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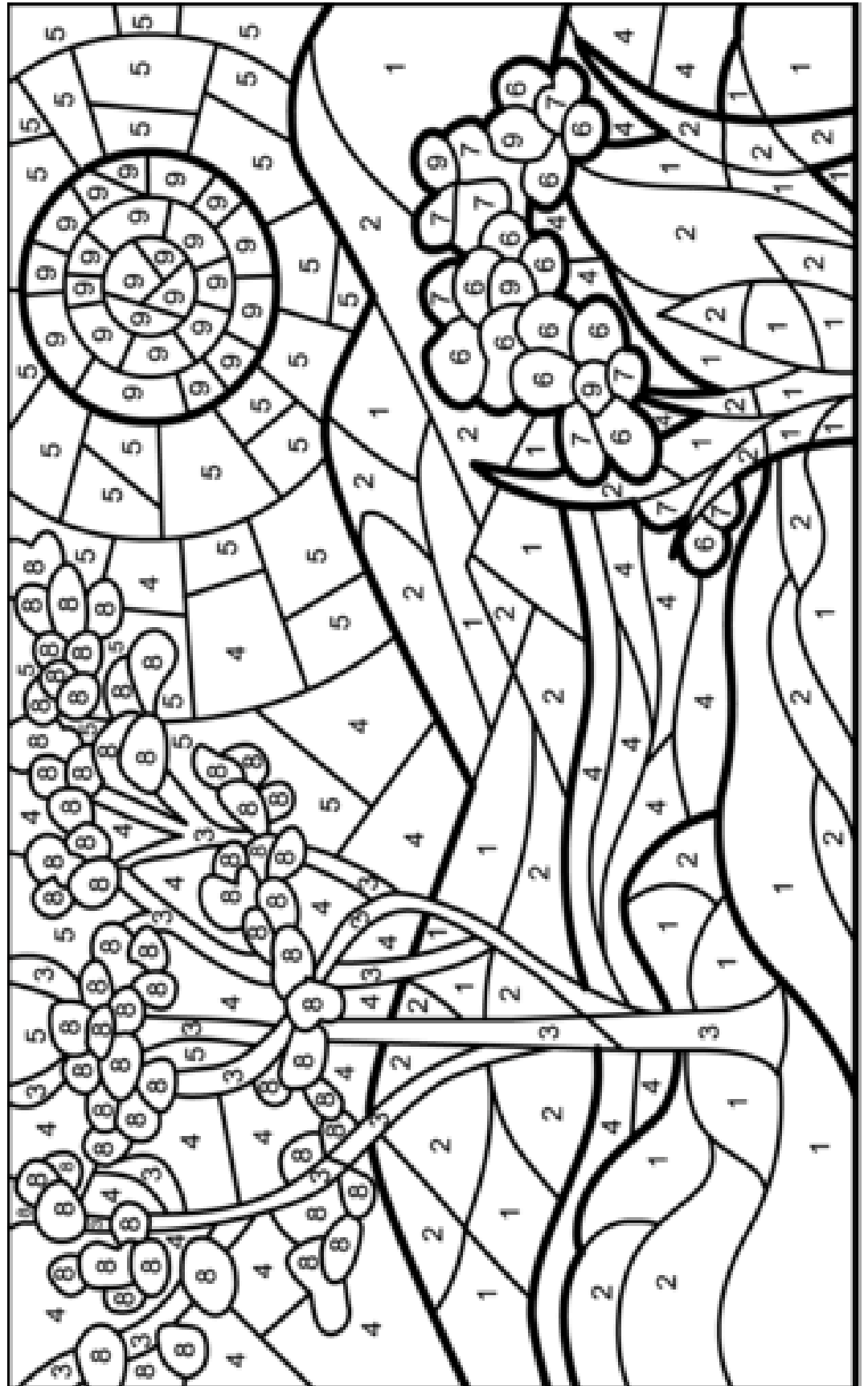
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Dear Family in Christ at Bethany Lutheran Ministries,

**"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ."**

Philippians 1:4-6

It has been my privilege to be with you as a partner in the Gospel this past year. I can truly feel, in a deep way, the spiritual meaning of what Paul addressed to the people of Philippi. I will remember the people and friends of Bethany Lutheran Ministries with great thanksgiving and joy, and you will be in my prayers as you carry on the good work which Christ Jesus has appointed you.

Unfortunately, due to the covid19 restrictions on large gatherings, I won't be able to say a final good-bye to you all in person. You never know, however, when I may drop in sometime and say howdy and/or become an incognito usher. Again, what a joy it has been to be with you.

I'm so excited for your next phase of ministry with your new Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Phillip Pledger and his wife, Cindy. They bring wonderful gifts of ministry to Bethany at a perfect time and will be a great blessing to you all. Do know that our local Circuits 4 and 19 congregations are also grateful to God for the calling of Pastor Pledger and extend words of welcome to him and celebrate with the members of Bethany Lutheran Ministries.

Due to large group restrictions in these unprecedented times, Pastor Pledger's installation will be next week, Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> **via videotape only**. Participants will include President Mike Lange of our CNH District, myself as Circuit Visitor, Ron Shively our Bethany Lutheran President, Dr. Chris Smith our Bethany Schools Principal, and Don Henrich, our Head Elder. **The Installation videotape will be available online the weekend of May 3, 2020 on our church website: [www.gobethany.com](http://www.gobethany.com)**. An in-person follow up welcome and celebration reception for all will be held at Bethany when restrictions are lifted. At this time, however, I would encourage all members and friends of Bethany to extend words of welcome to Pastor Pledger and Cindy, through card, e-mail, text, video, etc. His contact information:

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During these challenging days we've truly been reminded of our primary reason for living as individuals and as a church—to know Christ and to make Him known. We are encouraged by His words that "perfect love casts out fear (I John 4:18)." With His words of comfort, call to faith, and grace to be sufficient for us, may we all rejoice in the ministry He's given us—to share His love, salvation, and eternal hope to our world.

Serving Him with you,  
Pastor Russ