



# The Mountain Top Messenger

ZION LUTHERAN EVANGELICAL CHURCH, ASHLAND, WI JUNE 2021

God's peace to you as we begin our summer. As I write this it doesn't feel much like summer. The yo-  
-going temperatures that I mentioned last month haven't abated much, hopefully soon. While the weather remains unpredictable, it seems life is slowly returning to normal. Our numbers for Sunday worship have been steadily increasing as more and more people are becoming fully vaccinated and are striving for normalcy. There has been talk of a church picnic later this summer and I hope to resume our Wednesday evening services toward the end of June or early July. Another sign of summer, confirmation classes have wrapped up for the year. You may have noticed that we have not held the actual confirmation yet. We will be holding confirmation for this year's confirmands on Reformation Day, October 31, which actually falls on Sunday this year. We will



have three of our young people being confirmed this year Ayeisha Deragon, Gloria Darling, and Emma Meller. All three have done an amazing job and I have been impressed with their knowledge and understanding. It is my intension to offer an adult, new member, refresher, what have I forgotten class, later this summer. We have a few people who have expressed interest in possibly joining the congregation and this is a great first step, and as I said it is also a great refresher for anyone who would like to attend. I will keep everyone posted and am guessing it will be late summer or early fall.

On another note, June and I are going to be taking a little vacation in June, we are going to be heading to Virginia (the state, not the city in MN). June's brother's son and daughter are both graduating high school and we have not seen any of them in a couple of years. In my absence I have Pastor Bob Kitson preaching one Sunday and Elder Darryl Warren will be preaching the other. I will let you guys figure out which is which. Pastor Kitson is a retired LCMS pastor and summers in the Mellen area.

It seems like a lot of catching up and not a lot of theology? Well, I think sometimes we need to catch up, particularly now after being separated for so long. Part of our responsibility as Christians is to lift each other up, to watch over each other, to strengthen each other. That has been kind of hard to do over the past 15 months. I don't know about you, but the isolation and separation has been very draining for me. As we begin to meet again with increasing numbers, as we begin to share our stories, share our feelings, and share our faith, it has been helpful in revitalizing my faith and I hope it has been for yours as well. Jesus tells His disciples and us:



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<sup>34</sup> *A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another.* <sup>35</sup> *By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*” (John 13:34-35).

I think you would all agree, even in this digital age it is difficult to love one another if we can't see one another, talk to one another, laugh with one another, share a meal with one another. I believe the time has come for us to do our best to reconnect with one another. So that we may all once again share in the love that is in Christ Jesus. I spoke recently in one of my sermons about Jesus desire for us to be one in Christ, He prayed for that. I pray for it as well. I am looking forward to the days of renewed Bible studies, potluck dinners, soup and sandwiches, dart ball, Sunday School, sewing circles, and all the other things we set aside. I believe the time has come for us to reunite as God's church and I believe we can do it safely. So, with that being said, I look forward to seeing you all soon. I am going to close now with one of my favorite motivational passages. This comes from Paul's second letter to the young pastor Timothy, but it applies to all of us as well. The heading in most translations is "Preach the Word":



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<sup>1</sup> *I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom:* <sup>2</sup> *preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.* <sup>3</sup> *For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions,* <sup>4</sup> *and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.* <sup>5</sup> *As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.* (2 Tim 4:1-5)

Now my friends; The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
Pastor Rick



God, I praise You! Your seeds of righteousness and praise have been planted in the earth. May I be like a "sprout" in your garden, sprouting up in hope, as I grow in you. Fortify me with the strength as I "burst forth" into who I have been created to be in you. I will praise and honor you, God! May my life bring you glory! Amen.

Sunday Worship Service 9:00am in-church service and live streamed  
 Wednesday Evening Prayer Service 6:30pm live streamed  
 Sunday School - 3yrs.—5th grade Tentative September Start  
 Bible Studies — September –May

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**PRAYERS for Homebound, Assisted Living, Nursing Home**

Those who aren't able to attend common worship that they would find comfort knowing that the Lord is with them.

