



# *The Messenger*

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## Was That Really Real?

The other day I saw a pretty dramatic commercial on TV. Maybe you've seen it. A pickup truck is at the starting line of a narrow, straight track, about to go through some sort of road test on the top of a mountain. The clock is ticking down. Then the bell sounds and the truck roars off the line, racing faster and faster toward the finish. Up ahead are two concrete barriers that are slowly converging over the track, looking ready to crush the truck or cause a terrible collision. But then the truck blazes up to full speed and breaches the gap just in time, when suddenly the driver slams on the brakes. All the forward momentum is forced back. The tires dig and bite as the truck slides and grinds to a sudden stop – right at the edge of thousand-foot drop. The track is suspended over the edge of a mountain! Excellent brakes or it truly would have been a dead end! It makes you want to go back to the beginning of the commercial, and say “Was that really real?” Apparently it was. The small legal print at the beginning of the commercial says so. The daring of the driver almost makes you shudder. But that kind of amazing feat reminds me of what this week is about.

As real as the ink of this paper is before your eyes, so real, so physical was Christ's journey through this very world we live in. As much as you're present in whatever room you're in right now, so truly was Christ present in the flesh on this earth. And what a feat he accomplished. To be accelerated into every temptation, but never to slide into sin. To be crushed by the weight of our sins but not be annihilated. To suffer bottomless pain but not drop off into despair. To be left and forsaken, but never to leave or forsake us. To lose blood and lose his life, but not to lose the promise of the third day.

Any time we spend pondering what Jesus did this week, what he said on the cross, and what it all means for us is time well spent. Thankfully, Holy Week is a daring feat that elicits more of a reaction from us than “Cool!” It stirs us to a mighty shout of “Alleluia!” by Easter morning. Alleluia literally means, “Praise the Lord!” A fitting exclamation because Christ's bold move to and from the grave is our light, our life, and our salvation.

*Pastor Gregory Pope*



## Message From The President

### VOTER ' S MEETING

The next voter's meeting is scheduled for April 17, 2007 at 7:30p.m. The meeting will be held in the church basement. The meeting is open to all members of the congregation. Only male members of the congregation age 18 and older who have signed the constitution are eligible to vote.

At this meeting we hope to have the Synod approved revised constitution and bylaws ready for acceptance, a proposal to add an auto pedal to the organ, and discussion about the next phase of MLHS Capital Campaign and whether Trinity will be a part of the campaign.

There may be other items as the agenda has not been set yet. Watch for the agenda to be available in the Narthex.

Remember, this is *your* congregation and this is *your* informational meeting. All are urged to come.

*John Smith,*  
Congregational President

### CONSTITUTION & BYLAWS UPDATE

The latest draft with the corrections that the Synod Constitution Review Committee advised us to make is with the Synod Committee. They have not met yet at the time of this writing, but will be meeting before our voters meeting to approve our draft.

They did not make any drastic changes to our last draft but show us a few changes that would make the document more to date. We have made most the changes they suggested as the committee is made up of pastors, a lawyer, and other professionals that have more experience than us.

Other than adding some extra "proof" passages, correcting typos and grammar mistake, and changing regular number to Roman numerals where they refer to Articles there were two noticeable changes they advised and our Constitution Committee agreed with.

1. The elimination of Article III in the constitution. It is a redundancy of Article II.
2. Switch the descriptions for the Treasurer and Financial Secretary in the bylaws. Our constitution was reversed for what would be considered normal descriptions for those positions.

I hope to have Synod approval by Palm Sunday and have the final draft available to the congregation by then.

*John Smith,*  
Constitution Review Committee Chairman

## **Announcements & Reports/Updates**

### **Holy Week Schedule:**

Maundy Thursday – 7:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Good Friday – 1:00 p.m. Worship with Holy Communion

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service- 7:00 a.m.

Easter Breakfast – 8:00 a.m.

Egg Hunt @ Family Center – 8:45 a.m.

Easter Sunday Service – 9:30 a.m.

