

**Reformed Church of Palmyra**  
236 Canandaigua St.  
Palmyra, NY 14522



# ***The Messenger***

**Reformed Church of Palmyra Newsletter**

***March, April 2023***

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# LENT

A SEASON OF REFLECTION,  
RENEWAL, AND PREPARATION

## Lent

The Lenten season begins as really a preparation to celebrate God's marvelous redemption at Easter, and the resurrected life that we live, and hope for, as Christians. The last week of Lent is called Passion Week, which includes both Maundy Thursday (the institution of the Lord's Supper) and Good Friday (the crucifixion of our Lord). Reminiscent of Jesus' fasting for forty days in the wilderness, the Lenten season lasts forty days (not counting Sundays). Lent is a time to ask God to confront our own mortality and sinfulness; to ask Him to show us our need for grace; to grow in repentance; and, to reflect on the amazing truth of the Church's participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The Cross shows us the depth of our sin and the enormity of our Father's love for sinners. May you be amazed at the grace of God as you see the truth that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life.



## Easter...

is celebrated by Christians around the world to remember that Jesus died on the cross so that the sins of humanity would be forgiven. Matthew says when the women visited the tomb of Jesus an angel tells the women "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said he would."

**Gracious God,  
our sins are too heavy to carry,  
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.  
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,  
what our hearts can no longer bear,  
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.  
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;  
open us to a future in which we can be changed;  
and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image;  
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen**

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### COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

Sunday School (all ages)	Sundays at 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service	Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
Jr. Church	During Sunday service
Nursery	During Sunday service
Women's Ministry	1st Mon. of the month
Consistory	1st Wed. of the month
Christian Education	2nd Mon. of the month
Education/Media Night	2nd Wed. of the month
Men's Breakfast	3rd Sat. of the month
Bible Study	3rd, 4th, & 5th Wed. of ea. mo. 11:00am (lunch) & 7:00pm
Youth Group	Held monthly

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

#### Consistory:

##### **Elder**

Preston Smith	315-576-8680
Chris Bucknam	315-576-7791
David Ondra	585-831-1941
Rick Sitterley	585-329-0307

##### **Deacon**

Dave Fanelli	585-545-0908
Todd Pipitone	585-469-5699
Josh Hale	585-305-5532

#### Other Position(s)

Petr Premyslovsky	Treasurer	315-879-1791
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#### Sunday School Officers:

Superintendent	Lisa Premyslovsky	315-878-1813
Ass't Supt.	Jack Thompson	585-509-0792

### PRAYER SUPPORT

If you would like Prayer Support, please:

- ♥ Call Preston Smith (315-576-8680) or a Consistory Member
- ♥ Leave a message on the church phone 315-597-4341
- ♥ Fill out a Prayer Request Form, found in the tract rack in the Sanctuary foyer
- ♥ Start the Prayer Chain, call Carol Fanelli at 716-512-0589
- ♥ Come to a Prayer Meeting on Wednesdays

### **Information regarding our service:**

- Sunday School, for all ages, is from 9:30-10:15 a.m.
- The Offertory plates not passed; they are in the Sanctuary on the back table and the table by the elevator
- Venmo is available as a way you may make donations
- Closed-Circuit TV of the service is downstairs in the Comfy Room
- Sheets for taking notes are available, ask the greeter for them
- Our service is **live streamed**. To view, go to [palmyrareformedchurch.org](http://palmyrareformedchurch.org) then go to the bottom and click on Facebook

## **Please Keep in Prayer**

### Church Family:

*Contact Carol Fanelli to have a name added and also let her know when a name can come off of the list: 716-512-0589.*

- **Virginia Wilson**
- **Betty Thompson** (Jack's mother)
- **Elsie VanGee** (she fell, she is in RGH)
- **Judy Almond**, (Elsie's daughter)
- **Jessica** (Len & Roberta's granddaughter)
- **Doreen Smith** (Preston's sister)
- **Sandy DeRoller** (friend of Todd Pipitone's facing cancer)
- **Josh** (Marlene Slocum's nephew)
- **Lucas** (Mary Hawkins' grandson)
- **Bob Sitterley** (Rick Sitterley's father)
- **Dan Buchiere** (Rocco's friend)
- **Zachary Thomas** (brother of Pipitone's friend)
- **Laura Davis** (Dave & Carol's niece)
- PRC members in assisted living facilities
  - **Ruth Moore**
  - **Phil Proeto**
  - **Mysty Wadsworth**