*Walt Schutte            Arlene Zimmerman*  
*Violet Basina         Madge Houle*  
*Nancy Zehe*

**PRAYERS FOR HEALTH AND HEALING**

For good test results, treatment, positive thinking, healing, and comfort during cancer treatments, for those suffering from addiction, mental illness and for healing, strength, comfort, and peace for family we pray for:

Brad Prill	Lynda Koppelman
Alice Balmer	Mary Siefers
Penny Larson	Francis Balmer
David Gustafson	LeAnn Billing
Vi Basina	Andrea Gunderson
James Fletcher	Dave Pearson
Colton Ledin	Bud Weston
Brett Everman	Walt Schutte
John Schutte	Cheryl Hildebrandt
Nancy Beiersdorf	Madge Houle
Danny Pocernich	Sherry Gurski
James Lavasseur	Diane Sandor
Haylee Fisher	Larry Tody
Judith Wismeth	Brian Nevala
Philip Schielke	<i>and those in our hearts</i>

**PRAYERS FOR PROTECTION**

For our full-time troops and public servants, for travel, missionaries, and for peace and protection for families.

*David Wright            Jordan Thimm*  
*Andrew Pruss*





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**Mustard Seed**

# Daily Devotions

Lutheran Women in Mission

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## Begin with God

### He Gives Comfort

#### **In the Word**

Is God always ready to listen to me?

*My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life (Psalm 119:50).*

#### **Of the Word**

Wouldn't it be fantastic to be comfortable all of the time? In our everyday lives we want to have comfortable shoes, comfortable beds, comfortable temperatures, comfortable friends. We even have our own special comfort foods. But, alas, being comfortable all of the time just isn't "real." Aches and pains come our way as do old age, job losses, broken-down communications, suffering, and even death. These are the times we can turn to God knowing that only He can comfort our innermost being. The comforting "things" of this world are only temporary fixes, but God's comfort lasts.

*Praise be to ... the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God (2 Corinthians 1:3–4).*

*My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life (Psalm 119:50).*

#### **Walking with my Lord**

My dear Father, I sometimes come to You with a heavy heart and in need of Your comfort. I know that You love me and will never leave me, but at times I feel You are so far away. Lord, forgive my weakness and doubt. Help me in these times to lean on You and renew me with Your Holy Spirit. I pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

# Fathers in the Bible

Solve the puzzle by writing in the name of the fathers of the sons and daughters given in the clues.

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### Across

- 4. Ephraim and Manasseh
- 5. Rehoboam
- 7. Hezekiah
- 9. Moab
- 11. Nimrod
- 12. Obed
- 15. Joshua
- 16. Esau and Jacob
- 17. Jesus
- 18. Isaac and Ishmael
- 19. Samson
- 21. Joseph and Benjamin
- 23. James and John, The sons of thunder

### Down

- 1. David
- 2. Jonathan, Merab, and Michal
- 3. Cain and Abel
- 4. Simeon Peter
- 6. Samuel
- 8. John the Baptist
- 10. Absalom and Solomon
- 13. Rachel and Leah
- 14. Shem, Ham, and Japeth
- 20. Jehoshaphat
- 22. Jesse



## A Father's Day Celebration of Faith

by Pablo Diaz Posted in **Stories of Faith**, Jun 12, 2019

In many families, mothers are the spiritual force, but let us not forget the faith of our fathers, often in the background while others lead from the front. On this Father's Day, I remember the lessons from my father, Pablo, who continues to volunteer at the church food pantry and encourages those down on their luck. He taught me to make the most of my faith and God and life's second chances. He is always praying for his children, offering counsel and teaching us to follow our call in life.

My Uncle Felix, who passed away several years ago, showed me how to stand up for my convictions but never to let them get in the way of loving others. Uncle Adolfo, also home with the Lord, was an example of a man who adhered to the calling of God in his life and had an impact upon thousands. But he never forgot to love and care for his family. These men lived their faith and showed me how to love my family, work hard and have higher dreams for my children.

