

Historic Scripture Lessons for ✨ the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Old Testament

Jeremiah 17:5-10 NIV This is what the Lord says: "Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who depends on flesh for his strength and whose heart turns away from the Lord. 6 He will be like a bush in the wastelands; he will not see prosperity when it comes. He will dwell in the parched places of the desert, in a salt land where no one live. 7 "But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. 8 He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit." 9 The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? 10 "I the Lord search the heart and examine the mind, to reward a man according to his conduct, according to what his deeds deserve."

Epistle

Colossians 3:12-17 Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. 13 Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. 14 And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. 15 Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. 16 Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God.

17 And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Historic Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30 Jesus told them another Parable: The Kingdom of

3-Year C Gospel (Sermon)

Luke 5:1-11 One day as Jesus was standing by the Lake of Gennesaret, with the people crowding around Him and listening to the Word of God, 2 He saw at the water's edge two boats, left there by the fishermen, who were washing their nets. 3 He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then He sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 When He had finished speaking, He said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch." 5 Simon answered, "Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets." 6 When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. 7 So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. 8 When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus' knees and said, "Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!" 9 For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, 10 and so were James and John, the sons of Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will catch men." 11 So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed Him.

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BIBLE CLASS 8:30 AM WORSHIP 9:30 AM FELLOWSHIP 10:45 AM

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February 10th, 2019 ✱ Epiphany-5C Trust The LORD

WELCOME to OUR SAVIOR! We are so happy to have you worship Our Savior with us today. If you are visiting us for the first time or in a long time, we ask that that you please fill out a visitor card found in the pew cardholder and place it in the offering plate. Come worship with us again! **God bless you.**

OUR ORDER OF WORSHIP On gold liturgy sheets or in red TLH Hymnal p.5 .

Suggested Hymn	TLH# (vv)	...First Line
Opening Hymn	246 (4v)	Holy, Holy, Holy, LORD God Almighty
<i>Psalm 98</i>	<i>Ps. 98 "4v"</i>	<i>All the Ends of the Earth Have Seen ... ↗</i>
Hymn of the Day	431 (6v)	<i>Sing v1-5</i> The King of Love My Shepherd
<i>Offertory Verses</i>	431 (6v)	<i>Sing v6</i> And so through all the length of→
Third Hymn	36 (3v)	Now Thank We, All Our God
Closing Hymn	436 (5v)	The LORD 's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Suggested Bible readings for the weekdays after 5th Sunday after Epiphany

Monday Gen. 41:38-57 Tuesday Gen. 42:1-38 Wednesday Gen. 43:1-34 Thursday Gen. 44:1-34 Friday Gen. 45:1-28 Saturday Gen. 46:1-34
 Matt. 15:29-39 Matt. 16:1-12 Matt. 16:21-28 Matt. 17:9-27 Matt. 19:1-15 Mat.20:17-34

PROPERs for the FIFTH SUNDAY after EPIPHANY ✱✱✱✱✱ FEBRUARY 10

INTROIT Worship Him, all you His angels. Zion hears and is glad. The daughters of Judah rejoice because of Your judgments, O LORD. The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice, let the multitude of isles be glad. ...from Psalm 97

COLLECT O God, we beseech You to keep Your Church and household continually in Your Truth, that those who lean only on the hope of Your heavenly grace may evermore be defended by Your mighty power; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our LORD, Who lives, and reigns..." C: ♪ A---men.

PSALM 98 (Refrain) ♪ All the ends of the earth Have seen the Power of God.

GRADUAL The heathen shall fear the Name of the LORD and all the kings of the earth Your Glory. When the LORD shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory. Alleluia! Alleluia! The LORD reigns; let the earth rejoice, let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Alleluia!
 ...from Psalm 126

SCRIPTURE LESSONS *printed on the outside back page of the bulletin →*

O.T. **Jeremiah 17:5-10** God wants Trust in Him, not in oneself.
 Epi. **Colossians 3:12-17** Christian Love binds all things in perfect unity.
 Gos. **Matthew 13:24-30** Jesus tells the Parable of the Wheat & Weeds.

SERMON Go.-C **Luke 5:1-11 TRUST THE MAN IN THE BOAT. (HE KNOWS/MADE THE FISH)**

EPIPHANY Psalm 98: ALL TH' ENDS O' TH' EARTH HAVE SEEN TH' POWER O' GOD

Refrain C: ♪ All the Ends of the Earth, Have Seen the Power of God.
 All the ends of the earth, Have seen the power of God.

Verse 1. Sing to the LORD a new song, ___ for He has done wondrous deeds; ___
 His Right Hand has won the Vict'ry for Him, His ho-ly Arm. _____

♪ All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...

Verse 2. The LORD has made His Salvation known, His justice revealed to all; ___
 Remembered His kindness and faithfulness, To Is-rael. _____

♪ All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...

Verse 3. All the ends of the earth have seen, Salva--tion by our God; ___
 Joyfully sing out all you lands, Break forth- in song. _____

♪ All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends...

Verse 4. Sing to the LORD with harp and song, ___ With trumpet and with horn; ___
 Sing in your joy before the King, The King-, our LORD. _____

♪ All the ends of the earth, have seen the power of God. All the ends of the...