### Community, Country, and the World:

- Those of our church family facing personal challenges
- Our church family
- Those in the military and our veterans
- Those in prisons
- The thousands who have/are suffering from natural disasters
- Our government officials
- Those persecuted for their faith
- Missionaries that our church support
  - Ahuas Doctors Ministry in Honduras
  - Greg & Jean Davis - Bridges International

- All missionaries around the world
- Replace hatred with love in people's hearts
- Blessings and protection to the Ukrainian people
- The local organizations who help our community

*PLEASE, let Carol Fanelli know of any special occasions that you would like to share with our church family.*

**Congratulations:**

- ♥ Our **Chili Cook-Off winners** were **Dave Ondra & Josh Hale**. Yes, it was a tie!
- ♥ **Isabel & Andrew LaGrand** are expecting their first baby in May.
- ♥ **Caleb & Joanna Mason** are expecting their first baby in July.
- ♥ **Emily & Bill Smith** are expecting a sibling for Olivia in August.
- ♥ **Hana Premyslovsky** made Deans List for the first marking period.

May God's loving grace watch over all you and your families!

**Congratulations:**

- To **Caleb Thompson** and **David Premyslovsky!** They were both chosen from their class to represent Pal-Mac at New York Boys State at Morrisville College this June! The American Legion Boys State and American Legion Auxiliary Girls State are summer leadership and citizenship programs for high school juniors, which focus on exploring the mechanics of American government and politics. The programs are sponsored by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary respectively.
- To **Ethan Welch** (grandson of Dave & Carol Fanelli, mother is Julie Welch, and Whitney Welch's brother) a junior in indoor track at Marion CS cleared 14 feet to win the Section V

Class A4 championship in pole vault Sunday at Nazareth College. **Twin brother, Oren**, came in at second place with 12 feet. Ethan competed for a spot in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association championships on March 4 at the Ocean Breeze Athletic Complex on Staten Island.

**Welcome:**

- To **Steve & Brittany Hullings** as members to our church family.
- To **Rick Sitterley** as Elder
- To **Steve Hullings** and **Josh Hale** as Deacons

**Condolences:**

Laura Crandall (mother of Kerstin Pipitone's friend) passed away in January. God's blessing to her family, please help them to know God loves them.

**Happy Birthday:** *(If you have a birthday or anniversary that is missing, please contact Carol Fanelli at 716-512-0589).*

March	2	Gabriel Castro
	3	Steve Hullings
	4	Audrey Hohenboken
	6	Skylar Thompson
	11	David Premyslovsky
	15	Deb Thompson
	17	Carol Wandersee
	17	Caleb Thompson
	18	Olivia Smith
	19	Jack Milliken Sr.
	19	Barb Geesaman
	27	Marcy White
April	2	Hana Premyslovsky
	3	Zhoie Thompson
	4	Virginia Wilson (Centurian+1)
	10	Carol Fanelli
	19	Marlene Slocum
	22	Valerie Gendron
	26	Dave Fanelli



**Happy Anniversary:**

April	7	Steve & Marcia Marsille
	12	Terry & Valerie Gendron
	28	Preston & Emily Smith
	30	Lenny & Roberta Main

**THANK YOU**

**Virginia Wilson and Cornie VanderWerf** would like to thank all who have assisted them with meals. It is greatly appreciated.

**Eunice Reynolds** would like to thank the church for her flowers.

**Cal Bucknam** would like to send his appreciation for the surprise party put on by his children and the tons of cards, gifts, and flowers. He was very surprised and LOVED IT! A **big thank you** to his family and his church family.



A special thank you to **Karl & Carrie Nies** for providing the special music in honor of Cal's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

We would like to thank **Lisa Premyslovsky** for leading the Children's Sermon every Sun. and being there for our children and church.