In Scripture, one of the great parables in the Gospel depicts a loving father who sees his prodigal son, from a distance, returning home. He runs out to welcome his son with open arms and throws a party for the one who was lost but now found. His other son, the one who stayed home and worked, took offense at the celebration for the brother who had left. But his father reminded him that everything he had belonged to both his sons. This is a great example of love in action and also illustrates the unconditional love God has for *all* His children.

We don't all have the same kind of family experiences, but wherever you can find love from a father or father figure, let's honor their faith on [Father's Day](#).

## Dad Braiding Is Helping Fathers Bond with Their Daughters

by Ashley Lateef - Posted on Jun 1, 2017

Dads are finding a new way to bond with their daughters – by braiding hair.

Cozy Friedman, the owner of the Manahattan-based Cozy Cuts Kids Hair Salon, decided to use her passion for hair styling to help make getting ready a more enjoyable experience for dads and daughters alike. Her popular "Dad Braiding 101" classes flip the notion that dads can't help their daughter's fix their hair on its head.

"Mothers usually braid or create their daughters' hair," Friedman tells TODAY. "So for a dad and daughter to come together on something and feel really good about it is amazing."

The class not only teaches men how to wrangle their little girls' manes, it also provides a special time for dads to connect with their daughters.

Braiding student Craig Axelrod is a father of three girls and says the class has helped him get to know his children better.



"When I saw we had the opportunity to take this class, spend time together, and learn, it's a win-win for me," he tells TODAY.

Dads learn basic braiding techniques as well as how to distract kids while they're fixing their hair. Some of the men even get competitive with one another, wanting to perfect their techniques, but at the end of the day, everyone walks away happy. After all, the real reward lies in these dads learning how to share their time and a bit of confidence with their little girls.

## FATHERS OF THE BIBLE CROSSWORD

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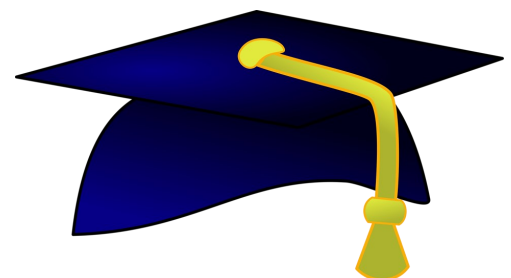
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Moses

