



Growing  
**FAITH**  
at home

28 June 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

welcoming others.

## Devotions



### Daily Bible Readings

S	Matthew 10:40-42	Receiving and serving others
M	Luke 9:46-48	Welcoming the little ones
T	Matthew 25:31-40	Receiving Christ in others
W	1 Kings 17:7-16	A widow receives Elijah
T	Genesis 22:1-14	Abraham tested
F	Romans 6:12-23	Slaves to Righteousness
S	Psalms 89:1-18	Who is like you?
S	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Rest for the weary

Discuss the bible reading. What word or phrase was important to you as you read these verses?

## Rituals and Traditions



### PRAYER

Lord, open our hearts to welcome you today, and then to welcome others. Amen.

### BLESSING

May God bless you with a giving, caring heart. May you know the full joy of serving others. Amen

## Caring Conversations

Share your highs and lows of the day, or respond to the following questions:

1

Share about a time when you needed some help and someone was kind to you.

2

God asks us to show our thanks to him by being kind, helpful and welcoming to others. What are some practical ways to do so?



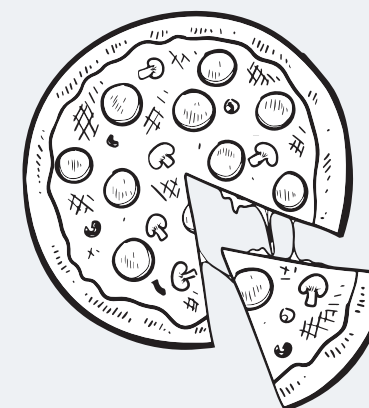
## Sundays after Pentecost

**GREEN** is a sign of life and nature and as such represents growth, life and hope.

## Creative Response

This week the first half of 2020 comes to an end. Have a household 'half year' celebration.

Share half a cake or half a pizza, eat halves of fruit! Use your time together to share memories from the last six months and talk about your hopes and expectations for the next six months. Give thanks for God's gifts to you so far this year and pray for his blessings for the rest of 2020.



### mealtimes prayer

Lord God, thank you for blessing us. As we receive, make us ready to give. As you welcome us, make us ready to welcome others. Amen.

verse for the week

And if you give even a cup of cold water to one of the least of my followers, you will surely be rewarded.

MATTHEW 10:42

## Service



Jesus said that anyone who welcomes one of his followers welcomes him, and in turn welcomes his Heavenly Father (Matthew 10:40).

Extend a welcome to a person or family from your church or another church to join you for a meal in your home (preferably people you don't know very well).

Discuss how best to make them feel welcome and divide tasks among your family (e.g. preparing your home, serving drinks or snacks, entertaining, cleaning up). Remember that in serving them you are serving Christ!