

The Good News

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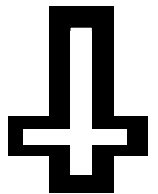


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DATED MATERIAL
Please Deliver by 2nd or
3rd of the month.

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 AM
11:00 AM
PASTOR:
Dennis Laherty
PRE-SCHOOL DIRECTOR:
Jonine Soders
Spanish Worship is offered at 2:30 pm by House of Faith.
E-mail: churchinfo@elch.org
Website: www.elch.org



RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED
Church: (562)691-0656 Preschool: (562) 694-5316
150 North Palm Street, La Habra, California 90631
Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church

We celebrate that we are a Resurrection people. We celebrate that we have new life with the Living Lord Jesus Christ. We are an Easter people. Our Sunday worship reflects that we follow Our Lord throughout the year with our praise and thanksgiving. An incredibly significant part of our worship is the opportunity to receive Communion whenever we come together.

As many of you know, it can be a challenge to locate a pastor to lead worship on a Sunday when the Called Pastor of the congregation is away. Working with Bishop David Nagler, we have arrived at a solution for Emanuel. We certainly want to be faithful to our Lutheran heritage but also offer the Holy Eucharist every Lord's Day.

Attached is a document that has been reviewed by Bishop Nagler and accepted by the Church Council of Emanuel. It is offered to you as an explanation of what to expect at times, when the pastor is unavailable on a Sunday morning. Your comments and questions are always welcome. The first Sunday when this practice will be used is May 5.

Eucharistic Practice at Emanuel, La Habra when no Pastor is Available to Lead Worship

Given the current shortage of pastors in the ELCA, the following procedure will be followed when a pastor is not available, in order to provide the Eucharist during Sunday worship as well as communing the sick and homebound.

The Reserved Sacrament, the use of bread and wine consecrated at an earlier worship service, is a common practice in the Episcopal Church, USA, which is a full Communion partner of the ELCA. The practice of providing the Reserved Sacrament has been in place at Emanuel for nearly nineteen years. It has been regularly used by Stephen Ministers for the Communing of care receivers. The Stephen Ministers have gone through training to properly use the sacrament in this way.

The actual practice at Emanuel on a Sunday, would take place when a Pastor is not present to Consecrate the bread and the wine. When the absence of a pastor is known ahead of time, extra bread and wine would be Consecrated at a worship service the previous week and would be stored in a secure cabinet. During the service in which the Reserved Sacrament would be used, it would be placed on the altar as usual. During the worship service, the Words of Institution would not be spoken. Distribution of Communion would take place immediately following the Lord's Prayer. A post-Communion prayer and blessing would then be offered.

To assure that the same distribution procedure would be followed at every service when the Reserved Sacrament is used, a member of the congregation, possibly a Stephen Minister, would be enlisted to lead the Communion liturgy in the worship service. The person would lead from the Prayers of Intercession to the Post-Communion Prayer.

Pastor Dennis Laherty

Good News!!!

The Roof is Coming! The Roof is Coming!

The rains this year have been wonderful for our state water needs, but less than great for our church. We thank God for the rain!

As most of you know, there have been leaks in Moerer Hall, leaks in the Hope Center (office), and leaks in the sanctuary. A variety of buckets, trash cans, and mini swimming pools have been used to collect water and perhaps a bit of ambience. Your Church Council, as well as many others, have determined that we need to take care of the roofs before the next rainy season.

A team of dedicated and hardworking people have spent the last six weeks searching for a solution. They have called numerous roofing contractors, met with four for many hours, and received bids on each building individually, all of the buildings, type of roofing, time frames, and of course, cost. After much analysis, we have determined what the best course of action is and it has been endorsed by the Church Council.

In about six to eight weeks, the contractor will begin the work. With good weather, it will take about two weeks to complete, with minimal disruption in our worship and fellowship.

Due to ongoing good financial management, we have funds in the church beautification account which will cover the cost. However, the account will be almost depleted by this necessary expenditure. Should God be calling you to assist in this project, please consider a gift to help replenish this account for future maintenance and repairs.

Thanks to Jerry Schnackenberg, John Ospital, Jack Ward, Pastor Laherty and Jeanette Parr for their diligence in this project. We also appreciate the input from James Crabb and Jeff Ward.