Joseph

**Abigail May Moreland  
Plans for Fall of 2021: Attend Madison  
Area Technical College, Madison WI**



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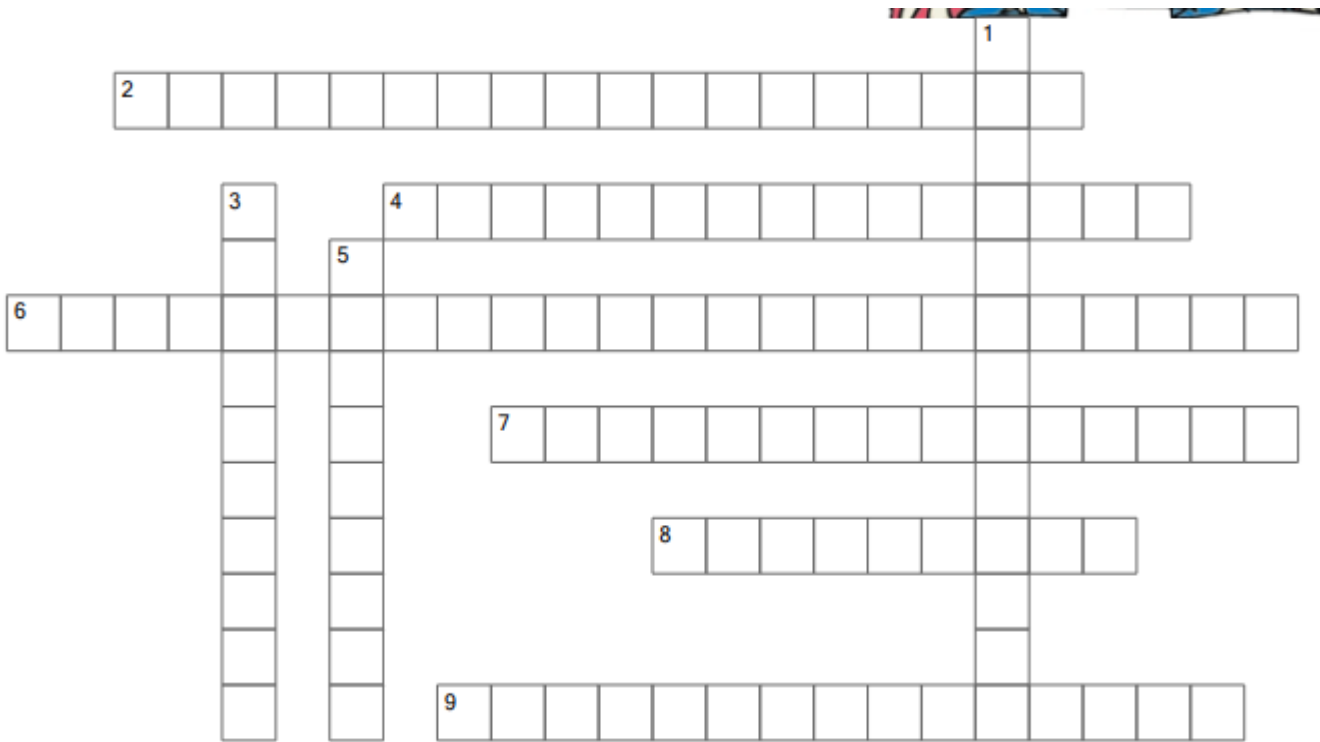
Betsy Ross  
Frances Scott Key  
Grand Union

Star Spangled Banner  
Bald Eagle

1. When my father was 31 I was 8. Now he is twice as old as me. How old am I?
2. What did the daddy chimney say to the baby chimney?
3. Malcolm is the number of weeks of his fathers age treated as days and his grandfathers age in months. All three of their ages add up to 120 years. How old is Malcolm, his father and his grandfather?
4. A man walks into an art museum and stares at a painting. When a guard walks up and ask him why he is so interested in the painting he responds with "brothers and sisters I have none but that man's father is my father's son" who is the man in the painting?
5. If you ask your father, "What's on the TV," what would his answer be?
6. Why did the baby strawberry cry?
7. What do you call your dad when he falls through the ice?
8. Someone's father has 4 sons, North, West, and South. What is the name of the fourth son?
9. Three doctors all say Robert is their brother. Robert says he has no brothers. Who is lying?
10. What are the next three letters in this sequence: O, T, T, F, F, S, S—what comes next?



National Flag Day    Stars and Stripes    Star Spangled Banner    Bald Eagle  
 Betsy Ross    Frances Scott Key    Vexillologist    Grand Union  
 Philadelphia, Pennsylvania



***Tis the season for rhubarb,,,,,,,,,***  
***Summer Rhubarb Pound Cake***

Rhubarb and cream cheese give traditional pound cake a tart and light texture in this recipe that tastes of summer. Enjoy with afternoon tea or with cream and berries for dessert.

