your pledges even though we are not physically attending services. The general costs to operate the church still continue. Your donations are being processed and deposited each week. Thank you for keeping your pledges up to date.

## A DEVOTION

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 138

*Only in the darkness can you see the stars.* —Martin Luther King Jr.

They still tell the story at William and Mary College of daffy, magnificent President Ewell. For a century and a half, this prestigious Virginia school had been a leader among American universities. Then came the Civil War. In the hard days of reconstruction that followed, William and Mary went bankrupt. Soon it had a deserted campus, decaying buildings and no students.

As with so many Southern schools after that tragic war, everyone wrote it off as dead. Everyone, except its president. He had given his best years to advancing the liberal arts through that school. He refused to give up now. So, every morning, President Ewell went to the deserted campus, climbed the tower of its main building, and rang the bells, calling the school to class.

He behaved *as though the school was still there.*

People thought he was crazy. Nevertheless, every day for seven years, President Ewell rang the bells at William and Mary, in defiance of the despair and hopelessness that would destroy everything he held valuable.

Eventually and miraculously, it worked. Others caught his vision. Students, teachers and money returned. Today, America's second oldest university thrives again, because of the hope of a single man.

Today, people suffer all around the world. Churches are shuttered by the threat of disease and uncertainty and scattered by the fear of disease and uncertainty.

Many people are shut up in their homes or apartments having no else to go: no work, no restaurants nor entertainment venues. It's such a different atmosphere from the bustle and high-energy life we're used to.

But we persist, wherever we are.

We worship God in our homes and online with a virtual community of believers. We read the Bible. We pray on bended knee. We give thanks. We help others in their time of need. We walk humbly with God. We're ringing the bells of hope.

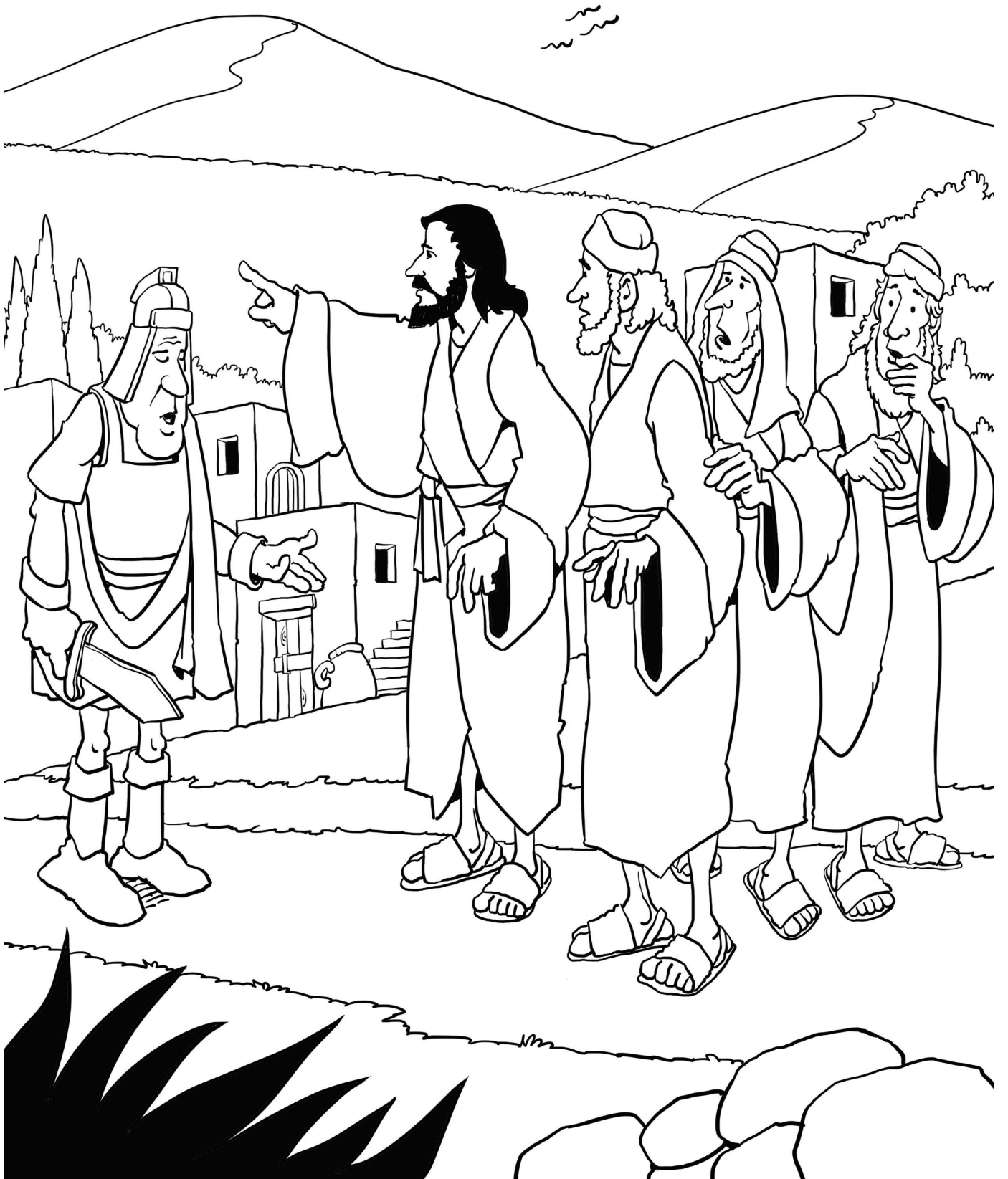
And someday, we shall have our reward.

