

**MAY 15, 2022**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
 Church Year Cycle C



**THEME FOR THE WEEK:**

*God's ways are not our ways.*

**WEEKLY MILESTONES:**



Take a moment to have each person share a recent mountain high and/or valley low in their lives.

**SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THE WEEK:**



*When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life." Acts 11:18 (NRSV)*

**GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION:**



In this reading Jesus gave his disciples a new command. Love had been the focus of some of Jesus' earlier commands (e.g., love God, love neighbor, and love enemies). Here, love for one another becomes the distinguishing mark of a follower of Jesus.

**GOSPEL READING:**

**Read: John 13:31-35**

**Love one another**

**BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:**



<p>1. In this reading, what did Jesus say after saying, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified."?</p>	<p><b>A</b> So you all better pay attention  <b>B</b> God has been glorified in him  <b>C</b> Woe to those who don't believe in me  <b>D</b> Any more questions?</p>
<p>2. In this reading, what did Jesus say after he calls his disciples "little children"?</p>	<p><b>A</b> Pay attention to what I am telling you  <b>B</b> It is time for you all to grow up  <b>C</b> I am with you only a little longer  <b>D</b> Watch out for the big bullies</p>
<p>3. In this reading, how did Jesus say everyone will know they are his disciples?</p>	<p><b>A</b> By their love for one another  <b>B</b> By the glow over their heads  <b>C</b> Due to their snappy clothing  <b>D</b> By their inspired preaching</p>

Answer key on page 2



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### SCRIPTURE READING DISCUSSION:

- What words stay in your mind or what ideas do you have from this reading?
- What message do you hear for us in this reading?
- How does this reading influence your thoughts, feelings, or future actions?

### RELATED READINGS FOR REVIEW AND HIGHLIGHTING:

Acts 11:1-18	Peter reports to the church
Revelation 21:1-6	New heaven and earth
James 1:2-16	Trials and temptations
Isaiah 55:6-13	God's words are powerful
Proverbs 3:5-8	Trust God
Psalms 148	Praise for God's universal glory

### RELATED READINGS DISCUSSION:

What similar themes or general concept did you discover in these related readings? How do they connect to the theme of the week?

### HYMN OF THE WEEK:

*Here I Am, Lord*

Text: Daniel L. Schutte (1946- )

Music: Daniel L. Schutte (1946- )



<https://youtu.be/cGNYDcqdI8g>

[*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #574]

### CLOSING PRAYER:

Loving God, help us to love one another and to seek to understand before we seek to be understood for the sake of Jesus Christ and the reign of God he brings. Amen.

### CLOSING BLESSING:

May God bless you with a heart filled with mercy.



Answer Key: 1-B, 2-C, 3-A