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Sunday Bible Class:

9:00 am

Sunday Worship:

10:00 am

Wednesday Bible Class

9:00 am

Holy Communion
is celebrated on the First
Third and Fifth Sunday.

STJNB

St. John's Lutheran Church
New Berlin, IL

*The
LORD
IS GOOD
and His love
endures forever
His faithfulness
continues through
all generations*

Welcome

in the name of Jesus!

*We're so glad to have you
join us to worship our Lord!*

*If you are a guest with us
for worship today, please
introduce yourself to our
pastor and stop by the
registration book at the
back of church.*

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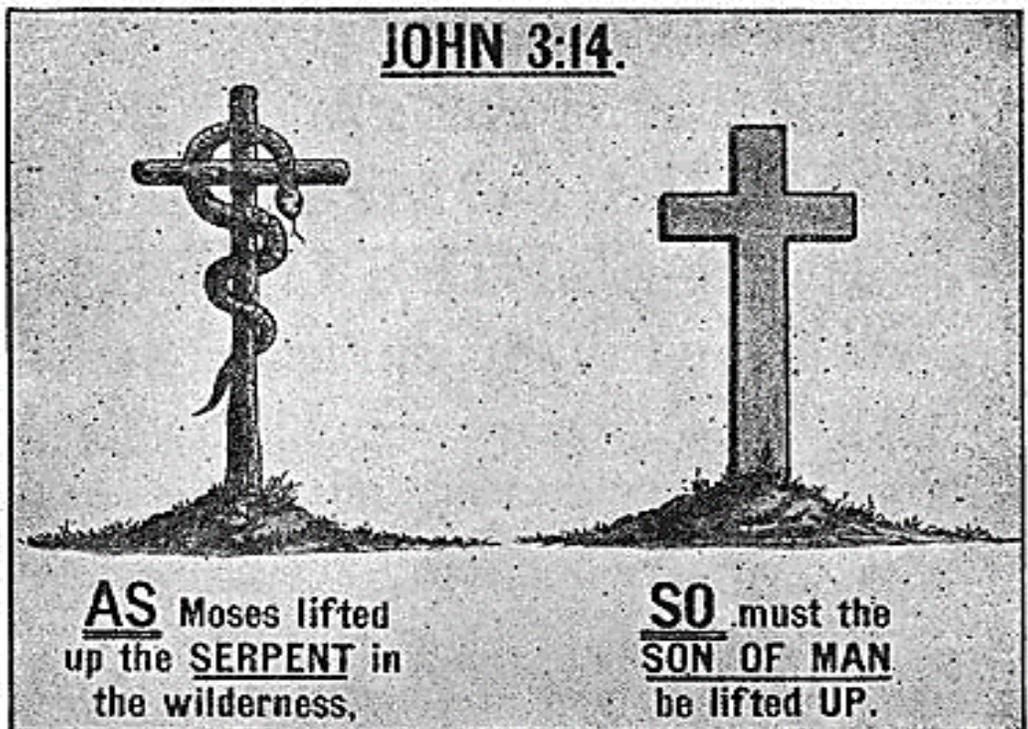
Parsonage Hours:

10:00am-4:00pm m,w,st

Pastor is also available by
appointment.

For Emergencies 24/7

† 4th Sunday in Lent †
March 14, 2021



As We Gather... *Let me be the first one to tell you that when you die, you are dead. However, when we read the Old Testament lesson for today, it sounds like we might have a choice. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." The thing we have to remember is that the Israelites had already been chosen by God to live. Their choice to look was only possible because God gave them faith in the promise to do so.*

**Only Two More weeks
Before Holy Week!**

Opening Hymn:

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB # 571



1 God loved the world so that He gave His on - ly
2 Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith, Who was made
3 God would not have the sin - ner die; His Son with
4 Be of good cheer, for God's own Son For - gives all



Son the lost to save, That all who would in
flesh and suf - fered death; All then who trust in
sav - ing grace is nigh; His Spir - it in the
sins which you have done; And, jus - ti - fied by



Him be - lieve Should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.
Him a - lone Are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.
Word de - clares How we in Christ are heav - en's heirs.
Je - sus' blood, Your Bap - tism grants the high - est good.

