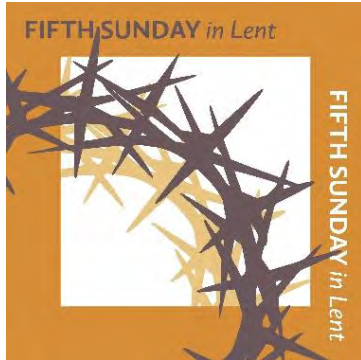


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What is this season called "Lent?"



This is the fifth Sunday in the season of *Lent*.

Christians observe Lent during the 40 days before Easter. Well, except for the Sundays. Sundays are not part of the total 40 days.

Next Sunday we begin the journey into Holy Week. The week begins on Palm Sunday with Jesus entering Jerusalem as people shout, "Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord." As part of our Palm Sunday celebration, we will have an Easter Egg Hunt after worship!

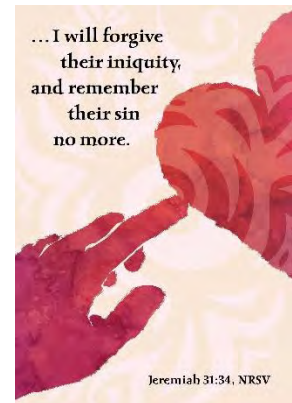
Where in the Word is the Word?

"The Word" can mean many things:

- The Word = God's messages for God's people
- The Word = Jesus, God's Son
- The Word = The Bible, the story of God's people
- The Word = A sermon or homily spoken

Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?

Book of the Bible	Chapter	Verses
Jeremiah	31	31-34
John	12	20-33



What was the "New Covenant?"

During Lent, we have hear the word *covenant* many times. A *covenant* is a sacred, holy promise made by God to God's people.

As part of God's new words to the prophet Jeremiah, God decided to make a *new* covenant with the people that would be different from the one given to them after the exodus. This time, God said the covenant would be written on their hearts so they would always remember God.

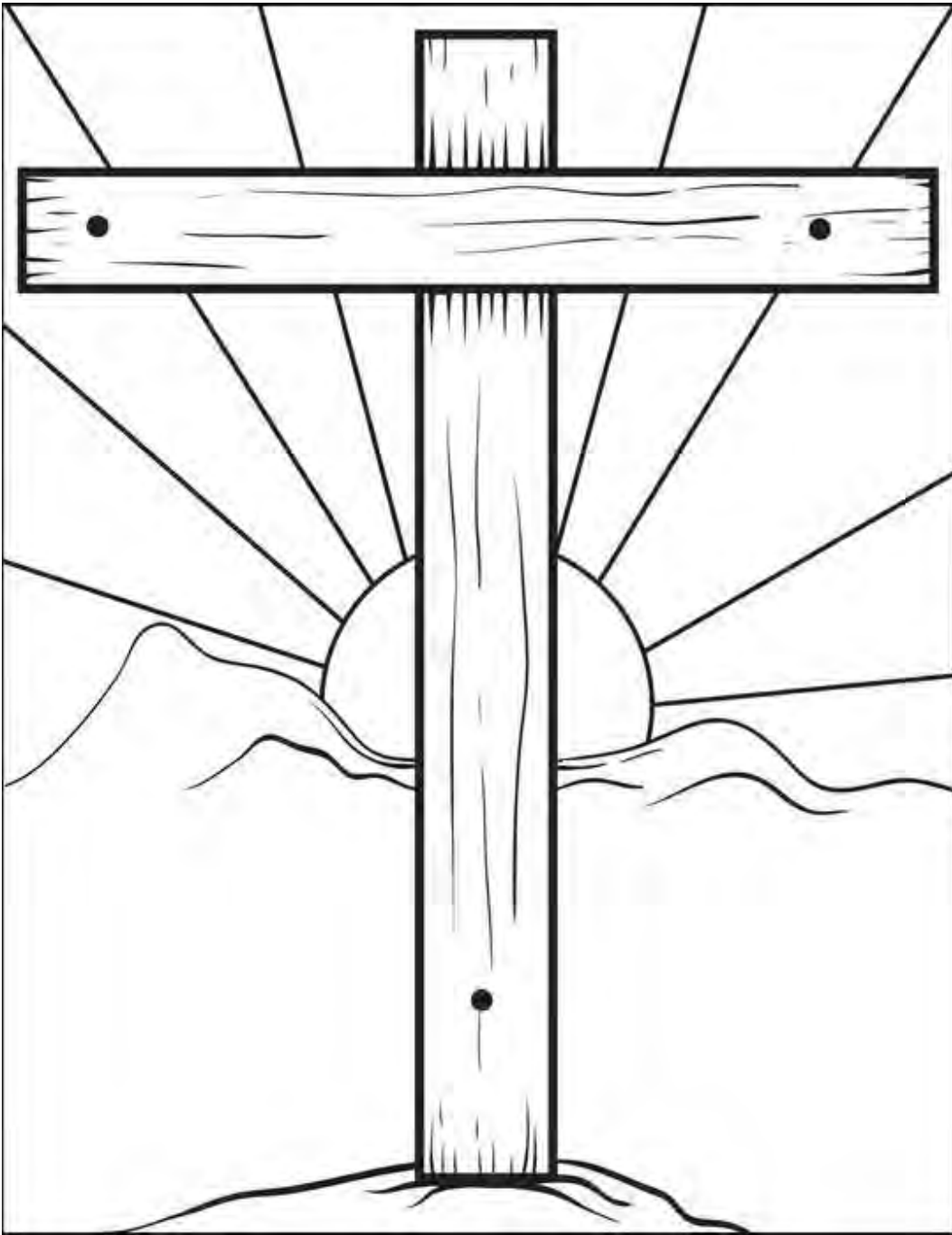
Isn't that an incredible promise?