#431 6. And so through all the length of days Thy goodness faileth ever. Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise Within Thy house forever! A-men.

PRAYER REQUESTS: (Member or Relation) Pray for...

Al Avant (George) Health issues (sore toe). Had unscheduled surgery on it
Dee Kurczewski (David) Dee - rehabbing. David back working
DuWayne & Shirley Marquardt DuWayne's good(lung)news. Shirley surgery
Jon & Andrea Sawyer Jon's heart; working again. Andrea was in LRMC again
James Vanesky & Delores Platt Both rehabbing. We enjoy seeing them
Steve & Ethel Wendt Back from visit to Steve's Mom. She's rallying

Volunteers	Today	Next Sunday
Greeters	Pat & Dave Wiesenauer	Bev & Don Wienke
Treaters	Bev Foster & Joe Thacker	

Statistics	Last week	Year To Date / Avg.
Sunday, Attendance (Communion)	28 / (23)	28 / 23
Bible Class Attendance: Sunday	8	8
Sunday Offering (Needed) & YTD	\$, (\$1,3K)	YTD \$, (\$6.66K)

Calendar of Events		
Today, February 10	8:30 am	Bible Study Salvation Words: Redemption
Epiphany-5 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (NO Communion)
☪ <i>Trust in the LORD</i>	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!
Tuesday, 2/12	5, 7:00 pm	(Meal &) Matsiko Orphan Choir Concert
Thursday, 2/14	1:30 pm	OSL (1st) February Council Meeting -hall
Saturday, 2/16	10:00 am	OSLadies Guild February Meeting (Pat)
Next Sunday 2/17	8:30 am	Bible Study SalvationWord: Resurrection
Epiphany-6 Sunday	9:30 am	Divine Worship (WITH Communion)
Blessings & Woes	10:45 ff...	"FFF" = Food, Fun & Fellowship ... Stay!

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EPIPHANY-5C Luke 5:1-44 "TRUST THE MAN IN THE BOAT" 02.10.19 OSL

(MORE) WORD PREACHING

Again Jesus is preaching the Word. It's been a running theme over the last several Sundays. He preaches in Nazareth; He preaches in Capernaum. Today He preaches at the shore of the Sea of Galilee, here called the Lake of Gennesaret. Same body of water. Here the synagogue is an informal gathering, a crowd that has formed and is pressing in on Jesus, eager to hear the Word. His pulpit is Simon's fishing boat which Jesus presses into service. The fishermen were mending their nets after a fruitless night of work, and the boat would provide a little distance between Jesus and crowd so everyone could hear.

(DEADLIEST?) LUCKIEST CATCH

Fishing was potentially **lucrative and always difficult**. Fishermen tend to be superstitious in an almost religious sort of way. If you stop and think about it for a second, you can understand it. You can't see what you're trying to catch. You're at the mercy of the wind, the waves, the seasons, the unpredictability of fish. They didn't have sonar to locate the fish or GPS to guide them reliably to a location. They had to rely on experience, instinct, and a lot of dumb luck.

NO LUCK (CHUCK)

The luck apparently wasn't that good that night. They had labored through the whole night and caught nothing. It's **frustrating, tiring, tedious**. You likely have the same experience in your vocation. You work like crazy and have nothing to show at the end of the day, or sometimes longer. I'm sure the fishermen were **not in a terribly good mood** on the seashore that day as they cleaned their nets for the next night. They were probably just eager to get the chores done so they could catch some sleep. And here is Jesus, wanting to borrow Simon's boat so he could use it as a pulpit. **What's a fisherman to do?**

LET'S GO A'FISHIN'

So they push Simon's boat out a bit, and Jesus sits down and teaches the people. Luke doesn't record a Word of what Jesus said (don't you wish he had?), but he tells us that when Jesus finished speaking, He turns to Simon and says, *"Let's go fishing. Put the boat out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch."* There's a command and a promise, if you will. Put out the boat, let down your nets. And there **will be a catch**.

WHO IS THIS GUY?!

I imagine the fishermen kind of stopped, looked at each other, and muttered to themselves, *"What does He know about fishing, anyway?"* He **grew up in a carpenter's house** in Nazareth. He's a **rabbi**, not a fisherman. Fishermen knew that it's easier to **fish in the shallows rather than the deep**. And you **wait until nightfall**, when the fish come up to the shallows to feed. You don't cast your nets into the deep water at midday. That's just a waste of time and energy.

BIG CHIEF (THAT'S WHO)

"Master, we toiled all night and took nothing!" Interesting word choice there. *"Master."* More like **Chief or Commander**. *"We fished all night, chief, and took nothing."* But Simon **trusts** the Word of Jesus, and Jesus is **teaching Simon** to trust His Word. That's the **point of this miracle. Trust the Word of Jesus**. *"At Your Word I will let*

down the nets." Simon trusts the Word of Jesus over and against his own experience as a fisherman. He has no good reason to let out the nets in the daylight in deep water **except for Jesus' Word**. Jesus had healed his mother-in-law of a fever, (last Sunday **Luke 4**) after all. So, Why not?

