

**AUGUST 7, 2022**  
**NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
 Church Year Cycle C



**THEME FOR THE WEEK:**

*We are strangers and foreigners on earth.*

**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:**



*They [Abraham's descendants] confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.*

**Hebrews 11:13b-14 (NRSV)**

**GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION:**



In this reading Jesus is advising his disciples to be without fear, knowing that the source of their treasure is God, and being prepared for the unexpected return of the Son of Man.

**GOSPEL READING:**

**Read: Luke 12:32-40**

**Seek treasures in heaven**

**BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:**



<p>1. In this reading, why does Jesus tell his disciples to sell their possessions and give alms?</p>	<p><b>A</b> To make purses that do not wear out  <b>B</b> Since thieves can't take what you don't have  <b>C</b> Because it is the right thing to do  <b>D</b> Because they don't have much to begin with</p>
<p>2. In this reading, why does Jesus say that treasure in heaven is unfailling?</p>	<p><b>A</b> Because you can't take your gold with you  <b>B</b> Since heavenly treasure does not rust  <b>C</b> Since God knows the treasure in your heart  <b>D</b> No thief comes near and no moth destroys</p>
<p>3. In this reading, why did Jesus tell the disciples that they must be ready like the watchful slaves?</p>	<p><b>A</b> The Son of Man's coming will be unexpected  <b>B</b> Because the early bird gets the first worm  <b>C</b> So not to get left behind  <b>D</b> Because alertness is a godly virtue</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:

Genesis 15:1-6	God's covenant with Abraham
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	The meaning of faith
Psalms 33:1-11	Sing praises to the Lord
1 Chronicles 29:10-22	David's praise to God
Isaiah 40:27-31	The Lord gives strength
Psalms 33:12-22	Trust only in God

### 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:

#### *Blessed Assurance*

*Text:* Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)

*Music:* Phoebe P. Knapp (1830-1908)

[*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #638]



<https://youtu.be/rDeiy9-t2GE>

### CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, direct us to long for what you long for and to thirst for what you promise, that we may treasure what you want for us through Jesus, the Son of Man. Amen.

### CLOSING BLESSING:

May the God of steadfast love and faithfulness give you peace.