AND

Thank you all for your prayers and patience and your love of Emanuel!



Thank you to Jill Drummond for editing and assisting Lilly each week on bulletins, memos, the Good News, etc. during this very busy season.

Thank you to all of the people who made the Easter Egg Hunt a success, especially Mary Ann Carlson, Cindy Reyes, Janine Ward, Kim Beard, Emily Beard, Robyn Ospital, Ricki Fehr, Celeste Templeton, Logan Crabb, Bob Fallon, Susan Fallon, Susan and Bob Wright, Chip and Denise Witcher and the entire Parish Ed. Team, and everyone who donated eggs, helped set up, and provided assistance throughout the event.

Special thanks to HAHO for providing the petting zoo.

Thank you to James Crabb, John Ospital, Jeff Ward, Ricki Fehr for placing the palm branches in the sanctuary. Thanks too, to Mark McNally, our landscaper for providing them.

Thank you to Susan Fallon for scheduling all of the worship helpers each week for greeters, check-in, ushers, communion servers, and readers and for each one their faithful contributions.
For Bob Fallon who faithfully polices the parking lot every week before worship.



What's 4LunchLadies?

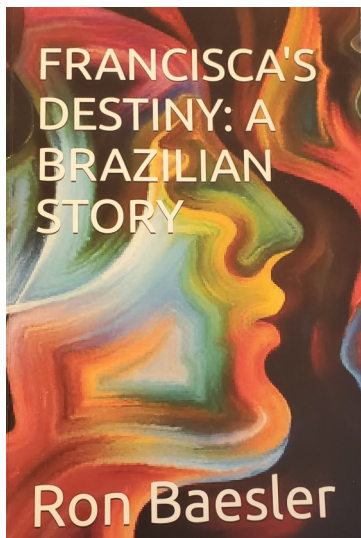
HOUSEWARMING
4Ricki
FRIDAY, APRIL 26
11:30 A.M.

Contact Jill for her address

Craft & Quilt Group

Meeting Wednesdays
at 10:30 a.m. in the library!
JOIN ♥ US

Paint! Knit!
Embroidery! Learn something new!
Meet new friends!
Teach someone else!
Come for a cup of coffee!
Crochet!
Sew! and more !!



BOOK GROUP SOON BEGINS
A NEW BOOK
A book from Pastor Ron Baesler, "Francisca's Destiny: A Brazilian Story" will be our next choice for discussion the months of April and May. It is a story inspired by Ron's brief, intense encounter with a remarkable, courageous Brazilian woman. Experiences and events from his eleven years in Brazil are woven into this fictional narrative.
JOIN US, EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Praise Symphony
ORCHESTRA

IN CONCERT

SUNDAY, JUNE 2
at 5:00 pm
Emanuel Lutheran Church

150 N Palm St.
La Habra, CA 90631

FREE ADMISSION

~ **SUNDAY BIBLE READINGS** ~

April 7
Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1—2:2
John 20:19-31

April 14
Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48

April 21
Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18

April 28
Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8



**HEART AND HANDS OUTREACH
SHARING THE GOOD NEWS!**

"Feed My Sheep" – John 21

HAHO Update!!!

To begin, many thanks for your generosity in continuing to bring food items, hygiene items and new and used clothing for the three current HAHO outreach projects.

FIRST LUTHERAN IN FULLERTON

We had been asked to specifically pray for food as the donations were significantly reduced for the food distribution at First Lutheran in Fullerton. They happily reported an answer to prayer in receipt of fresh eggs that had been scarce in recent weeks. They were also so thankful to Emanuel for an entire trunkful of various items delivered from Emanuel this week.

PATHWAYS OF HOPE

We made our first delivery of shampoo and conditioner to the HUB facility of Pathways of Hope this week also. We delivered two packed boxes and a bag of these items that were so thankfully received as well. By receipt of this report, we will hopefully have several boxes of bar soap and body wash which is being collected through Easter Sunday. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

ST. JUDE CLOSET

Please see below the thank you note received by several of the workers at St. Jude Hospital thanking us for the continually and much needed items that you continue to bring for outreach to the homeless community. They are helping so many and we thank you as each week more items are dropped off in the Narthex.