Our thanks to **Amy Sitterley and all of those who helped her** put on the **Women's Breakfast**. Thirty ladies attended a GREAT time of fellowship and learning – oh yes, and great food!

Our thanks to the **Building and Grounds Committee** for making the arrangements for ALL the work being done in the Sanctuary and Parsonage.

Thank you to **Rev. Don White** for officiating in our Membership and Installation service.

Our thanks to the members of the **Women's Ministry** for the **Family Valentine Breakfast**. GREAT time, GREAT food!

**Thank you to all of those who help** without being noticed: putting out salt, shoveling sidewalks, helping others, teaching, making coffee, changing light bulbs, cleaning, getting the mail, picking movies, etc.

Thank you to our Lenten readers: **Dave Fanelli, Marcy White, Jeff Brannon, Chris & Audrey Hohenboken, Josh & Glendy Hale, Marlene Slocum, and Mary Hawkins.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Game Night is March 10 from 6-10pm.** Pizza will be provided. Please bring a game you would like to play and your appetite. So we know how many pizzas to get, please tell Rick Sitterley if you are attending.

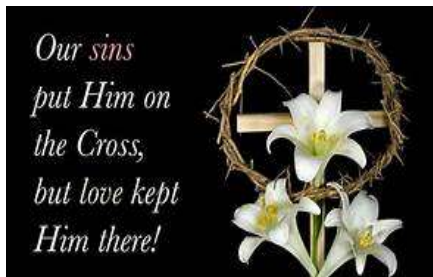
**Baptism of June Lee Smith will be held on March 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**March 12 is our Corned Beef Luncheon** – Please bring a corned beef or other main dish, bread, or dessert. If you do not want to eat off of paper plates, bring your own table service. Lunch will begin immediately after the morning service.

**Lent** will be observed at RPC with Lenten readings every Sunday plus covering of the wooden cross with Easter lilies.

**April 2 – Communion Service celebrated.** If you can't come to church, contact Preston or Consistory member to have communion brought to you.

**Good Friday Service 7:00 pm on April 7<sup>th</sup>**



This is a community service, ALL ARE WELCOME!

**Apr. 9 – EASTER SUNDAY Activities:**



- ♥ Sunrise Service at Friends Church in Farmington at 6:15am
- ♥ Our morning service at 10:30am
- ♥ Children's Easter Egg Hunt about 11:45am
- ♥ Invite children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends

**Ham Loaf Dinner will be April 17** with serving at 4:30pm. The menu is: ham loaf, salt potatoes, vegetable, applesauce, Italian bread, and homemade desserts. See Carol Fanelli if you can help in any way.

### **Change, Change!!**

- Canaltown Days will be September 16 & 17. So, our **Dutch Fritter Sale will be September 16** – NOT the 23.
- The Church/Sunday School Picnic will now be **September 24.**

If anyone is interested in **helping with the Pre-School Sunday School group**, please talk to Lisa Premyslovsky. They would love to have more helpers.



**Monthly Christian Education meetings** will start in March! The CE meetings will be held the 2nd Mon. of each month, from 7:00-8:00pm at Church. This will be a time to get together, fellowship, and pray for our work. We will talk about programming, curriculum, and activities. Questions, comments, and suggestions are always welcome! Hope to see you all at our first meeting on **March 13th at 7:00pm.**

**Free Greeting Cards** - Who doesn't like to know someone is praying for them or thinking about them when they're sick or even remembering their birthday? And isn't it even more special when you get a card in the (old fashioned) mail! **There is now a selection of multi-occasion cards for anyone to take and send to others in the PRC family.** Check out the rack next to the bookshelves downstairs. It's a great way to show love and encouragement to others. Our thanks to **Cheryl Mason**, for providing this opportunity. They are beautiful.



**Ladies** - There is now a **Meal Train set up for Virginia and Cornie.** If you have never used Meal Train before, it's relatively easy. Click on <https://mealtrain.com/lyy8lr>. You will need to set up an account first. Then you can access the page and sign up for the date(s) that work for you. It's helpful to include what meal you'll be bringing, but if you don't know yet that's fine too. Please see or email Cheryl Mason or Carol Fanelli if you have any questions or don't have a computer.

