

FEBRUARY 6, 2022
FIFTH SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY



Give thanks for God's love and faithfulness.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 5:1-11	Jesus calls the first disciples
Monday	Isaiah 6:1-13	The call of Isaiah
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	The call of Paul
Wednesday	Psalms 36	Human sin and God's goodness
Thursday	2 Thessalonians 3:1-5	Request for prayer
Friday	Deuteronomy 7:6-11	The Lord's chosen people
Saturday	Psalms 138	Praise the Lord with all your heart
Sunday	Luke 6:17-26	Sermon on the plain

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

I bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness; for you have exalted your name and your word above everything. **Psalm 138:2 (NRSV)**

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Almighty God, help us to see your power at work in the world and in our lives that all people may know your love through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Be present at our table, Lord; be here and everywhere adored. These mercies bless and grant that we, may strengthen for thy service be. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

May the Lord bless you with steadfast love that endures forever.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore



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:

- What is something you wish you could do better?
- How can God use your imperfections to care for others?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Psalm 138.

The divine backdrop for the call of Peter, James, and John is seen in Psalm 138. God's will, God's power, will not be overcome. God's purpose is full of steadfast love and faithfulness; it is full of protection that delivers us from the wrath of enemies. Peter says, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Luke 5:8) and sees the unholiness of his own life. God intends protection from evil and a divine power that will have its way. God watches over us in our lowliness, our humiliation, and protects us with a loving purpose for our lives. Peter sees in his life unholiness. Jesus, walking in the Spirit of God sees a soul, a person with a holy purpose. Peter sees only forsakenness, someone who should be abandoned. However, God in Jesus will fulfill a purpose, a purpose where Peter, James and John catch people into the net of God's love.

Discuss: How might God be using you to catch people in the net of God's love?

Pray: **Faithful God, help us to see beyond our weaknesses to a life you want for us, a life of love that reaches out to others in the name of 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 might God be using your life to reach out and care for others?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

In Luke 5:1-11, Simon fished all night and caught nothing. Jesus told him to put his nets into the deep water. When he did, the nets filled with so many fish that they began to break. On that day, Jesus showed how very real God's blessings and generosity are. Showing God's love to others is part of the Christian way of life. Make a list of ways you show God's love to others. What will you choose from your list to do this week?

Pray: **Dear God, you filled nets with fish to overflowing. Fill us with a desire to bestow your love and generosity on others, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.**



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