If you have any new ideas you would like to bring to the HAHO Committee, please do not hesitate to contact the office and we will be notified and contact you. Better yet, come to the next announced HAHO meeting which will be noted in the bulletin.

Also, if you ever want to help deliver any of these collected items and feel the love and appreciation and the joy of giving, contact Janine Ward, Jeanette Parr of Sharon Fraser. Giving is so joyful!!!



April, 2024-From the Board of Parish Education

Come join Sunday School in-person each Sunday at 11:00 AM!

Kids three years through sixth grade meet in Moerer Hall at 11:00. Visitors are always welcome!

Sunday School: We learned all about Lydia, a woman who had her own business selling purple cloth that was very expensive to buy. The dye was made from rare sea snails. She also had the gift of hospitality and welcomed Paul and other disciples into her home when they came into town. Our students had fun making purple cloth which helps us remember Lydia's story.

Offerings: Students are actively contributing to help the Humane Society and to keep the ocean environment clean. We are called to take care of God's Creation and we can do it one little step at a time through our offerings.

Study Buddies: Study Buddies did not meet during La Habra's spring break and during Holy Week (March 18-April 1). The program is open to all children in our surrounding neighborhood as well as our Emanuel Lutheran families on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00-4:30 PM.

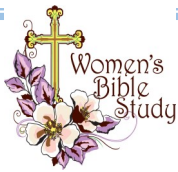
Community Egg Hunt and Craft Event: This year's weather facilitated a change for our 3rd Annual Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt and Craft Event. Instead of crafts being held outside, they were moved into the hall where it was buzzing with crafters of all ages making butterflies, potting plants, a beaded cross, painting, making plant stakes and many more treasures. Thankfully the rain was drizzling, so the animals from Luther Glen Farm could be visited by our guests. And what a highlight that was for all of us! After a tasty lunch, the Easter story was told by Bobby Wright and then a surprise visit by the Easter Bunny sent kids on their way to the Egg Hunt. There were so many wonderful volunteers and donations of eggs. One of the best parts of this event was having Emanuel members working together as we were sharing the love of Jesus with others. Families learned a lot about Emanuel through this Community outreach event.

Please continue to pray for the spiritual growth of the youth and adults.

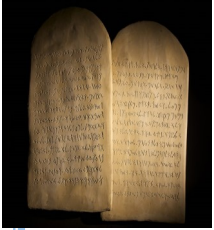
Parish Education Team







COME JOIN US AT JOY CIRCLE WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY APRIL 15TH 9:30 – 11 AM MONTHLY ON 3RD MONDAY



Come give this ladies fellowship Bible Study a try. It is once a month, always the third Monday of the month. Copies of the study are available at that time. It is a no pressure chance to look at different aspects of the Bible's teachings. This month we will be concluding the last lesson from "Scripture and Nature: Teachers of Faith - Food". The lessons come from the Women's ELCA Magazine, Gather. As we don't always agree with the writer, it makes for fun and interesting discussions. And of course with us women, we always include a few snacks. Please come as you will be joyfully welcomed!

Praying we will have many more join us in 2024! Call JoEllen Dobson or Janine Ward with questions.

FREE STUDY BUDDIES TUTORING TUESDAY & THURSDAY, 3-4:30 PM



Study Buddies, our FREE tutoring program for grades 1-6, meets at Emanuel on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM in the Hope Center Library.

If you'd like to contribute to the fun, they are always in need of snacks for the kids. Lunch box size bags of chips and small water bottles are supplied to our students while they study.

Invite a friend or neighbor! Flyers are available at Sunday's Welcome Table.

Questions? Call Jill Drummond (714-403-0956).

~ PRAYER ~

GOD'S WORD TELLS US IT IS THE MOST POWERFUL FORCE GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US!

Have a prayer request for yourself or others?

Call or email the church office and we will share it with the Prayer Team.

Want to make time to pray with others?

Consider joining the Prayer Group in person in the Youth Room or via Zoom 8:30-9:30 AM Saturday mornings.

Want to be part of the Prayer Team?
Contact the church office.