### **Girls Lutheran Pioneer 3-Ring Binder**

I need your help with finding a large 3-ring binder from the Girls Lutheran Pioneer Program. The binder includes information about the Lutheran Girl Pioneer Program and gives activities for the various achievements. Because the girls are no longer meeting I must return the library back to the national office. If you have this binder or know the person that is using it please contact me at 726-4323. Thank you Diane Smith

### **New Church E-mail address**

Due to an overwhelming amount of Spam at the old [trinity@lakefield.net](mailto:trinity@lakefield.net) e-mail address is no longer being used. Please update your address books to [trinityliberty@yahoo.com](mailto:trinityliberty@yahoo.com). Pastor's [gjpope@hotmail.com](mailto:gjpope@hotmail.com) and Anna's [icecreamfit@yahoo.com](mailto:icecreamfit@yahoo.com) are also still being used as well.

### **Lakeshore Cinema showing "The Passion" For Free**

The Lakeshore Cinema, 1118 Washington St, Manitowoc, will be showing "The Passion" on screen on Good Friday – April 6<sup>th</sup> at 3:30 p.m. Admission is Free.

### **Trinity Youth Group – Movie Night**

The Trinity Youth Group will be having a movie night on Saturday the 7<sup>th</sup> of April at 4:00 P.M. in the Family Center. There will be pizza and other activities.

### **Dedication Service**

A dedication service for the church and organ will be Sunday, May 20, we will have Charles Bonow as guest organist. More details about the dedication to come in the future. Our organ is pretty well finished with its renovation, with the exception of some minor tuning left to be done. We will be sending a letter of thanks to Bethany for their donation of some electrical components from their old organ.

### **Sunday School news**

We want to emphasize the importance of parents working with their children on weekly memory work assignments. With 10 minutes of study, a few nights a week, memorization will come quicker and easier than trying to cram at the last minute. Memory work is important from early grades on to adulthood as it prepares students for confirmation, and witnessing for their Savior. Adults also benefit from reviewing parts of the catechism and scripture as God's Word becomes more firmly planted in Our minds and hearts, so we too can share the good news of the Easter Resurrection with everyone!

We are looking for additional help teaching Sunday school next year. If you feel you would like to help in this important area of Christian education, please contact any Sunday school teacher.

Thanks, Mark Knutson

# Greeters For April

April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Shelby & Ivy Johnson
April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Donna Nagel & Harold Bratz
April 15 <sup>th</sup>	Wally & Gloria Kiesow
April 22 <sup>nd</sup>	David & Tara Mellstrom
April 29 <sup>th</sup>	Tammy Glaeser Family

**MLHS Announcements- Visit our website at [www.mlhslancers.com](http://www.mlhslancers.com)!**

## DELEGATES:

➤ **DON'T FORGET THE CALL MEETING THIS SATURDAY, 3/31, AT 9:00AM!**

## PRINCIPALS:

➤ The Grade School performance of *Bye Bye Birdie* is set for Friday, 4/20. Info & invitations for all your schools was sent out the week of 3/12. If you haven't received it yet, please let me know. We really hope to see all of you there!

➤ FYI: For any calendars you put together, family events, etc. Here are the dates set for MLHS summer camps. Brochures are being sent out via couriers this week.

- 6/11-15 Boys & Girls Basketball Camps (gr 5-9)
- 6/18-22 Volleyball Camp (gr 5-9)
- 7/23-26 Football Camp (gr 5-9)
- 8/6-10 Music & Arts Camp (gr 3-9)
- TBD Wrestling Camp (gr 5-9)

## BULLETIN / NEWSLETTER ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ MLHS teacher Dave Uhlhorn has received a call from Illinois Lutheran H.S. to teach math and coach. Please keep the Uhlhorns in your prayers as the Lord guides them in where to serve.

➤ Don't miss ***"Bye Bye Birdie"***, presented by the MLHS Roundtable April 20-22<sup>nd</sup>. Tickets are available by calling 682-0215 x.127 Monday – Friday from 3:15 – 4:30pm.

➤ **WhEeLS on the Lakeshore.** Interested in biking (not the Harley but the Schwinn type)? Join us for leisurely Sunday afternoon bike rides, on the first Sunday of each month. Starting May 6<sup>th</sup>, our first ride will be the Mariner Trail. We will meet at 3:00 pm at the YMCA parking lot. Contact Norm or Pam Reichardt at 920-732-3656 or [reichardt@isol.net](mailto:reichardt@isol.net) with questions or more information. Happy pedaling!

MLHS Easter concert - Wednesday, April 4, at 7:00 p.m.