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Confession and Absolution

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. *[Hebrews 10:22]*

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **Who made heaven and earth.**

Psalms 124:8

Pastor: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord:

People: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Psalms 32:5

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

Pastor: O almighty God, merciful Father,

People: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

Pastor: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. *[John 20:19-23]*

People: **Amen.**

Service of the Word

Gloria Patri (Sung)

LSB 186



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Kyrie (Sung)

Mark 10:47

LSB 186



Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -

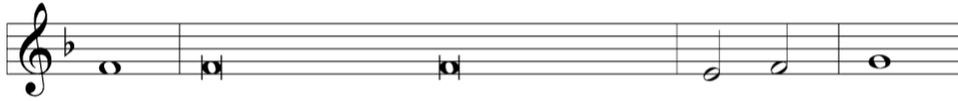


on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Gloria in Excelsis (Sung) Luke 2:14; John 1:29 LSB 187



Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good - will toward



men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we wor - ship Thee,



we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory.



O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Fa-ther Al - mighty.



O Lord, the only begotten Son, Je - sus Christ;



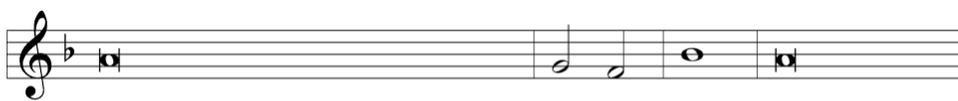
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,



that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up - on us.



Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re - ceive our prayer.



Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up -



on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on - ly art the Lord.



Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho - ly Ghost,



art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

2 Timothy 4:22

LSB # 189

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with thy Spirit. (Sung)**

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant that we may heartily acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading *Numbers 21:4-9*

⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. ⁵And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." ⁶Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. ⁷And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the LORD and against you. Pray to the LORD, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Ephesians 2:1-10*

¹And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ²in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn:

On My Heart Imprint Your Image

LSB#422



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Holy Gospel *John 3:1-21*

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the Third Chapter.

People: **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.** (*Sung*)

¹Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. ²This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him." ³Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. ⁶That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.' ⁸The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you the teacher of Israel and yet you do not understand these things? ¹¹Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶[Jesus said:] "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. ²¹But whoever does what is true comes to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that his deeds have been carried out in God."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.** (*Sung*)

Apostles Creed

LSB 192

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.
And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell.
The third day He rose again from the
dead.**

He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
Children's Message:

the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

LSB # 425

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross On which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast Save in the
 3 See, from His head, His hands, His feet Sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, That were a
 Prince of Glo - ry died, My rich - est gain I
 death of Christ, my God; All the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down! Did e'er such love and
 trib - ute far too small; Love so a - maz - ing,
 count but loss And pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to His blood.
 sor - row meet Or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, De - mands my soul, my life, my all!

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Sermon:

HE Chose us

Pastor David Benning

Giving Options:

There are several ways to give during this time we are not able to meet in person. One is the Give + app, which can be downloaded from your phone's app store. Our E-Giving platform can also be accessed from our website by clicking on the E-GIVING tab at the top of the page. In addition to these two options, we also have a locked drop box on the outside of church next to the bulletins.

Offertory (Sung)

Psalm 51:10-12

LSB 192

C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
 new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
 way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
 from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Offering Prayer

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: **Lord Jesus, You paid the ransom that redeemed us from the sin in our life through Your death and resurrection. Use these offerings to show others the payment You have made for us that leads to life through Your living Spirit. Amen.**

Prayers of the Church

[2 Timothy 2:1-4]

Pastor: Lord, in Your mercy . . .