You Tube



TO WORSHIP WITH US ONLINE AND VIA LIVE STREAM, GO TO

- Emanuel's website: <http://elclh.org>
- YouTube: Emanuel Lutheran Church La Habra
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC4Fu6qvPdYF2MM92JzoU9uA>
- Facebook: Emanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
<https://www.facebook.com/emanuel.lutheran.1>

**Closed captioning is available on both YouTube and Facebook.
Visit Emanuel's website or find us on Instagram
(emanuellahabra) for upcoming events and information.**

Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Now Enrolling

Emanuel Lutheran Preschool is now Enrolling students! 

- Our preschool is open all year-round.
- We are state licensed, non-profit organization dedicated to providing an atmosphere of love and acceptance in which all children are encouraged to develop to their fullest potential.
- Our teachers are dedicated to support and inspire your child's progress.
- Daily activities include motor development, social skills, and language skills to benefit your child at their appropriate level.

If you or someone you know is looking for child care reach out to preschool director Jonine Soddors (562)694-5316 or email EmanuelPreschoolLaHabra@hotmail.com



HELP WITH EMANUEL'S SOUND & AUDIO VISUAL TEAMS

Help with video recording as well as running sound/PowerPoint is needed:

Sound – talk with Jack Ward (562-201-9168) or with Geoffrey Roberts to help with the 10AM service. Keep them “company” in the sound booth and see how it’s done!

Video Recording – talk or sit with Kerry Ospital, Ricki Fehr or Geoffrey Roberts. You will learn how easy it is.

**Call or email the church office
(562-691-0656, churchinfo@elclh.org)**

**YOUR GIVING
MATTERS!**

EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT EMANUEL FINANCIALLY

Thank you for your financial gifts to God through Emanuel Lutheran Church!!! Below are 4 ways to give:

- Entryway offering plate
- Mail to the Church Office
- “Giving” link online at www.elclh.org
- Text dollar amount to 562-210-0007

Our bank has recently notified us how checks must be written in order to be accepted. We are asking for your assistance to avoid future checks being refused.

- Checks must be made payable to **EMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH** (full name written out)
- Checks are to be written using **blue or black ink only** (other colors not acceptable)
- Make sure the **number in the amount is the same as the amount written in words** (\$100.00 = one-hundred and no/100 dollars)
- **Sign Your Check**
- Please indicate in the memo line if the check is for a specific ministry.

St. Jude's Closet

On behalf of HAHO, I'd like to thank everyone for their contributions to this project. So far, we've taken three truck loads of clothing to St Jude and they are so grateful. This is a year round need so please continue to consider this project as you clean out your closets. I asked her to let us know when they didn't need any more and she said that probably wouldn't happen. If you're not sure what to donate, it's adult clothing, shoes and underwear, and there is a list of specific items in the narthex. Please feel free to pick up a list.

They are in HIGH need of the following:

Men's pants sizes 28-34 and 44-48. Men's shirts sizes M, XXL

Men's jackets sizes L, XL, XXL, XXXL

Women's pants sizes 20+

Women's sneakers sizes 8 and above / Tube socks

Men's sneakers sizes 10 and above / Tube socks

They have an ongoing need for the following:

Men's and Women's casual clothing (gently used, no stains or holes)

Men's & Women's jackets/coats (Men's are in high demand)

Undergarments (new only)

Belts/Scarves/mittens/beanies/backpacks/totes/ponchos (no wallets or purses please)

Shoes (Men's are in high demand)

Also, if you have crutches, walkers, canes, or manual wheel chairs you no longer need, they will be glad to take them. A tax donation letter is available upon request.



Food Donation

**DROP FOOD OFF AT
EMANUEL LUTHERAN
CHURCH OFFICE**

150 N Palm St. La Habra, CA 90631

Office Hours: 9-2:30 Mon-Thurs or Sunday
from 10:00-12:00

Please help donate canned items to The Caring Hands Food Bank.
They serve people in need in North Orange County.

Currently In Need Of:

Sauces and
Condiments (no
glass please)
Cereal
Canned Vegetables

Will Always Take:

Peanut butter
Shelf Stable Milk
Canned Tuna/Chicken
Rice/Beans/Pasta





PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER ~ MARCH 2024

*** Save this for reference throughout the month. ***

“Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.” Romans 12:12

Special Prayer Focus for This Month

~ Lord God, Creator of all things. Thank You for this new month that You have given me...a new month in which to start fresh. Thank You, that You have the ability – and the desire – to wipe my slate clean. Thank You that forgiveness is there for the asking and You are the God of restoration and new beginnings. Your Word says, “Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.”