**Ingredients**

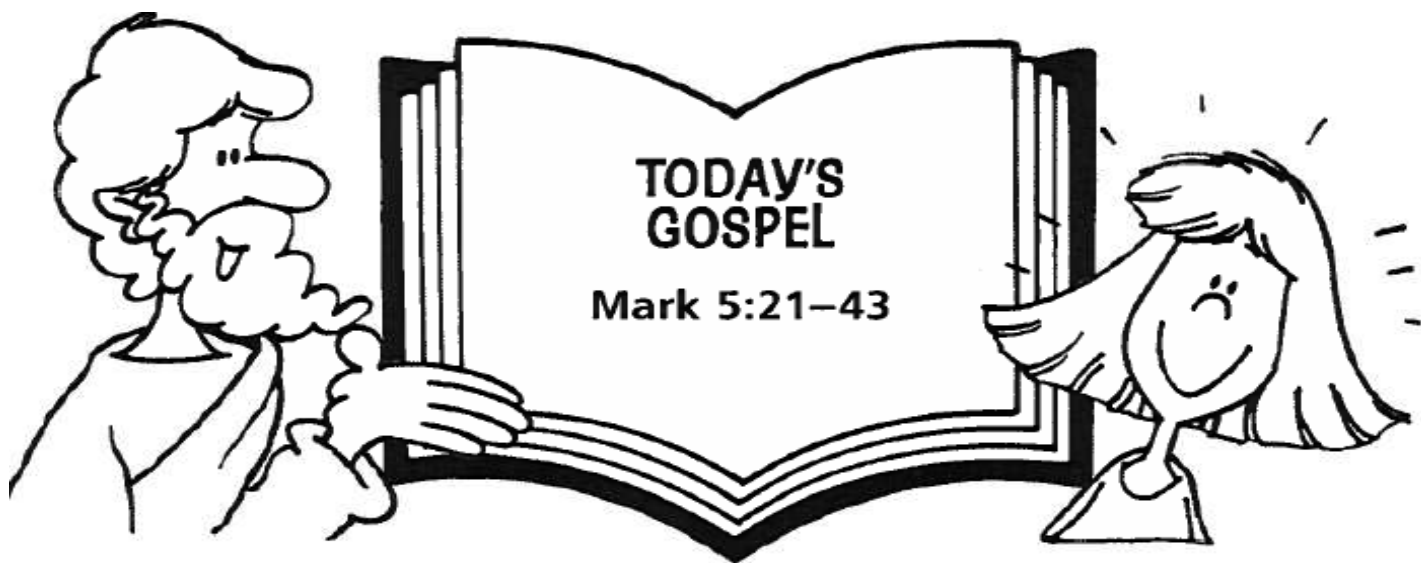
- 1 cup butter, room temperature
- 2 tablespoons butter, room temperature
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 3 cups white sugar
- 6 eggs
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon lemon zest
- 3 1/4 cups cake flour
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 3 stalks rhubarb, cut into 1/2-inch pieces

**Directions**

1. Preheat oven to 325°F (165°C). Butter and flour 2 loaf pans.
2. Beat 1 cup plus 2 tablespoons butter and cream cheese together in a bowl until smooth and creamy. Add sugar and beat until light and fluffy, 2 minutes.
3. Mix eggs into butter mixture, one at a time, until fully incorporated; beat in lemon juice, vanilla extract, and lemon zest.
4. Sift cake flour, baking soda, and salt together in a bowl. Slowly add flour mixture to butter mixture until batter is just combined. Fold rhubarb into batter.
5. Pour batter into prepared loaf pans. Bake for 1hr 10min .







## SCRAMBLED WORDS

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel and print them on the lines at the right side. Then print the circled letters on the line below. Unscramble them to learn what Jesus told the sick girl's father to do.

Jairus LEFL at Jesus' feet.

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He said his little girl was INDYG.

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If Jesus put His hands on her, she would VEIL.

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Then some men told Jairus that his daughter was ADDE.

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They said he shouldn't BOURTLE Jesus anymore.

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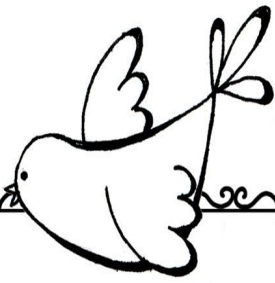
But Jesus TWEN with him anyway.

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And Jesus made the TILLET girl well.