## *Walking Together Sunday Celebrates Gospel Partnership*

WELS has celebrated the blessing of partnership in the gospel since 2005 with an annual Walking Together Sunday. "Partnership in the gospel" refers to the expression of our united faith in Christ by what we do together as believers to serve our Lord, including teaching, worshiping, and encouraging.

"WELS is blessed with unity of doctrine and an enthusiasm to share the gospel because we dwell on what God tells us in the Bible, and the Holy Spirit moves us through his Word," says Dave Liggett, director of WELS Ministry of Christian Giving.

Liggett is referring to the gospel ministry taking place through our churches and synod. Walking Together Sunday is meant to spotlight these efforts, which include training Bible-wise pastors and teachers, carrying out mission work at home and in foreign countries, and supporting our churches and schools with a variety of resources and services.

Members gave nearly a half million dollars in Walking Together offerings in 2006. In the previous year they offered just over one million dollars to the synod.

In January, WELS Ministry of Christian Giving shipped materials for holding a Walking Together service to every congregation. Each package contained a brief video, brochures, promotional posters, and worship resources. These materials can be used any time either as the primary focus of a service or to complement the specified church year theme.

"I hope all churches are able to take part in this special service," says Liggett. "May the celebration of God's grace among us help us better understand the blessings we have in WELS and encourage us to express our thanks with strong and steady support for our synod!"

## *Women's Leadership Conference to be Held July 7, 2007*

All WELS women are invited to attend the 2007 National WELS Women's Leadership Conference, to be held July 7 at Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, in Mequon, Wis. The conference will encourage and edify WELS women through discussions, skits, worship, and the introduction of a new Bible study, "Heirs Together—Serving Together." The keynote discussion titled "A leader . . . Who? Me?" will be led by Kathie Wendland, women's Bible study writer and leader. Other conference speakers include Bruce Becker, Board for Parish Services; Richard Gurgel, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary; Dave Kehl, Commission on Adult Discipleship; Sarah Owens, Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries; and Jane Schlenvogt, Westside Christian School. For more information or to register, contact 800-567-8669 or visit [www.wels.net/jump/womenconf](http://www.wels.net/jump/womenconf).

## *Synod Addressing Financial Challenges*

The Synodical Council—the synod's governing board made up of both called workers and laymen—has recommended closing one of two prep schools WELS operates as part of its ministerial education program. The synod's projected budget deficits in each of the next four years would be anywhere from \$2 million to \$4 million if both schools were to stay open.

The resolution, if passed by the synod convention this summer, would close Michigan Lutheran Seminary in Saginaw, Mich., at the end of the 2007-08 school year. The school first opened in 1885.

WELS President Karl Gurgel has begun discussions with Michigan Lutheran Seminary administrators about what will happen if the school does close. Of special concern are workers and staff who would be displaced.

“Our brothers and sisters at Michigan Lutheran Seminary are hurting, pained by the potential upset in their lives,” says Gurgel. “We need to empathize with them, allowing our words and actions to show Christian understanding and kindness.”

President Gurgel has also begun the challenge of developing additional budget support for the other schools in the synod’s ministerial education program—Luther Preparatory School in Watertown, Wis.; Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn.; and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Wis.

The challenge has been made more difficult by the latest figures on commitments from individual congregations to fund synod work, known as Congregation Mission Offerings.

Those figures show Congregation Mission Offerings increasing only 1.4 percent over receipts for the previous calendar year, which doesn’t even keep up with inflation.

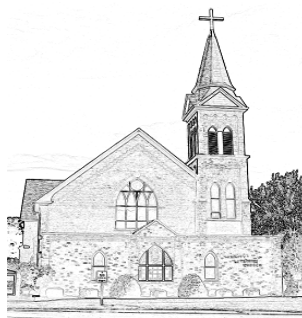
“If challenges were always humanly achievable, we might develop a misplaced self-confidence,” says Gurgel. “When they seem way beyond the realm of possibility, we’re reminded to trust nothing is impossible with our God.”

The president is to present a budgeting plan at the next Synodical Council meeting April 27 and 28 in Milwaukee.