Continuing Prayers

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|-----------------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| ~ Ruth Fehr | ~ V.J. Roberts | ~ Stephanie Young | ~ Jean Cugini |
| ~ Sharon Frazier | ~ Dan Toussaint | ~ Shelley Reesman | |
| ~ Mischelle and John Uhlman | ~ Jerry Schnakenberg | ~ Charlotte | |
| ~ Maiju and Wolfgang Hessel | ~ Chuck Holtzendorff | ~ Cathy Spangler | |

Assisted Living Centers/Homebound

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| ~ Shirley Jordan – Park Vista | ~ Jean Arata |
| ~ Margaret Roberts – Addie’s Cottage Anaheim | ~ Lee Reitzel – Emerald Court |

Friends and Family to Remember

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| ~ Ruth Ann Kiszka (Celeste Templeton cousin) | |
| ~ Mike Petrelli (Doris Rossoni son) | ~ Nick Rossoni (Doris Rossoni grandson) |
| ~ Jesse Valdez | ~ Abigail and Belinda and her family |
| ~ Dani, Luke, Jane & family | ~ Diana Holtzendorff and family |

Prayers of Thanksgiving

- ~ For all God’s blessings, those we see and so many big and small ways God provides for our needs, often before we even know our need
- ~ Thank You, God, for those who are here to share these blessings this month, for the generosity of our hosts that make this possible. Bless those who are here and those who are in our hearts, and all those who are not as fortunate.
- ~ For all people dealing with natural disasters around the world. Those who have lost loved ones, homes, pets and everything they own.

If you have prayer concerns to add to Emanuel’s list, please contact the church office at (562) 691-0656. Once a month, names will be removed from the list that have been in print at least eight consecutive weeks (except those who request extended prayer). You are welcome to re-submit any names removed from the list, or you may remove a name at any time by contacting the church office. Thank you.

April 2024



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30p AA (H)	2 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 6p BSF (S/H/F/L/C/Y)	3 9a Bible study (L/Z) 10a Bridge club (H) 7-9p HOF (S) 7:30p Al-anon	4 1p Book Club (L) 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 7-9p HOF (4)	5 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR, 2, 4, Y) 8p AA (H)	6 7-9:30a BSF Leaders (H/F) 8:30a Prayer Group (Y) 8:30 Men's Breakfast @ Arthur's	
7 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Sunday School (H) 12:45-7p HOF(ALL)	8 4p Stephen Ministry (C) 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30 AA (H)	9 3-430p Study Buddies (L) 6p BSF (S/H/F/L/C/Y)	11 1p Book Club (L) 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 7-9p HOF (4)	12 6-10p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF(CR 2, 4, YR) 8p AA	13 7-9:30a BSF Leaders (H/F) 8:30a Prayer Group (Y)	
14 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Sunday School (H) 12:45-7p HOF(ALL)	15 9:30a Joy Circle (L) 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30p AA (H)	16 3-430p Study Buddies (L) 5:30p Church Council 6p BSF (S/H/F/L/C/Y)	18 1p Book Club (L) 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 7-9p HOF(4)	19 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR 2, 4, Y) 8p AA (H)	20 7-9:30a BSF Leaders (H/F) 8:30a Prayer Group (Y) 10a HAHO Mtg (H)	
21 10a Worship Service (S) 10a Nuss Baptism (H) 11a Sunday School 12:45-7p HOF(ALL)	22 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30 AA (H)	23 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 6p BSF (S/H/F/L/C/Y)	25 1p Book Club (L) 3-4:30p Study Buddies (L) 7-9p HOF (4)	26 6-10:30p HOF (S) 7:30-8:30p HOF (CR 2, 4, Y) 8p AA (H)	27 7-9:30a BSF Leaders (H/F) 8:30a Prayer Group (Y)	
28 10a Worship Service (S) 11a Sunday School (H) 12:45-7p HOF(ALL)	29 7-9p HOF (4) 7:30p AA (H)	30 3-4:30 Study Buddies 6p BSF (S/H/F/L/C/Y)				

