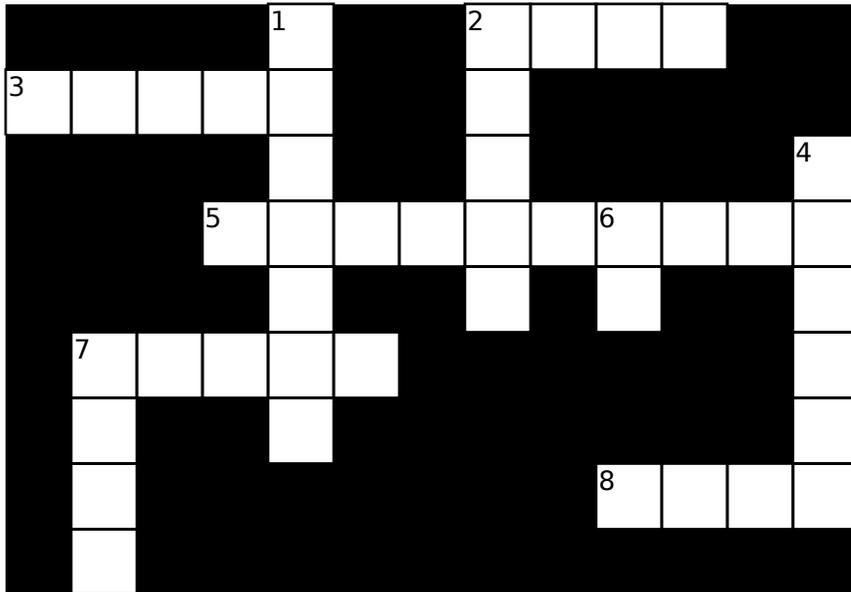


## CROSSWORD



### Across

- 2 John was the author of \_\_\_\_\_ books of the Bible total.  
3 John was very \_\_\_\_\_ to Jesus.  
5 John was with Jesus at the Transfiguration and at \_\_\_\_\_.  
7 John was the brother of \_\_\_\_\_ the Greater.  
8 Jesus told John to take care of \_\_\_\_\_ at the crucifixion.

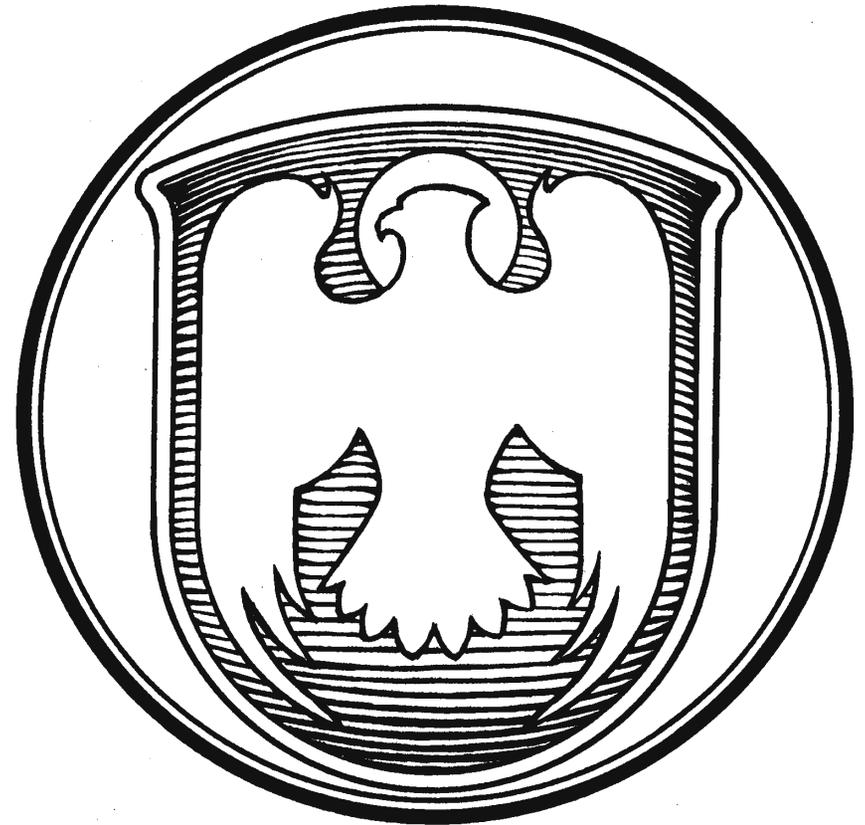
### Down

- 1 John was the son of \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 John was among the \_\_\_\_\_ to become a disciple of Jesus.  
4 Peter and John wanted to know who would \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus.  
6 Jesus told Peter, "Follow \_\_\_!"  
7 \_\_\_\_\_ was "the disciple whom Jesus loved."

# LESSONS FOR LAMBS

## ST. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST (DECEMBER 27)

*The color for St. John, Apostle and Evangelist, is white.*



### What to listen for during the service?

Listen to the hymns that are sung in church today. Follow along with your own hymnal or look at the hymnal of the person next to you. Sing along and think about what the words say. What are the hymns talking about? What did you learn from the hymns today?

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## **Gospel Reading: John 21:20-25**

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

20 Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who also had leaned back against him during the supper and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" 21 When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" 22 Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" 23 So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

24 This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

25 Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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

- 1) Who is "the disciple whom Jesus loved" talked about in verse 20?
- 2) Why did Peter and John want to know who would betray Jesus? Do you think they would have tried to prevent it?
- 3) Why did Jesus not tell them? What would happen after Jesus was betrayed?
- 4) Who wrote the book that this reading is from? Why did he tell us about so many things Jesus did?
- 5) What does it mean in verse 25 when it says, "Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written"?

### **People of the Bible: John**

John was first a disciple of John the Baptist and then one of the twelve disciples of Jesus. John was the son of Zebedee and the brother of James the Greater, another apostle of Jesus. John was among the first to become one of Jesus'

disciples (Matthew 4:18-22) and was very close to Jesus, often referred to as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." He was with Jesus at the Transfiguration and in Gethsemane, along with Peter and James. At the crucifixion we hear that Jesus told John to take care of Mary, the mother of Jesus, as his own mother and he did (John 19:26-27). John also witnessed the piercing of Jesus' side at the crucifixion. John was the author of four other books of the Bible: 1 John, 2 John, 3 John, and Revelation. The traditional symbol for John's Gospel is an eagle, as we see on the front cover.

### **HYMN – "By All Your Saints in Warfare"**

- 1 By all Your saints in warfare,  
For all Your saints at rest,  
Your holy name, O Jesus,  
Forevermore be blest!  
For You have won the battle  
That they might wear the crown;  
And now they shine in glory  
Reflected from Your throne.
- 2 For Your belov'd disciple  
Exiled to Patmos' shore.  
And for his faithful record,  
We praise You evermore.  
Praise for the mystic vision  
Through him to us revealed;  
May we, in patience waiting,  
With Your elect be sealed.
- 3 Then let us praise the Father  
And worship God the Son  
And sing to God the Spirit,  
Eternal Three in One,  
Till all the ransomed number  
Fall down before the throne,  
Ascribing pow'r and glory  
And praise to God alone.