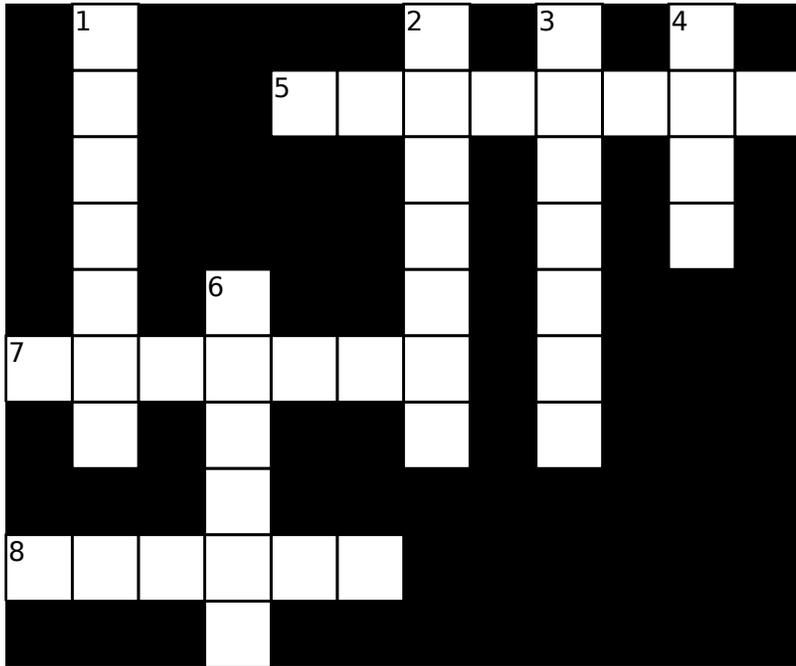


# LESSONS FOR LAMBS

## THE TWELFTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

*The color for the Twelfth Week after Trinity is green.*



### Across

- 5 God \_\_\_\_\_ to deliver the people.  
7 Joel was a \_\_\_\_\_ in the Old Testament.  
8 Joel warned the people to \_\_\_\_\_ of their sins.

### Down

- 1 God promises \_\_\_\_\_ to those who believe in Him.  
2 The people were plagued by a swarm of \_\_\_\_\_.  
3 Jesus performed a \_\_\_\_\_ by healing a deaf man.  
4 Jesus healed the \_\_\_\_\_ man.  
6 Jesus said, "Ephphatha," which means "be \_\_\_\_\_."

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### What to listen for during the service?

Listen for miracles you hear Jesus does during the service. We hear about one in the Gospel, but what kinds of miracles does Jesus do for us in the service every week? They might be simple and not as obvious as a deaf man receiving his hearing again, but He still does special things for us.

## **Gospel Reading: Mark 7:31-37**

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

31 Then [Jesus] returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. 34 And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

### **Questions to talk about with your parents:**

- 1) Why did the people bring Jesus a deaf man? What did they want Jesus to do?
- 2) What did Jesus do and what did he say?
- 3) What does "Ephphatha" mean?
- 4) What happened to the deaf man? Could he hear again?
- 5) Why did Jesus ask them not to tell anyone?
- 6) What did the people do? Did they stay quiet? Why did they want to tell everyone?

### **People of the Bible: Joel**

Joel was a prophet in the Old Testament and his ministry is recorded in the book of Joel. Joel was the son of Pethuel. Joel warns the people to repent of their sin. The people are plagued by a swarm of locusts (insects) everywhere. The locusts are annoying the people and damaging their crops. Joel warns them that though this may be miserable, it is nothing compared to what God could do to punish and judge the people. Joel warns the people to repent and turn back to God. God promises to deliver the people from the plague and restore their crops. God also promises to deliver the

Israelites from their enemies and bless them. He promises victory for His people and defeat for those who do not believe in Him.

### **Catechism Corner – The Sacrament of the Altar**

*What is the Sacrament of the Altar? Answer:*

It is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, for us Christians to eat and to drink, instituted by Christ Himself.

*Where is this written? Answer:*

The Holy Evangelists Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul [the Apostle] write thus: *Our Lord Jesus Christ, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when He had given thanks, He brake it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.*

*After the same manner also, he took the cup, and when He had supped, and when He had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of it; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the remission of sins. This do as oft as ye drink of it, in remembrance of Me.*

### **Draw a picture of Jesus healing the deaf man**

