

FEBRUARY 20, 2022
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
 Church Year Cycle C



THEME FOR THE WEEK:

God's promise of an everlasting body.

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:



So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. 1 Corinthians 15:42 (NRSV)

GOSPEL READING INTRODUCTION:



This reading is still part of the sermon on the plain where Jesus tells everyone that reciprocity is not kingdom behavior. It is a hard, unnatural lesson that goes against the grain for the crowd. Just as God goes beyond justice to mercy, we are to do the same.

GOSPEL READING:

Read: Luke 6:27-38

Love for enemies

BIBLE STUDY QUESTIONS:



1. In this reading, what does Jesus say to not withhold if someone takes away your coat?	<p>A Your shirt</p> <p>B Your pants</p> <p>C Your hat</p> <p>D Your gloves</p>
2. In this reading, what does Jesus say to do if anyone takes away your goods?	<p>A Take them to a court of law</p> <p>B Get some help and take them back</p> <p>C Burn their house down</p> <p>D Do not ask for them again</p>
3. In this reading, what does Jesus say the measure you get back will be?	<p>A More than the treasures of heaven</p> <p>B Equal to the measure you give</p> <p>C Whatever you can get your hands upon</p> <p>D Equal to your weight in gold</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:



Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Joseph reveals himself
1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	The resurrection body
Romans 5:6-11	Results of justification
Psalms 136:1-9	God's love never fails
John 10:11-18	Jesus the good shepherd
Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40	Trust 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:



Soon and Very Soon

Text: Andraé Crouch (1945-)

Music: Andraé Crouch (1945-)



<https://youtu.be/VxarZBxK0iQ>

[*Evangelical Lutheran Worship* #439]

CLOSING PRAYER:

Loving God, help us to trust in the power of the resurrection so that we may show your love, mercy, and forgiveness to others each day through Christ our Lord. Amen.

CLOSING BLESSING:

May God's love and mercy give you comfort and peace.



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