### *World Mission Photo Gallery Now online*

Sometimes pictures are worth a thousand words. A new photo gallery of WELS world mission fields can help you better understand and visualize the many faces and different places where WELS is sharing the good news of the Savior. A year and a half in the making, this searchable gallery includes archived and current pictures from many WELS world missions. These photos can be downloaded to use in presentations, promotions, and mission festivals, or you can just explore the gallery on your own to learn more about the countries and the people to whom WELS is reaching out. Access the gallery online at [www.wels.net/jump/wmphotos](http://www.wels.net/jump/wmphotos).

# Church Attendance for March



Saturday/Sunday = Total

<b>Date</b>	<b>March 2004</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>March 2005</b>
Wed	58	Wed	82
<b>Week 1</b>	32/102=134	<b>Week 2</b>	32/213=245
Wed	44	Wed	72
<b>Week 2</b>	47/87=134	<b>Week 3</b>	28/123=151
Wed	54	Wed	61
<b>Week 3</b>	19/86=105	<b>Week 4</b>	32/108=140
Wed	60	Maundy Thr.	87
<b>Week 4</b>	16/81=97	Good Friday	75
Wed	44	Easter 1	54
		Easter 2	182
<b>Monthly Total:</b>	<b>632</b>	<b>Monthly Total:</b>	<b>1149</b>

<b>Date</b>	<b>March 2006</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>March 2007</b>
Wed	74	<b>Week 1</b>	40/111 =151
<b>Week 1</b>	34/89=123	Wed	60
Wed	53	<b>Week 3</b>	43/119 = 162
<b>Week 2</b>	41/130=171	Wed	62
Wed	54	<b>Week 4</b>	32/115=147
<b>Week 3</b>	40/94=134	Wed	49
Wed	60	<b>Week 5</b>	53/116=169
<b>Week 4</b>	48/147=195	Wed	<b>76</b>
Wed	56		
<b>Monthly Total:</b>	<b>920</b>	<b>Monthly Total:</b>	<b>876</b>

\* Lent starts at different points each year...thus the difference in Monthly Totals at the bottom.

“God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth.”

John 4:24

\*\*\*Monthly operating expenses needed \$15,402.33. Our March offerings total for these items were \$20,044.27.



## *A Happy Birthday and God's Blessings to...*

4/1 Kermit Liermann	4/13 Ross Zimmerman
4/1 Todd Petersen	4/14 Ruth Zimmerman
4/5 Sarah Hackmann	4/19 Marie Knutson
4/5 Jeff Knutson	4/21 John Smith
4/5 Mark Knutson	4/24 Harold Behnke
4/8 Steve Pleuss	4/24 Kayla Mancheski
4/8 Hannah Schleis	4/25 Janice Wehausen
4/9 Earl Glaeser	4/26 Marilyn Kaufmann
4/11 Christopher Mangin	4/27 Matthew Schreiber
4/12 Miles Schreiber	4/29 Madeline Schleis



## *Happy Anniversary To...*

4/2 Harold & Violet Gulikson – 53 Years!  
4/5 Richard & Helen Isaacson – 32 Years!  
4/5 James & Mary Liermann – 21 Years!  
4/8 Wayne & Elaine Petersen – 46 Years!  
4/11 Raymond & Sylvia Kasten – 32 Years!  
4/11 Keith & Gail Olm – 37 Years!  
4/15 Wayne & Elizabeth Otto – 29 Years!  
4/24 Dean & Charlotte Luebke – 3 Years!  
4/29 Leonard & Sharon Arnold – 46 Years!

**\*If you have a April birthday or anniversary and it is not listed or your anniversary is listed incorrectly please let us know so we can update your information. Thanks!**

# Kids Corner

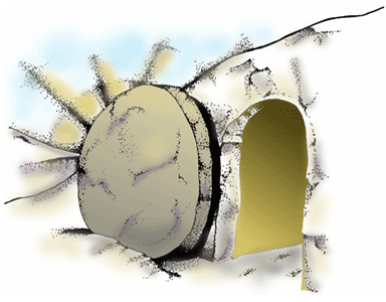


## Bible Quiz – “Birds & Creeping Things”

1. Which bird brought food to Elijah?
  - a. Dove
  - b. Swallow
  - c. Raven
  - d. Pigeon
  
2. Which bird was given to the children of Israel in the wilderness for food?
  - a. Partridge
  - b. Pheasant
  - c. Quail
  - d. Albatross
  