People: **Hear our prayer.**

Pastor: Lord, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray . . .

People: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

Benedicamus and Benediction

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

People: **And with thy spirit. (Sung)**

Pastor: Bless we the Lord.

[Psalm 103:1]

People: **Thanks be to God. (Sung)**

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you His peace.

Numbers 6:24-26

People: **Amen, Amen, Amen. (Sung)**

Anniversary Closing Hymn:

When I behold Jesus Christ

LSB # 542



4 What love is this? Great - er love No one has ev - er known.



My life with God— this I owe To You, and You a - lone.

Refrain



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.



What kind of love is this? What kind of love is this?



You showed Your love, Je - sus, there To me on Cal - va - ry.

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Time for Announcements

Church News

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

"The Unwise Wise King" was the title of today's lesson. Solomon gathers the supplies and artisans to begin the most important construction project of his reign—building a house for God. Using the very finest materials and most skilled craftsmen, Solomon builds a temple so glorious that none to come after it would ever compare. Later in his life, Solomon is lead away from the true God. In His anger, God vows to take the kingdom away from Solomon's descendants. **For discussion at home this week:" Solomon eventually worshiped idols and held them as more important than the one true God. What things are we tempted to hold as more important than God? How do we worship them? How do they get in the way of our worship of the triune God?"**

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARENTS

The children will carry palms into church at the beginning of the Palm Sunday service on March 28. Children should meet in the narthex at 9:45 am for a practice. **Families will be grouped together, and children should wear masks.**

HISTORICAL THOUGHT

THANK YOU

To our family of faith, I wanted to say thank you for all the prayers, meals, cards, and phone calls while I've been unwell these past many months with kidney issues. Your kindness helped my family when there were many days and weeks while being under the weather. God's blessings! Rachel

SAVE THE DATE!

Lutheran High School will be holding an open house for families seeking information about Lu Hi, and the 2021-22 school year. **The event will be held at 7:00 P.M. on March 27.**

SESQUICENTENNIAL FAVORITE BIBLE VERSE

Here's a second favorite Bible passage of Betty Ryan: "You will keep in perfect peace whose mind is in You," Isaiah 26:3. We are still looking for **your** favorite Bible passage.

To share your favorite Bible verse, contact Ron at 729 E. Gibson, New Berlin, IL, call me at 488-6135, or email me rkrohse@mediacombb.net

ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

The Anniversary Committee would just like to say how much fun it was shopping for the forty food items during Lent. What a wonderful idea! If you can't do 40; it would still be wonderful if you could do a few.

MARCH LWML CID MISSION GRANT #7

Soldiers of the Cross LCMS Mercy Program for Church Workers ~ \$3,000
Soldiers of the Cross is one of the LCMS mercy programs which helps church workers in financial or personal crisis. The funds will be used to help support church workers with a serious illness or ae affected by a natural or man-made disaster. This transitional financial support is provided when no other avenue of support for such necessities as food, medicine, insurance, and shelter is available or limited.

CAMP CILCA POSITIONS

Camp CILCA is seeking servants of God who could fill the following part-time, year-round positions: **COOK**, to prepare food for camps and retreats in accordance with Illinois Department of Public Health standards and good taste; **MAINTENANCE**, to maintain the buildings and grounds of the camp, including mowing and minor repairs. Both positions begin at \$13 per hour. Contact Pastor Joshua Theilen at 217-487-7497 or director@cilca.org for more information.

KFUO

This week on KFUO.org, complete Philippians and begin Colossians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study Mark 12-13 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and worship in Midweek Lenten Service and organ recital on 3/17 at 11:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

PTO MESSAGE Lent 4B

Does God love and provide salvation for everyone? It's common to think that there are some people who God certainly does not love. For example, someone who commits a horrific crime or is responsible for terrible atrocities – think the worst serial killer, or the most brutal genocidal ruler – is thought surely to be outside of the love and salvation of God.