**East Palmyra Christian School Music Department News** - Musical instruments are needed. EPCS is looking for instrument donations. If anyone has an alto saxophone, tenor saxophone, trumpet, or a clarinet laying around that they are willing to donate to the school please contact Alexandra Girard at [agirard@eastpal.org](mailto:agirard@eastpal.org).

**Mission of the Month is held the 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. of each month: March 5 and April 2.**

- ♥ March we are supporting **Local Missions: Palmyra Food Pantry, Good Neighbor Fund and Grace House.**
- ♥ **April will be Nicaragua Missions**
- ♥ A special offering will be taken.

**Women's Ministry meets the first Monday of the month.**

- March 6th **Carol Wandersee** will be our hostess
- April 3rd our hostess will be **Emily A Smith.**
- **ALL** ladies are invited to attend.

Please come prepared with a bible verse you would like to share. Hostesses will provide topic/devotions and provide refreshments. March we will discuss the corned beef lunch and April we discuss Easter and the ham loaf dinner.

**Consistory** meets the first Weds of every month at 7:00 pm – **March 1 and April 5.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month is Media Education Night** with a movie and popcorn.  
**March 8 and April 12**

Join us for a double feature in March:

- We will be watching the short film: **Jesus Is Worth It.** The story of Missionary Paul Snider and his work with the Northern Korowai people in Papua, Indonesia.
- Next, we will watch the short film: **The Great Awakening - Spiritual Revival in Colonial America.** Nearly 100 yrs. after the Pilgrim's landed at Plymouth Rock, the New England colonists had traded the Christian ideals of their fore-bearers for the gods of material success. But then the Great Awakening swept through New England and other British colonies bringing about a powerful spiritual renewal.

**Men's Breakfast is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat. of every month at 8:00 am.** Bring your Bible, breakfast food item and a neighbor/friend, cousin, boss, father, or brother.  
**March 18 and April 15**

**Morning Bible Study and lunch** meets every Wednesday at 11:00am. Our lunches have certainly been delicious. Informal bible study and food – thank you Lord!



**Evening Bible Study** is the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday at 7:00pm.

Our containers (for leftover food) are getting low. We need clean, larger containers for our Church's "Non-Tupperware" bin.

Be careful when walking in from the parking lot. The church has plowing services and the men salt the area but there is always some ice that lays in wait for an unsuspecting walker. Be Careful!



## **CALENDAR** (Post on your refrigerator)

Mar. 1 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch  
Mar. 1 – Consistory at 7:00 pm

Mar. 5 – Mission of the Month  
Mar. 5 – Lent

Mar. 6 – Women’s Ministry 7:00 p.m.

Mar. 8 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch  
Mar. 8 – Media Education Night 7:00 pm

Mar. 9 – Lent  
Mar. 10 – Game Night at 6:00 pm, including pizza

Mar. 11 – Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour

Mar. 12 – Lent  
Mar. 12 – Corned Beef luncheon  
Mar. 12 – June Smith’s baptism

Mar. 13 – Christian Education Meeting at 7:00 pm

Mar. 15 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch  
Mar. 15 – 7:00 pm Bible Study

Mar. 18 – Men’s Breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

Mar. 19 – Lent

Mar. 22 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch  
Mar. 22 – 7:00 pm Bible Study

Mar. 26 – Lent



Mar. 29 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch  
Mar. 29 – 7:00 pm Bible Study  
Apr. 2 – Communion  
Apr. 2 – Mission of the Month  
Apr. 2 – Palm Sunday of Lent

Apr. 3 – Women’s Ministry at 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 5 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch  
Apr. 5 – Consistory at 7:00 p.m.

Apr. 7 – Good Friday Evening Service 7:00pm

Apr. 9 – EASTER SUNDAY  
Apr. 9 – Sunrise Service 6:15am at Friends Church  
in Farmington  
Apr. 9 – Our morning service at 10:30am  
Apr. 9 – Children’s Easter Egg Hunt about 11:45am

Apr. 10 – Christian Education Meeting at 7:00pm

Apr. 12 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch  
Apr. 12 – Media Education Night 7:00 pm

Apr. 15 – Men’s Breakfast 8:00 a.m.

