

NOVEMBER 6, 2022
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST



Our God is the God of the living.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

These passages are related to the Lectionary texts for this Sunday.

Sunday	Luke 20:27-38	Jesus speaks of the resurrection
Monday	Job 19:23-27a	I know my redeemer lives
Tuesday	2 Thess. 2:1-5, 13-17	Be faithful
Wednesday	Colossians 3:1-11	The new life in Christ
Thursday	John 11:17-27	Jesus the resurrection and the life
Friday	1 Corinthians 15:20-22	The resurrection of the dead
Saturday	Psalms 17:1-9	Prayer of an innocent person
Sunday	Luke 21:5-9	Suffering for Jesus' sake

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

“Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.” Luke 20:38 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of the resurrection, give us faith to love what you love and to care for what you care for through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

For life and health and every good, we give you thanks, O Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the God of the living give you courage to love others in Jesus' name.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*My Faith Looks
Up to Thee*



WEEKLY MILESTONES

Take a moment to tell or think about a recent mountain high and/or valley low in your life.

CARING CONVERSATIONS

Discuss in your home, small group, or use for personal reflections:

- If you could ask Jesus a question, what would it be?
- How does belief in the resurrection help you live a life of love and mercy today?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 20:27-38.

The Sadducees had a question for Jesus about the resurrection. They accepted what was written in the Torah (first five books of the Old Testament) and did not believe in life beyond the grave. They tried to trick Jesus with a question about the resurrection by asking about a woman who had married seven brothers. Jesus wisely responded to the Sadducees in a way they could understand. The answer came from Exodus (in the Torah) about Moses when he speaks to the Lord God of Abraham, *“Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.”* (v. 38). Jesus uses this reference to affirm life beyond the grave. We are children of God, and children of the resurrection (v. 36). The resurrection promotes life as God intends life to be, full of grace, mercy, and peace for all.

Discuss: How has Jesus' answer to the Sadducees helped you better understand the resurrection?

Pray: **Living God, help us to lead lives full of grace and mercy believing in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting. We ask this in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERVICE

Jesus calls us to serve our neighbor in love. Based on the Daily Bible Readings and theme for this week, how can you share the love of the living God with someone?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

The image of a butterfly has been used to signify the resurrection. The butterfly changes from a caterpillar to a chrysalis then to a beautiful creature and symbolizes life, death, and resurrection. Draw or find a picture of a butterfly and put it up in your home as a reminder of the promise of the resurrection and the love of God we see most completely in Jesus.



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