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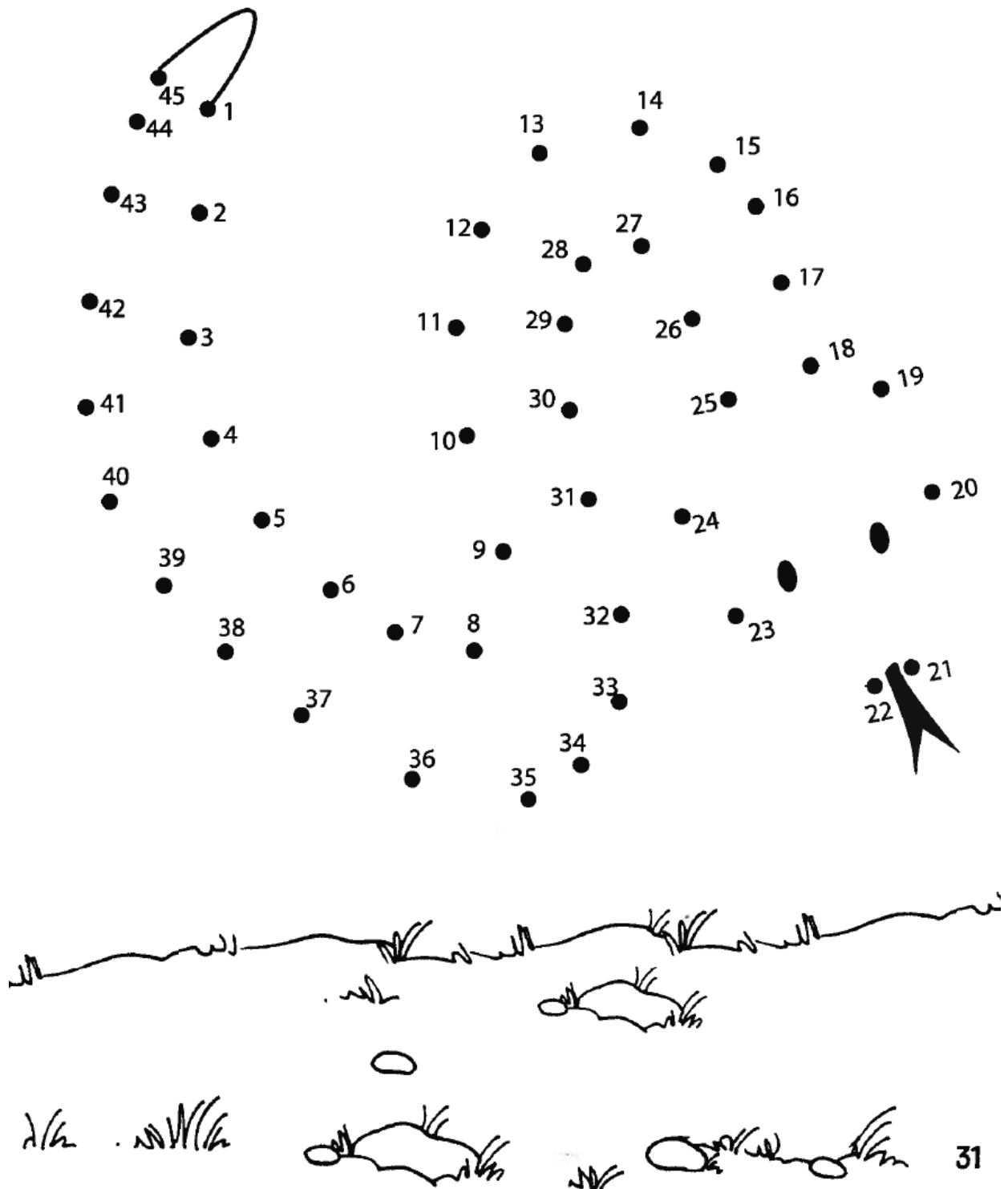


Oh sing  
to the Lord  
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song



# DOT to DOT

Connect the dots to find what animal talked to the woman in the garden in today's Old Testament Reading.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost



One Sabbath Jesus was going through the grainfields, and as His disciples walked along, they began to pick some heads of grain

*Mark 2:23*