—Timothy Merrill

*Prayer: God of grace and mercy, you are our hope. We cast ourselves upon you in utter faith and confidence. There is none besides you! In Jesus' name. Amen.*



# Only Say the Word



**Jesus is amazed at the centurion's faith.**

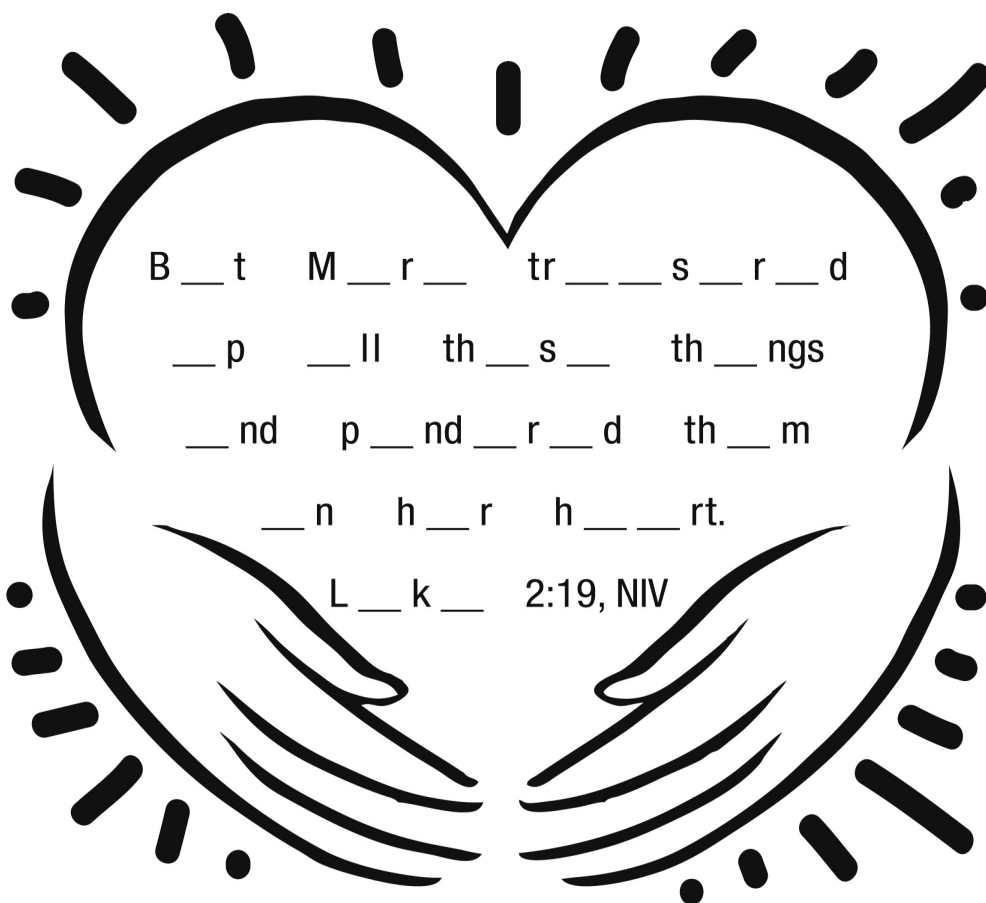


## A mother's love

At age 12, Jesus was left behind in Jerusalem. His parents later found him in the temple, discussing Scripture. What did Mary, Jesus' mother, think about this?

*Directions: Fill in the blanks with the correct vowels to complete the Bible verse.*

A E I O U Y



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L \_ \_ k \_ \_ 2:19, NIV

Answer: But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart. Luke 2:19, NIV