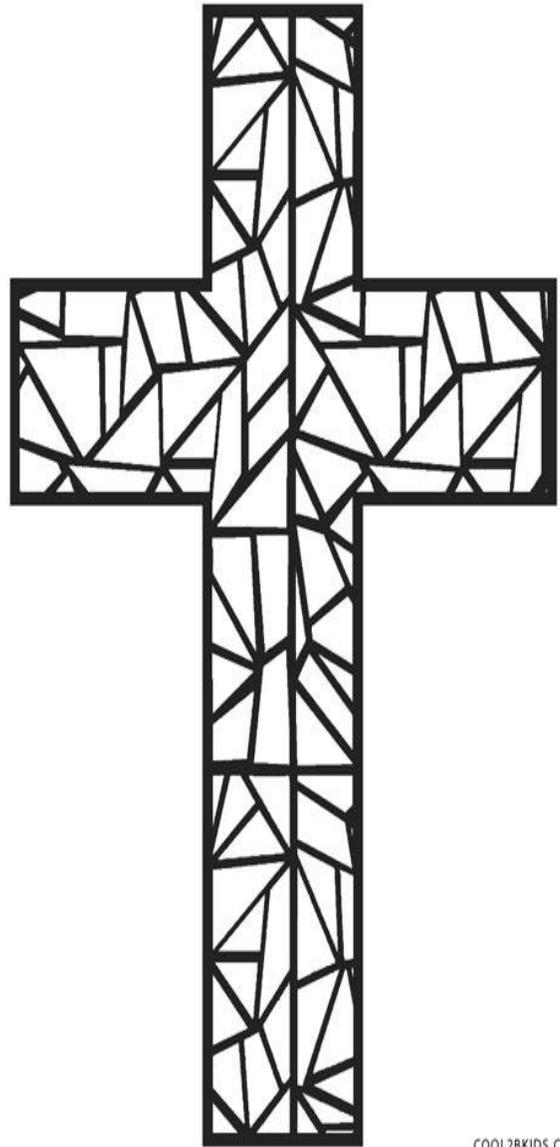
This Sunday at church we'll hear from the Bible about just how wonderfully broad and deep God's love and salvation are. John's Gospel states, "For God so loved the world..." There's no getting around this crystal-clear statement. If a person is in the world, then the love of God encompasses him. The good news heard here is that every person is in the world, and therefore every person is loved by God.

Because every person is loved by God, then what God does in His love is for every person, too. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son..." The death of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is a saving death for every man and woman who will ever live.

There's one more thing to consider, though. Christ's death on the cross accomplishes salvation for the world. Yet how is this gracious gift of God received, personally?

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." God loves the world and saves everyone in Jesus. This salvation is received by each man, woman, and child through faith.

In other words, it's not what you do that causes God to love and save you. Instead, you are saved by believing that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are accomplished for you personally. God had you in mind when He gave His Son and has you in mind when He says that this gift is for you.



