

JANUARY 2, 2022
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
 Church Year Cycle C



THEME FOR THE WEEK:

God lives among us with grace and truth.

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:



And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NRSV)

GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION:



The reading is the beginning of the Gospel of John . The first chapter of John introduces Jesus as “the Word,” from the Greek *Logos*. Think of this Prologue as an overture—a beginning piece that introduces themes and concepts that the full work will treat in greater detail.

GOSPEL READING:

Read: John 1:1-18

The Word became flesh

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:



<p>1. In this reading from John, what does he say existed in the beginning?</p>	<p>A Dinosaurs B Adam and Eve C The Word D Death and taxes</p>
<p>2. In this reading, who was the man sent from God as a witness to testify to the light?</p>	<p>A Abraham B Zechariah C John the Baptist D Isaiah</p>
<p>3. In this reading, what does John say we were given through Jesus Christ?</p>	<p>A The law of Moses B Free wine at the tavern C Grace and truth D Lots of candles</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 31:7-14	Israel will return to its own land
Ephesians 1:3-14	Spiritual blessings in Christ
2 Timothy 1:8-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Zechariah 8:14-17	God's promises to Zion
2 Corinthians 12:1-10	Visions from the Lord
Psalms 147:12-20	Sing and praise the Lord

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:

Silent Night, Holy Night!

Text: Joseph Mohr (1792-1849)
Music: Franz Gruber (1787-1863)



<https://youtu.be/yVcZdGt5qvo>

[*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #281]

CLOSING PRAYER:

Dear God, our hearts sing with gladness for your grace and truth that blesses us each day through Jesus, the Word that became flesh and lives among us now. Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING:

May the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ bless you every day and in every way.