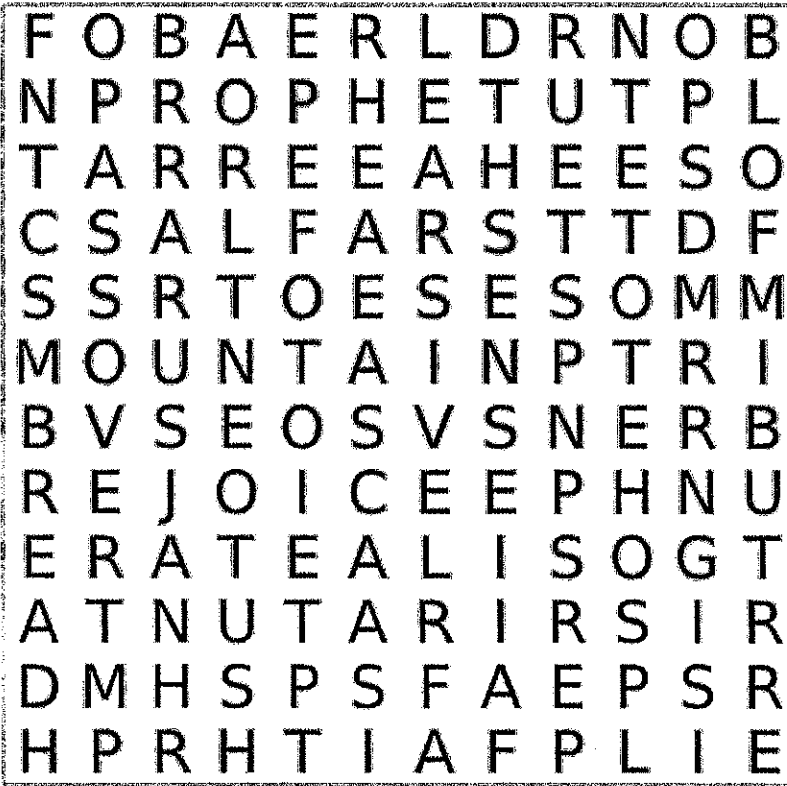


LESSONS FOR LAMBS



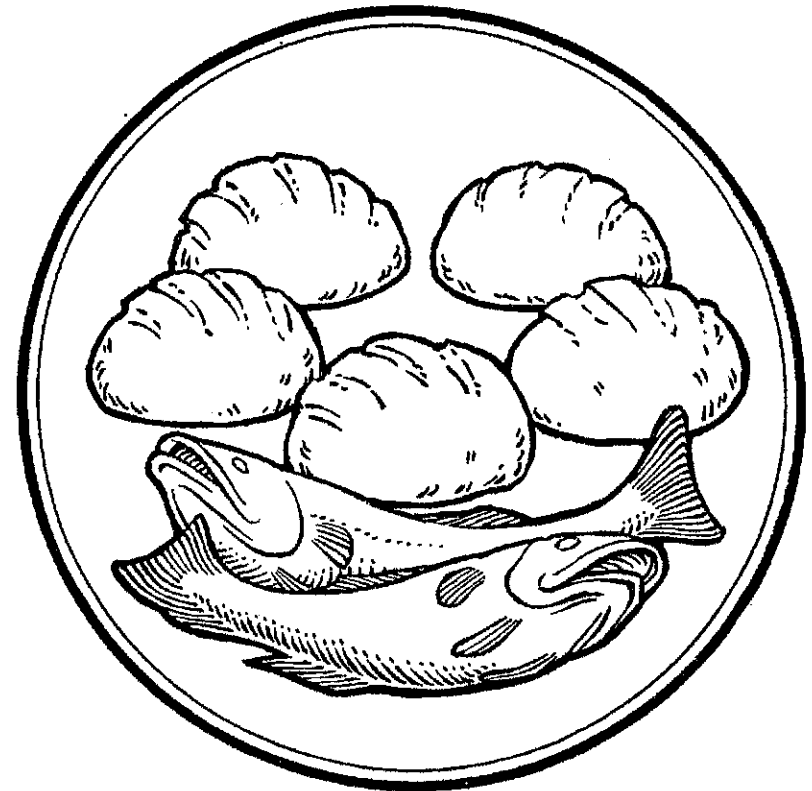
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FOURTH WEEK OF LENT (LAETARE)

The phrase "Laetare" is from the Latin language. In English it means "Rejoice Ye." These are the beginning words of the Psalm (also called Introit) in Latin this week. Look in your parent's service folder and read the Introit. The color for the Fourth Week of Lent is rose or purple.



What to listen for during the service?

Listen for these words: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." These words are from Numbers 6:24-26. Who does God tell to use these words?

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Gospel Reading: John 6:1-15

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2 And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3 Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4 Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6 He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7 Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10 Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11 Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12 And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13 So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves left by those who had eaten. 14 When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!"

15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) Why were the people following Jesus?
- 2) What food did the boy have?
- 3) How many people did Jesus feed with the small amount of food the boy had?
- 4) Why does Jesus have to escape to the mountain at the end? What did the people want to do?
- 5) In what ways does Jesus still feed His people now?

People of the Bible: Aaron

In the Old Testament reading we hear about Aaron. But who was Aaron? Aaron was the brother of Moses about whom we learned during Epiphany. When God called on Moses to lead the

people of Israel out of Egypt, he said he was "slow of speech." So God told Moses to speak to Aaron about what God said, and Aaron would speak to the people of Israel for Moses. So Aaron was with Moses when he led the people out of Egypt and through the wilderness. God also told Moses that He wanted Aaron and his sons to serve as priests, so Aaron is considered the first high priest of Israel. Throughout his life, Aaron served God and God's people in Israel, but he also made mistakes. Aaron made bad decisions and did things that did not please God. However, Aaron repented, and asked God for His forgiveness and mercy. Like Moses, Aaron was not allowed into the Promised Land because of these failures, but God was still faithful to Aaron and forgave him. God blessed him with faith and gave him the gift of salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ.

Catechism Corner - The Lord's Prayer (as the head of the family should teach it in a simple way to his household): The Introduction

Our Father who art in heaven.

What does this mean? Answer:

God would by these words tenderly invite us to believe that he is our true Father, and that we are His true children, that we may with all boldness and confidence ask Him as dear children ask their dear father.

Draw a picture of Jesus feeding the 5000 people with 5 loaves of bread & 2 fish

