

MAY 29, 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 Church Year Cycle C



THEME FOR THE WEEK:

Jesus prays for us.

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: 

“I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.” **John 17:20-21 (NRSV)**

GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION: 

In this reading, Jesus clearly expresses his passion and prayer for his disciples to be one as God and he are one.

GOSPEL READING:

Read: John 17:20-26

Jesus prays for his disciples

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS: 

<p>1. In this reading, who is Jesus praying for in addition to his disciples?</p>	<p>A The sinful Gentiles B Those who wanted to do him harm C Those who bet all their money on races D Those who will believe through their word</p>
<p>2. In this reading, what did Jesus pray to God for?</p>	<p>A To watch over his hopeless disciples B That they may all be one C That the Pharisees get their act together D That everybody would listen to him</p>
<p>3. In this reading, when did Jesus say that God loved him before?</p>	<p>A The foundation of the world B The exodus from Egypt C The flood and Noah D The creation of the Roman Empire</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 16:16-34	Paul and Silas in prison
Revelation 22:12-21	Christ is coming soon
Romans 8:26-30	A wonderful future for God's people
Romans 8:31-39	God's love in Christ Jesus
Hebrews 7:22-28	Our Lord is a priest
Psalms 97	The Lord brings justice

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:



O Jesus, I Have Promised

Text: John E. Bode (1816-1874)

Music: *Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch*, Meiningen, 1693



<https://youtu.be/svgHDdzP5xY>

[Evangelical Lutheran Worship #810]

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, just as you and Jesus are one, give us the grace and mercy to be one with you and with all believers so that the world may see and believe. Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING:

May the grace of the Lord Jesus, the Holy One of God, be with you.



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