

AUGUST 14, 2022
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
 Church Year Cycle C



THEME FOR THE WEEK:

Living a life of compassion for those in need.

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:



*Give justice to the weak and the orphan; maintain the right of the lowly and the destitute.
 Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.*

Psalm 82:3-4 (NRSV)

GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION:



In this reading Jesus describes to the crowd that his purpose is to bring judgment to the earth. He then calls for a commitment that is so deep and defining that it can create divisions even within families.

GOSPEL READING:

Read: Luke 12:49-56

Following Jesus causes division

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:



<p>1. In this reading, what was Jesus' answer to the crowd after he asked them if they thought that he came to bring peace to the earth?</p>	<p>A Yes, because I am the happy Jesus B No, I tell you, but rather division C Yes, because I love sheep and children D It depends upon the peace you are looking for</p>
<p>2. In this reading, how did Jesus say households would be divided from now on?</p>	<p>A Everybody against everybody else B Only one black sheep in every household C Five in one household will be divided D Each household will have peace and harmony</p>
<p>3. In this reading Jesus called the crowd hypocrites as they knew how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but unable to interpret what?</p>	<p>A The daily crossword puzzle B The present time C The meaning behind the words of the Torah D The secrets of the universe</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:

Jeremiah 23:23-29	God's word is like fire
Hebrews 11:29–12:2	Faith in God
Psalms 37:27-33	Trust the Lord
Micah 6:6-8	What God requires
Isaiah 30:18-22	God's promise to Zion
Psalms 82	Justice to the weak

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:

The People Walk

Text: Juan A. Espinosa (1940-)

Music: Juan A. Espinosa (1940-)



<https://youtu.be/6TxpWAGsG2I>

[*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #706]

CLOSING PRAYER:

Almighty God, you who want compassion and justice to guide our lives, give us faith and courage to live and speak truth with love through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING:

May the God of justice and mercy give you peace and good courage.