

**JANUARY 30, 2022**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
 Church Year Cycle C



**THEME FOR THE WEEK:**

*God sustains and delivers 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:**



*“Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.”*

**Jeremiah 1:8 (NRSV)**

**GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION:**



This scripture reading follows Jesus reading the scroll of Isaiah in his hometown synagogue. For the first time in Luke, Jesus is identified as a prophet, but this will bring rejection and anger rather than acceptance in his hometown.

**GOSPEL READING:**

**Read: Luke 4:21-30**

**The prophet Jesus is rejected**

**BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:**



<p>1. In this reading, what was the crowd’s reaction when Jesus told them “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing”?</p>	<p><b>A</b> They jumped for joy and danced in the streets  <b>B</b> They were dumbstruck and confused  <b>C</b> They were amazed at his gracious words  <b>D</b> They grumbled that the reading took too long</p>
<p>2. In this reading, which prophet did Jesus first refer to as the discussion continued with the synagogue crowd?</p>	<p><b>A</b> Joshua  <b>B</b> Samuel  <b>C</b> Jeremiah  <b>D</b> Elijah</p>
<p>3. In this reading, what was the final reaction of the crowd in the synagogue after Jesus finished speaking to them?</p>	<p><b>A</b> Decided to have a town party to celebrate  <b>B</b> Filled with enthusiasm and pride  <b>C</b> Excited and filled with the Holy Spirit  <b>D</b> Filled with rage and drove him out of the town</p>

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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 1:4-10	The Lord chooses the boy Jeremiah
1 Corinthians 13:1-13	The gift of love
Luke 2:25-32	Simeon praises the Lord
Ezekiel 2:1-10	The Lord chooses Ezekiel
Amos 5:6-15	Choose good, not evil
Psalms 71:1-6	A prayer for God's protection

### 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:

*Let Justice Flow like Streams*

*Text:* Jane Parker Huber (1926-2008)

*Music:* Aaron Williams (1731-1776)

**[Evangelical Lutheran Worship #717]**



<https://youtu.be/TD5YwR2ND6I>

### CLOSING PRAYER:

**Holy God, give us confidence to live as a follower of Jesus that others may see in us our faith in you, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.**

### CLOSING BLESSING:

**May God bless you with faith, hope, and love in Christ Jesus.**