



## Nurturing Faith... Every Day in Every Way

November 10, 2019

Job 19:23-27a  
Psalm 17:1-9 2  
Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17  
Luke 20:27-38

### 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

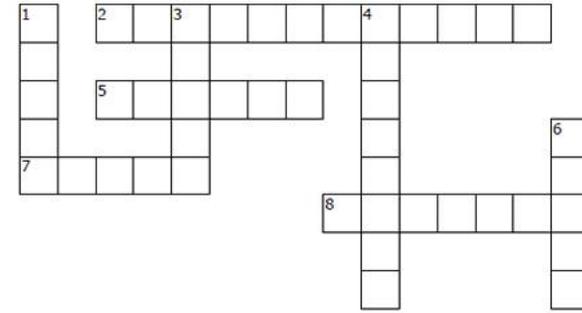
Good morning! In our Gospel lesson from Luke, we heard about a group of people called the Sadducees. They were Jewish people who believed that there was no life after death. Is that what we Lutherans believe? (allow for answers) No! We know that God is preparing a place for us in heaven and when we die, we will be with Jesus.

Jesus told the Sadducees that God's children are raised up to new life when they die and that our life in heaven with Jesus is a brand new beginning. Look at this plant. How would you describe it? (allow for answers) It's green, it has roots and leaves. You can clearly see that this plant is alive, right? But, how about these seeds? They are hard and lifeless. What do you think would happen if we had a funeral for these seeds and we buried them in the ground? Do you think they would grow? We might see life springing from what appeared to be dead! Just like outside. Leaves are falling, our grass and flowers are turning brown, but will it look like that forever? No! Come Springtime, new leaves will bud, the trees and grass will turn green again and brand new flowers will pop up. In the same way with us Christians, we know that death is not the end, it's just a for now. With Jesus, we will live forever.

\*adapted from Scolding the Snakes by Ruth Gilmore

Loving God, thank you for loving us now and always and for your Son, Jesus who has defeated death so that we may live. Amen.

## Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- The act of rising from the dead or returning to life
- The opposite of dead
- An adult female human
- A male who has the same parents as another person

### DOWN

- A woman whose husband has died and who has not remarried
- The number equal to 6 + 1
- Sons or daughters; offspring
- To become husband or wife

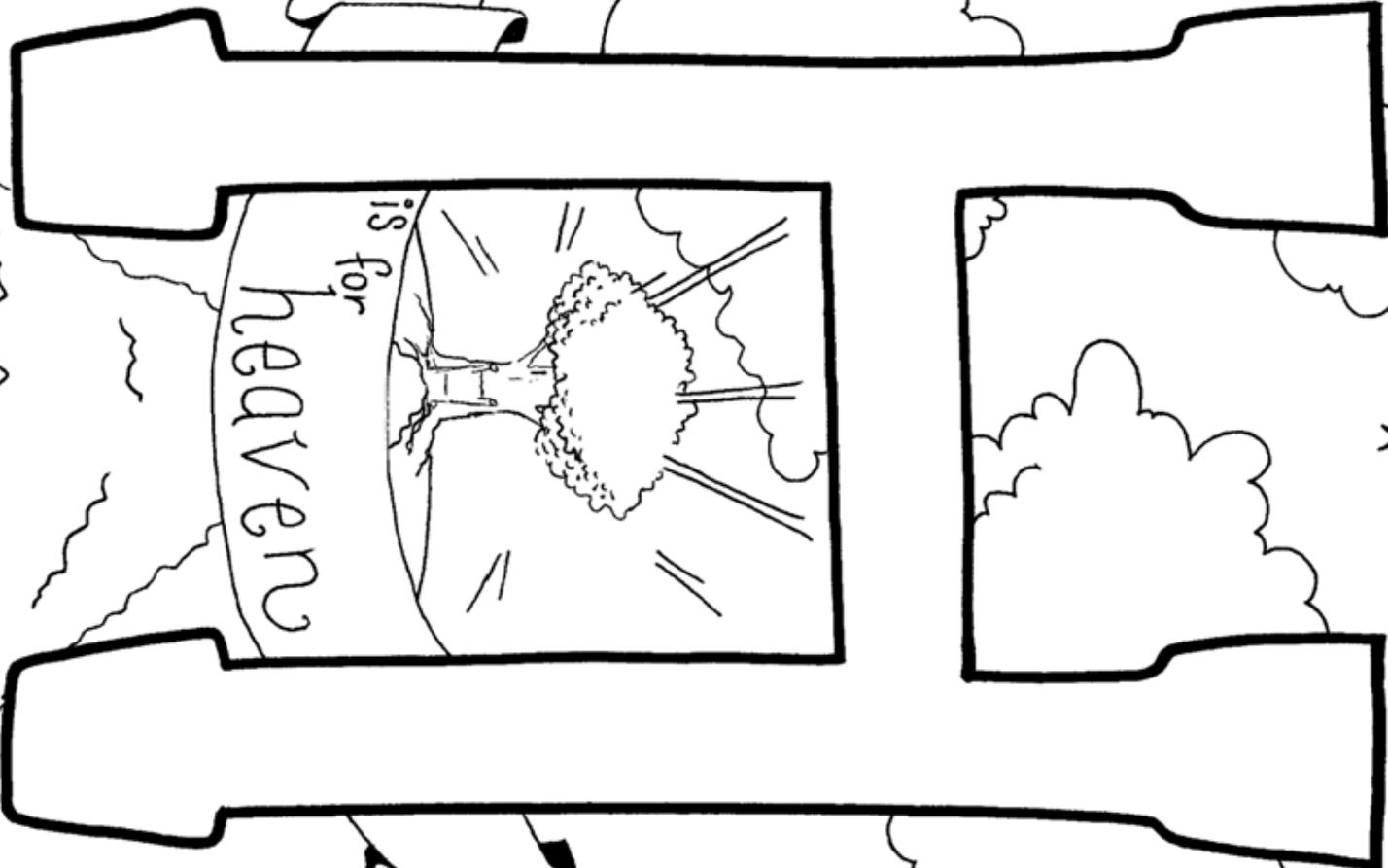
living	marry	seven	woman
widow	children	brother	resurrection

**Activity:** Make an indoor pizza herb garden. Using plastic cups, place soil in each and bury seeds for basil, oregano, and parsley. Place the cups in a sunny window and water when needed. Just as God tends to us with living water, we can tend to our herb garden with special care.

**Discussion Question:** If we think about death as a transition from this world to live with Jesus, how does that change the way you feel? A great book to read is The Memory Box by Joanna Rowland. Your pastor is always available for questions.

**Family Table Prayer for November:** God of thanks and God of giving  
Thank you for this life we are living  
For those who and serve and those who guide  
Protect them Lord, be by their side. Amen.

**November Memory Verse:** Psalm 34:8 Taste and See that the Lord is good.



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