Apr. 17 – Ham Loaf Dinner (fundraiser)

Apr. 19 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch  
Apr. 19 – 7:00 pm Bible Study

Apr. 26 – Bible Study at 11:00 am with lunch  
Apr. 26 – 7:00 pm Bible Study



Written by **Mysty Wadsworth**, (Easter poem written for us)  
THANK YOU, Mysty!

The angry ocean, black and grey  
Looked back at me, as if to say  
“What now my child”  
Heavy clouds loomed overhead  
They too looked at me and said  
“What now my soul”  
The gulls and birds dipped and danced  
Into the rolling waves that chanced  
To cover them, had they not moved.  
And I said  
“What now my Lord”  
He answered back in the blazing sun,  
In the robin’s song,  
And the morning dew.  
He sent violets and crocus too,  
The wild flowers bloomed,  
And the earth was new.  
I said “Oh Lord where have you been?”  
He said to hell and back again  
For you



Contact Carol Fanelli (palmyrareformedchurch236@gmail.com or phone 716-512-0589) to help.

**Worship Leader**

March 5 Preston Smith  
 12 Preston Smith  
 19 Gary Miller  
 26 Preston Smith

**Liturgists**

March 5 Chris Bucknam  
 12 Josh Hale  
 19 Rick Sitterley  
 26 Dave Ondra

**Greeter/Usher:**

March 5 Jack & Deb Thompson  
 12 Chris Bucknam  
 19 Dave & Carol Fanelli  
 26 Josh, Glendy Hale & family  
 April 2 Chris & Audrey Hohenboken  
 9 Lenny & Roberta Main  
 16 Dave & Lisa Ondra  
 23 Premyslovsky family  
 30 Rick & Amy Sitterley

**Flowers:**

March 5 Peter & Cheryl Mason  
 12 Lenny & Bobby Main in loving memory of Harry & Eleanor Dunk  
 19 Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky in loving memory of Rev. Bob & Louise Ondra  
 26 Owen & Olivia Kish  
 April 2 Women's Ministry  
 9 Women's Ministry  
 16 Virginia Wilson in loving memory of

Ken Wilson, M/M Frank Wilson, and Dorothy Wilson  
 23 Petr & Lisa Premyslovsky in loving memory of Jim Ondra  
 30 Tracy Lush in loving memory of Betty, Norm & Scott Lush and Mr. & Mrs. Sam Cook

**Refreshments:**

March 5 Amy Sitterley  
 12 Marlene Slocum  
 19 Emily E. Smith  
 26 Emily A. Smith  
 April 2 Chastity Thompson  
 9 Easter/Tina Haak  
 16 Deb Thompson  
 23 Carol Wandersee  
 30 Joyce Bucknam

**Pre-School Sunday School**

March 5 Lisa Premyslovsky  
 12 Emily A. Smith  
 19 David Premyslovsky  
 26 Thomas Premyslovsky

**Jr. Church/Nursery**

March 5 Emily & Billy Smith & David P.  
 12 Chris & Audrey Hohenboken & Brennan Pipitone  
 19 Lisa P., Jeff Brannon & Spencer Nies  
 26 Elena Colon, Glendalis Hale & Kerstin Pipitone





# JUST 4 FUN

Have you heard about McDonald's new Presidential value meal? You order whatever you want, and the person after you has to pay for it.

The devil whispered to me, "I'm coming for you!" I whispered back, "Bring pizza."

Chocolate is God's way of telling us he likes us a little bit chubby.



## Easter Bible Trivia

Answer the following questions from the Bible.