3. How many young pigeons were offered as a sacrifice upon the birth of a firstborn?
  - a. None
  - b. One
  - c. Two
  - d. Three
  
4. Foxes have holes, birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man....?
  - a. Dwells in the hearts of believers
  - b. Is in heaven
  - c. Walks within our footsteps
  - d. Has no place to lay his head
  
5. On which day were birds created?
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - b. 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - c. 4<sup>th</sup>
  - d. 5<sup>th</sup>

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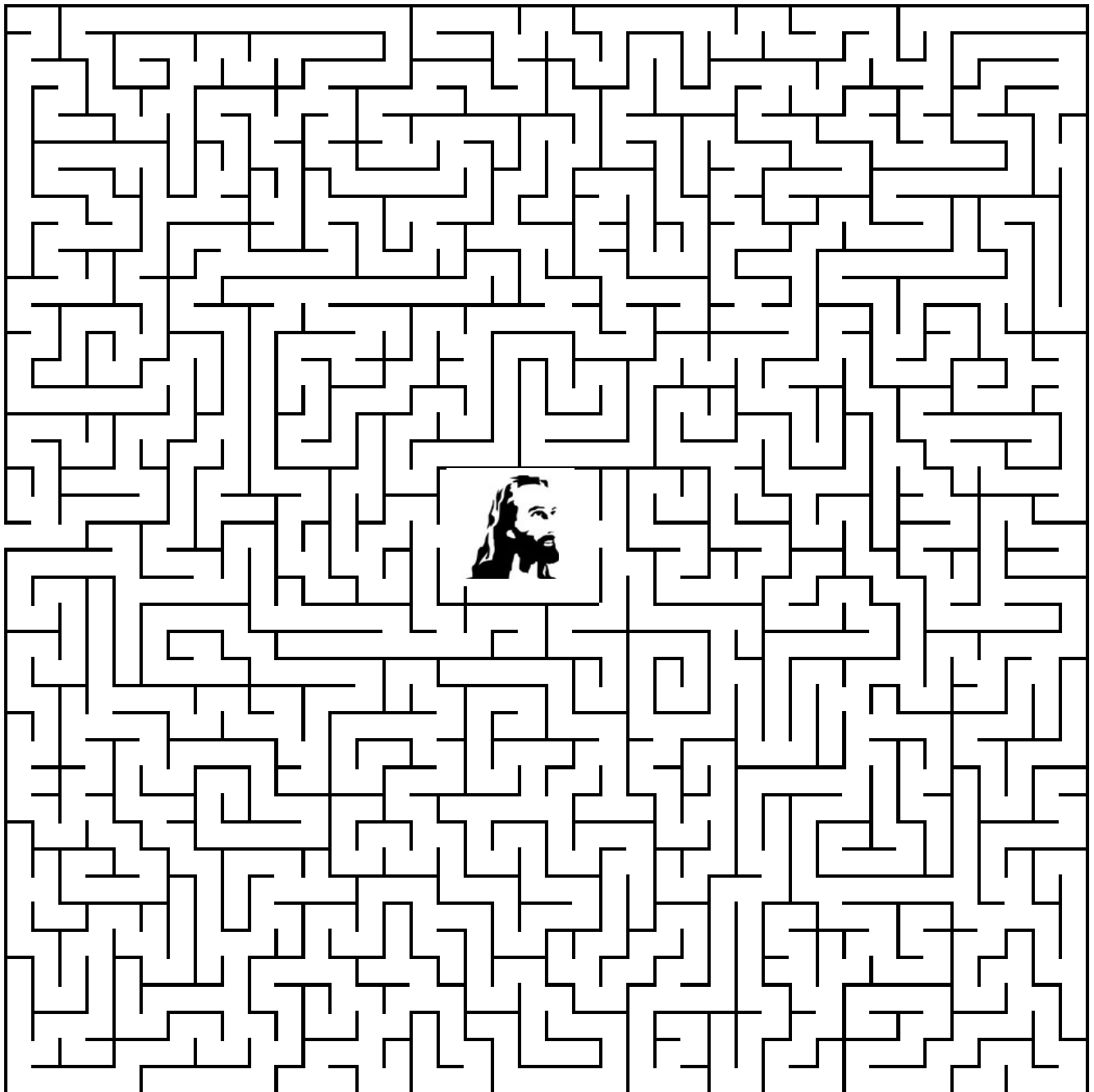
**Answers:** 1.) c [1 Kings 17:4] 2.) c [Num 11:31] 3.) c [Luke 2:22-24] 4.) d [Mat 8:20] 5.) d [Gen 1:21-23]