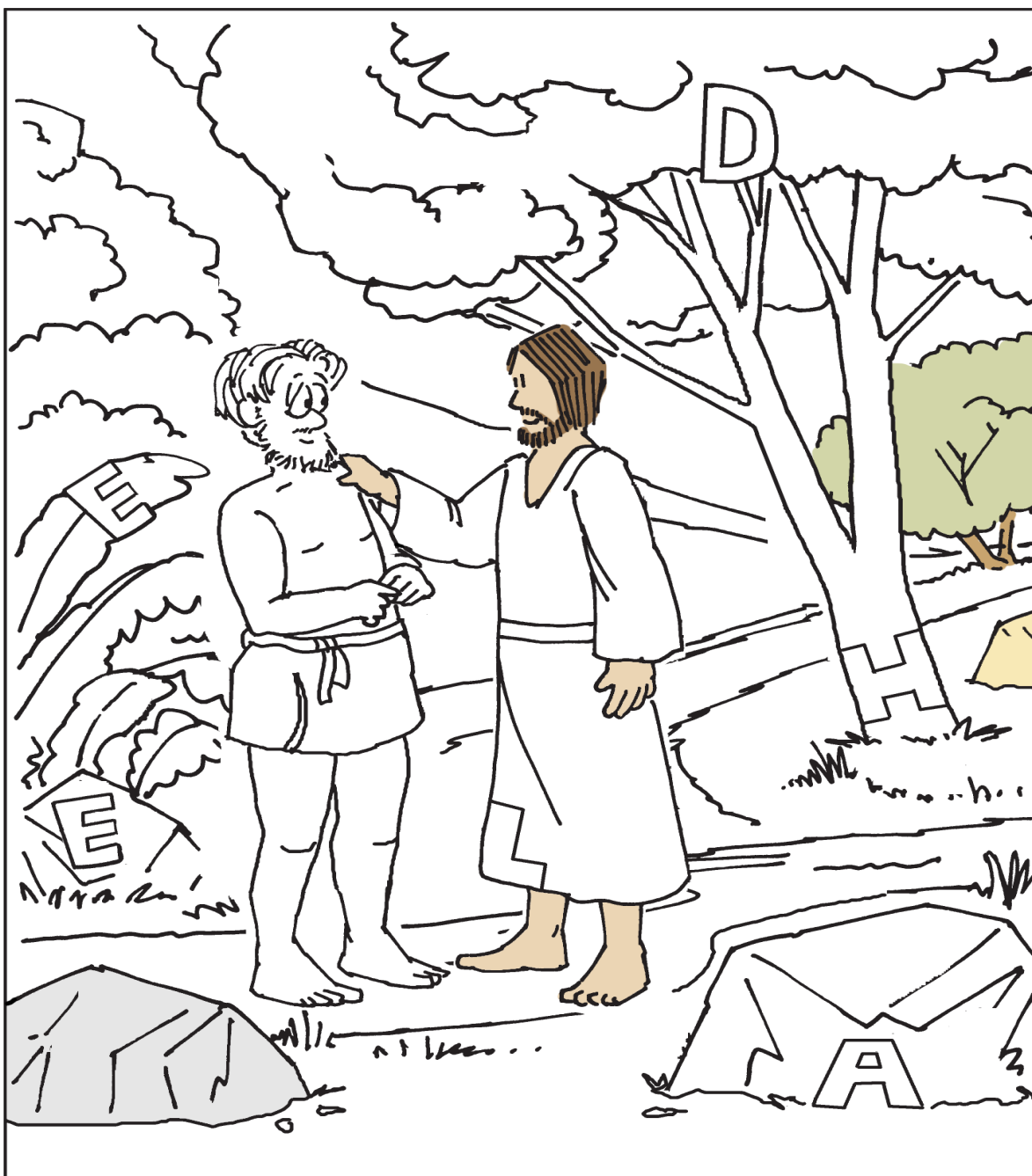
Ages 3+

June 23, 2019 • Luke 8:26-39

## Jesus healed the man.

Find these letters in the picture.

### H E A L E D



# • Children's Worship Bulletin •<sup>TM</sup>

Ages 7+

June 23, 2019 • Luke 8:26-39

## Jesus Heals a Man


Jesus met a man who was possessed by demons.

When the man saw Jesus, he cried out,

“What do You want with me, Jesus,

Son of the Most High God?”



Find the underlined words in the puzzle.  
They may be found 



R	W	H	A	T	H	D	J	P	C
D	K	W	N	T	B	V	O	D	J
B	P	A	I	N	O	S	U	G	J
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M	O	S	T	E	H	U	L	K	H
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M	E	E	N	N	P	N	T	H	J
D	W	J	E	S	U	S	Q	V	R



As of May 10

## Keep in your Prayers

Gina Anaple	Healing/recovering
Laverne Mitchell, Connie Williams req.	Healing/diagnosed advanced cancer
Chris Clark, Marta Mojzer's cousin	Healing/cancer has returned
Sandy Thien, Ginny Kramer's niece	Healing/cancer/chemo treatments beginning
Pam Kelso, Carol Kiphart's daughter	Healing/diagnosed with cancer
*Megan, Nadine Jones' granddaughter	God's Providence and care/mother of twins needs bone marrow transplant
*Donna Weber and family, Connie Williams req.	Bereavement loss of her husband
*Blake Tanner's family, Connie Williams req.	Bereavement loss to Blake