God said, "They will no longer need to teach each other to say, 'Know the Lord!' because they will already know me" (Jeremiah 31:34).

God never gave up on the people and always hoped they would remember God's love for them.

I wonder if God's covenant is written on our hearts too

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"And I, when I am lifted up from the earth,
will draw all people to myself."

John 12:32

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Where are we now?

*Place an X next to each part of the worship service after we have done it
You can find each of these in the Worship Bulletin*

Part of Worship Liturgy	Done
PRELUDE	
CALL TO WORSHIP	
HYMN IN PROCESSION #260	
PRAYER OF ADORATION	
PRECES	
PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
SILENT CONFESSION	
KYRIE ELEISON	
ASSURANCE OF PARDON	
GLORIA PATRI	
<i>Children may leave with their teachers for Chapel Worship & Class</i>	
WELCOME	
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
HEBREW SCRIPTURE	
ANTHEM	
GOSPEL	
SERMON	
HYMN OF RESPONSE #171	
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH	
PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER	
OFFERING ANTHEM and COLLECTION OF OFFERING	
DOXOLOGY	
OFFERTORY PRAYER	
HYMN #371	
BENEDICTION	
POSTLUDE	

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A Grain of Wheat

Pastor Austin will read the Gospel message from John today. In it, you will hear about a grain of wheat. As is often the case, Jesus uses stories or examples to help people understand the greater meaning of something he is saying.

“The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.” John 12:23-24

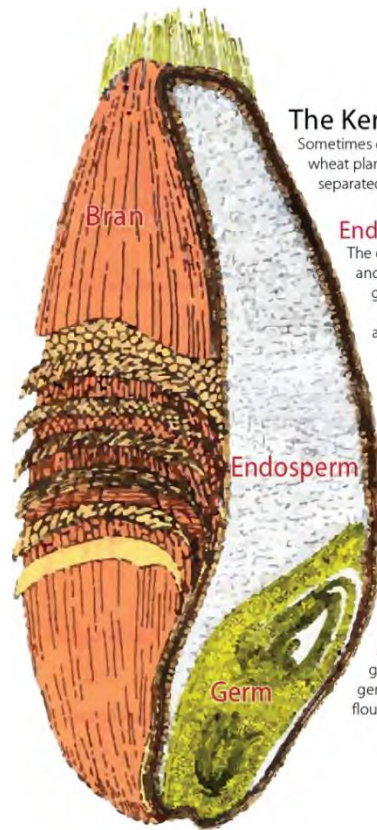
Have you ever planted a seed in dirt? Does the seed look like it is a living thing before you water it and make sure it gets lots of sunlight?

As you listen to Pastor Austin's message, listen for the story about the grain of wheat.

I wonder what Jesus was talking about and why he was sharing this story.

This image shows you what is inside a grain of wheat. When the wheat grain is planted, it cannot be ground to make flour, but it can grow into a wheat plant. The wheat plant has many grains and those can be ground into flour.

The one grain may seem dead, but it produces new grain.



The Kernel of Wheat

Sometimes called the wheat berry, the kernel is the seed from which the wheat plant grows. Each tiny seed contains three distinct parts that are separated during the milling process to produce flour.

Endosperm

The endosperm comprises about 83 percent of the kernel weight and is the source of white flour. The endosperm contains the greatest share of protein, carbohydrates and iron, as well as the major B-vitamins such as riboflavin, niacin and thiamine. It is also a source of soluble fiber.

Bran

Bran makes up about fourteen and a half percent of the kernel weight. Bran is included in whole wheat flour and can also be bought separately. The bran contains a small amount of protein, large quantities of the three major B-vitamins, trace minerals and dietary fiber -- primarily insoluble.

Germ

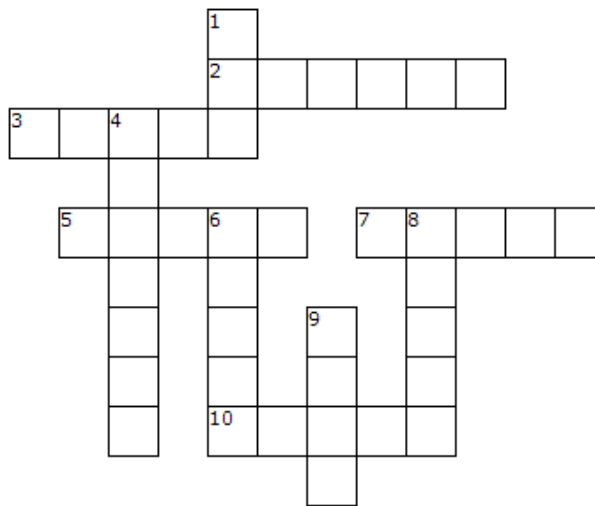
Germ is about two and a half percent of the kernel weight. The germ is the embryo -- or sprouting section -- of the seed, often separated from flour in milling because the fat content (10 percent) limits flour's shelf-life. The germ contains minimal quantities of high quality protein and a greater share of B-complex vitamins and trace minerals. Wheat germ can be purchased separately and is part of whole wheat flour.

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The Power of His Love

"But I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself." John 12:32 (NIV)

Based on John 12:28-33 (NIV)



ACROSS

- 2. To be raised up
- 3. A heavenly servant of God, often pictured as a human with wings
- 5. What we humans use to speak or sing
- 7. The Son of God
- 10. The end of life

DOWN

- 1. Everyone and everything
- 4. To bring praise and honor to God
- 6. A large group of people
- 8. The land surface of the world
- 9. To attract someone or something

DEATH	ANGEL	VOICE	EARTH	JESUS
ALL	DRAW	GLORIFY	LIFTED	CROWD