### He Is Risen!

1. What do we call the day Jesus was crucified? \_\_\_\_\_
2. "I tell you the truth, today you will be with me in paradise," is spoken by Jesus in what Book? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Who did Jesus first appear to after he had risen? \_\_\_\_\_
4. The place the last supper was held is referred to today as the what? \_\_\_\_\_
5. What garden was Jesus praying in on Holy Thursday? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Who betrayed Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
7. The week just prior to Easter Sunday is often referred to as what? \_\_\_\_\_
8. What is the Sunday before Easter called? \_\_\_\_\_
9. Who denied Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
10. "They divided My clothes among them and they drew names for My coat," was foretold in what Book? \_\_\_\_\_
11. What did Jesus ride triumphantly into Jerusalem on? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What prisoner did the people request to be released at the Feast instead of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Which of the disciples did Jesus take with him into the garden on the night He was arrested? \_\_\_\_\_
14. Who went to Pilate and asked for Jesus' body to bury Him properly? \_\_\_\_\_
15. Whom did the Roman soldiers force to carry the cross for Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_
16. According to John, what were the last words of Christ on the cross? \_\_\_\_\_
17. As Jesus breathed his last what happened at the temple? \_\_\_\_\_
18. Who was the Roman king at the time Jesus was crucified? \_\_\_\_\_
19. Who said "I will not believe until I put my finger into the marks of the nails"? \_\_\_\_\_
20. Who used to visit Jesus at night and helped prepare Jesus' body for burial? \_\_\_\_\_

# For Children (Of all ages)

Wise

## Easter Word Unscramble

Directions: To find the answer to each question use the provided key to match the symbol with the correct letter.

1. Which disciple had his feet washed first?

⊙ ○ ⊞ ⊞ ⊞

2. Who anointed Jesus' feet?

⊞ ⊙ ⊞ ⊞

3. Who was the prisoner they traded for Jesus to be crucified?

⊞ ⊙ ⊞ ⊙ ⊞ ⊙ ⊞

4. Who was the one who first saw Jesus when he emerged from the tomb?

⊞ ⊙ ⊞ ⊞

5. Who was the one who doubted Jesus when he was resurrected?

⊞ ⊞ ∞ ⊞ ⊙ ⊞

Key:

A=⊙  
B=⊞  
H=⊞  
M=⊞  
O=∞  
R=⊞  
T=⊞

Y=⊞  
W=⊞  
P=⊙  
I=⊞  
L=⊞  
E=⊞  
S=⊞

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Bible Brain Teasers

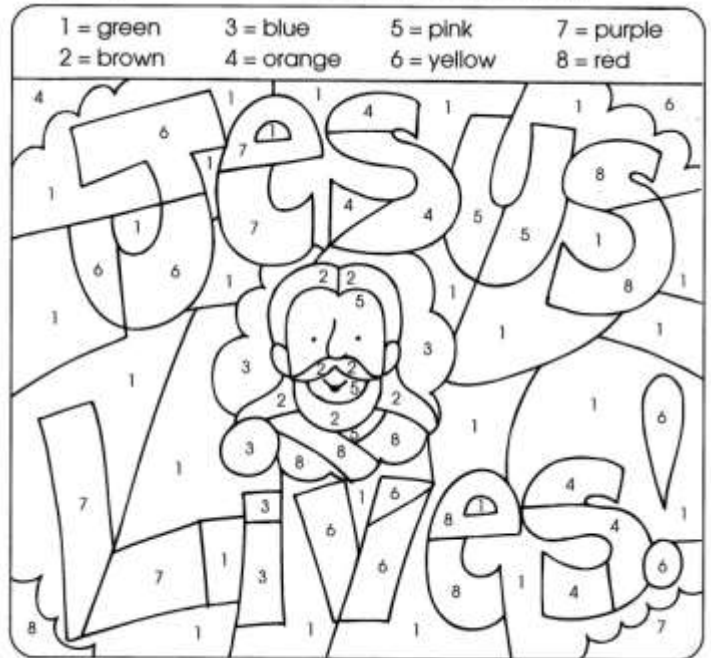
Jesus Dies and Rises Up

## Jesus Is Alive!

(John 20)

At the empty tomb, Mary Magdalene talked to a man. She thought he was a gardener. But then she saw that the man was really Jesus! He had risen from the dead and was alive again!

Color the picture using the code. Cut it out and tape it up so you can be reminded of this wonderful truth!



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#7100 Bible Brain Teasers



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Easter ABC Order

Directions: Read the words below and write them in alphabetical order.

Jesus holy faith  
cross risen God  
miracle church  
King peace



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|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 6. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 5. _____ | 10. _____ |



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