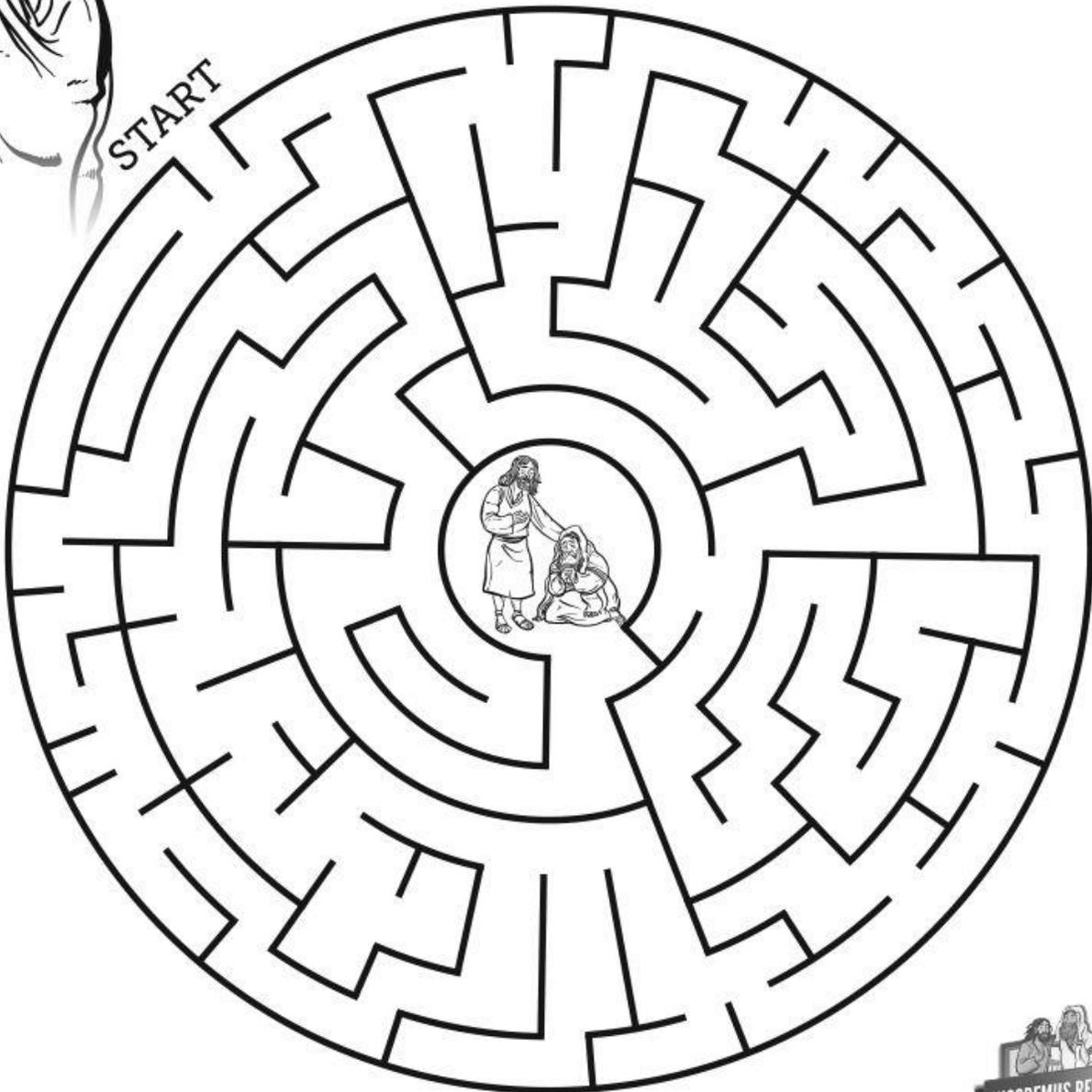
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NICODEMUS REBORN

Guide Jesus to Nicodemus



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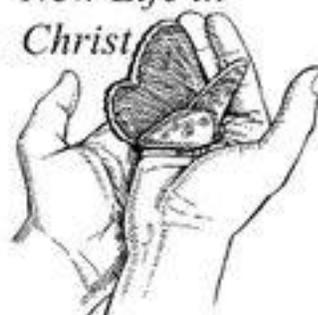


Born Again!

In reply Jesus declared, "I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again." John 3:3 (NIV)

Based on John 3:1-17 (NIV)

*New Life in
Christ*



U J O W H I D P E K A V N D Z
G K U T D L O V E D S N I T D
E N R R I B V A T C A A C E Z
T I F F N S A G R A H Y O A G
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PHARISEE	AGAIN	ETERNAL	MAN	RABBI
BORN	WORLD	KINGDOM	NICODEMUS	FLESH
JESUS	LOVED	TEACHER	LIFE	WATER

Jesus talks to Nicodemus about God's love.

John 3:1-21