*Doug Conway, Harring request	Bereavement/loss of his son, a young military pilot
Fran Thomas	Healing/pain relief
Natasha, B. Pratt request	Healing/recovery surgery on legs
Jean Parsley	Continued healing
Pam Harring	Continued healing/guidance with treatment
George Liles	Continued healing/home recovering
Dee Burkhardt	Continued healing
Diane Niehaus, B. Luebbe request	Continued healing/several health concerns
Gerald Reese, M. Reese's father	Continued healing/swallowing problems
Margie, Fran Thomas' sister	God's peace and comfort
All peoples in the Middle East	Peace and reconciliation
All Elected Government leaders	Wisdom/support/enlightenment
Support for all our military	Strength/discernment/God's protection
For all missionaries (Especially for S. and B. )	Protection/blessings/fruitful mission work

*Names that have been on the Prayer List for more than 4 weeks are marked with an asterisk (\*). If you would like them to remain on the list, please contact the office by Tuesday.*

### Financial Information

Donations Received as of 5/3	\$2,325
Per Capita 2020 Donations	\$561
Property Fund Giving 2020	\$3,000
Property Fund Goal 2020	\$5,000
Per Capita for 2020 is	\$33

### Worship Schedule

May 17	Elder Cindie Postell
May 24	Elder George Fraley
May 31	Rev. Tom Dunlap