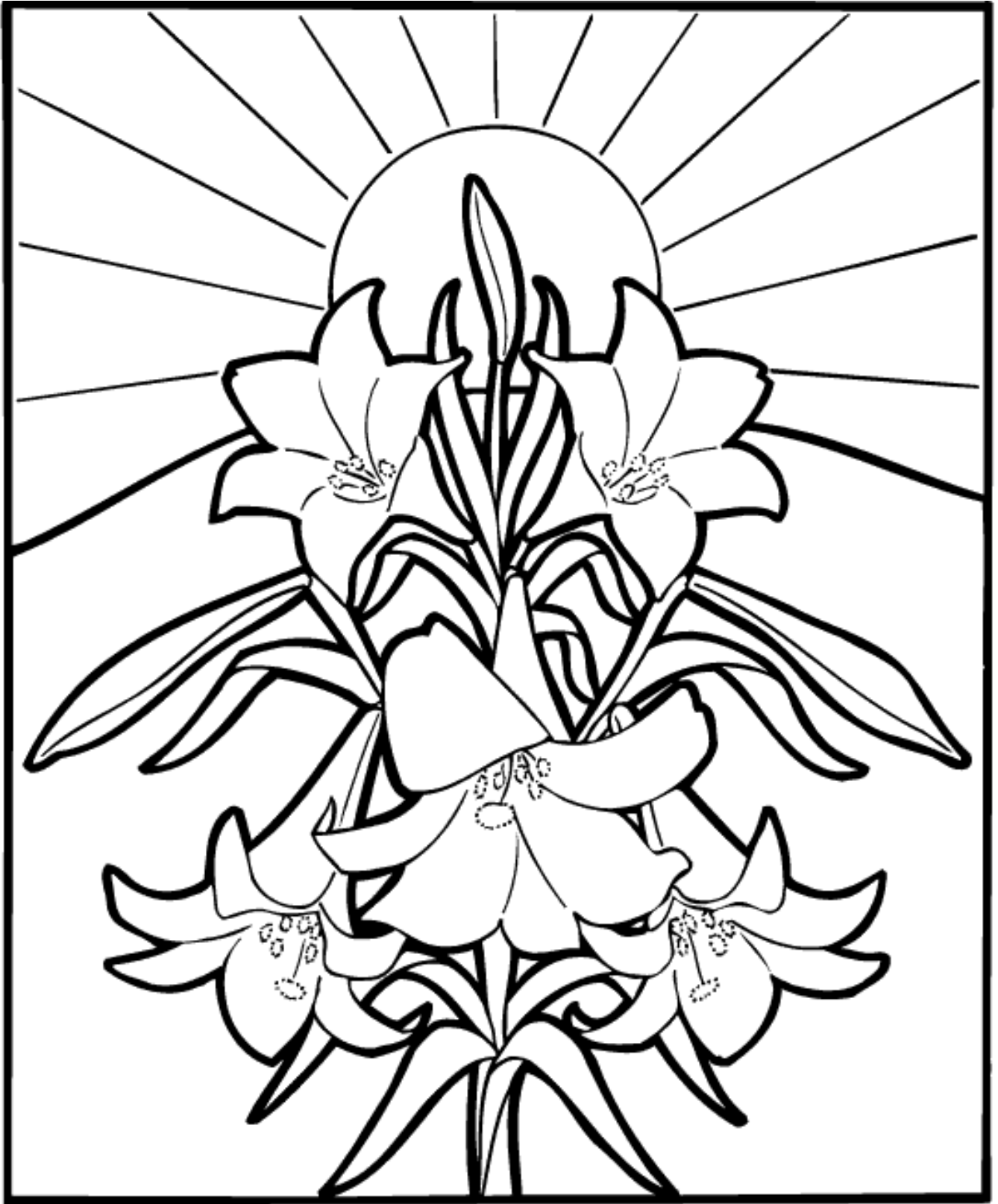
# Easter



Follow the maze and find Jesus!!



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Happy Easter!