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Alanon meets in Hope Center, Wednesday @ 7:30 pm; AA (Alcoholics Anonymous) meets in Moerer Hall Monday @ 7:30 pm & Friday @ 8pm
Legend: C: Hope Center Classroom; CH: Chapel; F: Fireside Room; H: Moerer Hall; L: Hope Center Library; S: Sanctuary; Y: Youth Room; Z: Zoom


Birthdays and Anniversaries April 2024



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|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Carol Crabb | 11 Evan Reyes | 21 Mary Ann Carlson |
| 2 Don Daucher | 13 Liam Williamson | 21 Heidi Hemsley |
| 7 Susan Wright | 15 Alexis Beiderwell | 24 Charlotte Pulley |
| 9 Peter Carey | 16 Janna Haider | |
| 10 Christina Erickson | | |



- 6 Eric & Donna Stogner
- 10 Greg & Brenda Vrablik
- 18 Nathan & Brook Diaz
- 24 Kevin & Carmel Hemsley
- 29 Jeffrey & Kerry Ospital




The 2nd Mile Giving Envelope for April is:

HAHO Projects

BOOK OF ROMANS
WED 9-10 AM IN THE LIBRARY

****No experience needed!!***

This Wednesday the 9:00am Bible discussion will begin Paul's letter to the Romans. Some theologians have made the comment that without the Book of Romans there would be no Lutheran Church. Our theology is throughout the book. Come and join us in the Emanuel library.



Call or email the church office at churchinfo@elclh.org to receive the Zoom link if you can not make it in person. All you need is a computer, tablet or smartphone.

CHRIST IN OUR HOME
APRIL/MAY/JUNE


This quarterly devotional resource encourages us to live out our faith daily. Each reflective reading is accompanied by a daily scripture reference and prayer for the day that follows the Revised Common Lectionary. Booklets are available in the church entryway or office. Email churchinfo@elclh.org if you would like a copy mailed to you.

Bible Quiz

Use one word (perhaps in different forms) for all the blanks to complete this Scripture passage:

"Dear friends, let us ____ one another, for ____ comes from God. Everyone who ____ has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not ____ does not know God, because God is ____."

A. believe
B. help
C. love
D. forgive



(LUTHERAN CHURCH OF AMERICA)

Kid's Korner

PUZZLE

SEEING AND BELIEVING

Until Thomas saw Jesus' nail scars with his own eyes, he doubted the resurrection. What did Jesus tell Thomas?

Directions:
Use the code to fill in the vowels and complete John 20:29, NIV.



"B _ c _ _ s _ y _ _ h _ v _ s _ _ n m _ ,
y _ _ h _ v _ b _ l _ _ v _ d ;
bl _ ss _ d _ r _ th _ s _ wh _ h _ v _ n _ t
s _ _ n _ nd y _ t h _ v _ b _ l _ _ v _ d ."

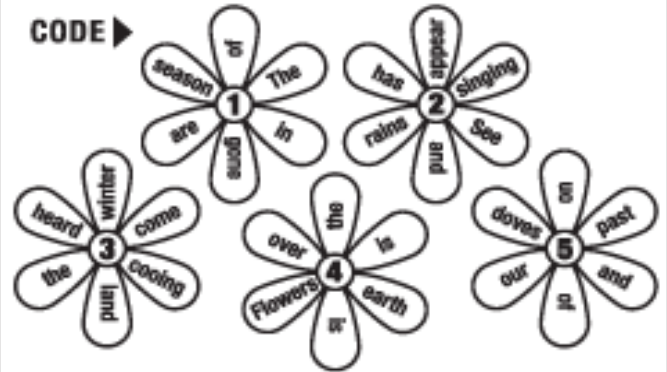
JOHN 20:29, NIV

Answer: "Because you have seen me, you have believed, blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." John 20:29, NIV

Puzzle!

Using the flower code, fill in the blanks to complete the springtime words from Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV.

CODE ▶



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 _____ , _____ ;
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SONG OF SOLOMON 2:11-12, NIV

Answer: See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come, the cooling of doves is heard in our land. Song of Solomon 2:11-12, NIV