FAITH-POINT

This is the **Faith Point - taking Jesus at His Word**. Like the servants at the wedding feast at Cana who filled those clay jugs with water and then dispensed it to the guests. They took Jesus at His Word.

GREAT (JUMPING) FISH!

So out go the nets, and what do you suppose happened? The fish swim into the nets like moths drawn to the light! The nets are busting full of fish, and the boats are in danger of sinking under the weight of all of them. And for a moment at least, Simon and the rest of the fishermen must have been thinking, *"This is great! The ultimate fish locator. We could be rich."* But Simon Peter looks at all the flopping fish in the boat, and he looks at Jesus, and this big tough fisherman falls to his knees in humility and says, *"Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord."*

& FAITH TALK

That is **faith talk** too – recognizing that we stand in the presence of a Holy God, recognizing that in Jesus this Holy God has become One of us and stands in our midst, that He is the **Lord of creation Whom the wind and waves and even the fish obey**. Simon knew his sinfulness. It wasn't just a matter of sins, the coarse word here, the fights with his brother, the bickering with his wife, his greed for gain, his discouragement over a fruitless night of labor, or whatever. He doesn't simply say *"I have sinned,"* but *"I am a sinner."* That's what he is. That's **what you and I are as well**.

HOLY SMOKE!

Prophet Isaiah had that same recognition when he came to the Temple in the critical year when King Uzziah died, and he had a vision of the Lord sitting upon His throne surrounded by those mysterious six-winged creatures called seraphim = **"fire angels,"** really. It must have been an amazing **sight**, not only to **see** but to **hear** (and even **smell**) their eternal worship – **"Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of His glory."** Even the very **sound** of it shook the foundations of the Temple under Isaiah's feet as the **smoke of incense filled the place**. (Sensory overload)

I'MWE'RE NOT WORTHY

Isaiah knew what it meant for him. *"Woe is me! For I am lost. I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell among a people of unclean lips."* Isaiah knew that a **sinner canNOT look on God and live**. He knew **what** he was – a **sinner**, whose lips and life were anything but pure and holy. And here he is standing in the presence of Yahweh, the Lord of hosts. But the Lord of hosts is **gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love**. A fire angel takes a burning coal from the incense altar and touches it to Isaiah's lips. Did it hurt? Isaiah doesn't say. This is Gospel fire, like the burning bush that did not burn that Moses saw. This is a fire that purifies the unclean, that declares the sinner righteous, that speaks the Absolving Word *"Your guilt is taken away, your sin atoned for."*

1-WAY, 1-MAN This is **the only way** a sinner can stand in the presence of the Holy and the Almighty **and live to tell about**. Your guilt must be taken away, sin must be **atoned**, paid for. That Jesus standing in the boat on the Sea of Galilee is the Atoning Sacrifice, He is the guilt-Bearer, the Lamb who takes away the sin of the world. Your sin. My sin. The sin/s **of the world**.

IT'S ON ME / US We are indeed people of **unclean lips and lives**. A string of broken Commandments is the evidence against us. And all we can do is what Isaiah and Simon Peter did – **admit it, own it, confess it**. We are sinful and unclean, in our thought, our words, our deeds, in what we **do**, and in what we **don't** know. Sinful and unclean. **Simon Peter** knew it; **Isaiah** knew it; **you and I know it too**. And no matter how hard we try, we can't make it right.

BURNING EARS & HEARTS Christ does here for you what He did for Isaiah in the Temple that day. He Baptizes you with the fire of the Holy Spirit. He burnishes your lips with the hot coal of Forgiveness, putting the Word of Forgiveness, the Word of Absolution, into your ears which are the doorway to the heart. **Faith comes by hearing the Word**.

RIGHT AND WRONG By that Word, sinners can not only stand in God's presence, share a boat with Him and a catch of fish, they can also serve Him in His Kingdom. Simon Peter thought he was unworthy. **He was right, and he was wrong**. In himself, he was unworthy to be in the same boat as Jesus. True. But he was wrong. Jesus made him worthy, **declared him worthy to be in the same boat with Him**.

HE GOT IN OUR BOAT This is precisely what Jesus did for us by becoming Man and dying and rising. **He got into the same boat with us. Our boat**. Though Lord of Creation and the Creator, He became the Creature, Man. Though LORD over the Law, He came under the Law, obedient to death on a Cross. To save us. He got into our boat to bring us **into His boat**, the Ark of His Salvation, the place where we are kept safe from the Flood of God's wrath.

LITTLE FISH/BIG FISH It may sound a bit strange, but (Where do **we fit**) in this episode(?) – It's probably those fish flopping around the boat on the way to their death. They had been caught in an Apostolic Net, at the Command of Jesus Himself, and in some way they couldn't be safer. They too were in the same boat with Jesus. This is how the **Church Father Tertullian** once pictured **Christians in our Baptism/s ... little fishes swimming with our Great (Big) Fish Jesus**.

HIS MEANS *"Don't be afraid: from now on you will be catching men,"* Jesus tells them. Apostles and Apostolic Church. No longer would they be hunting down fish with nets. Now they would be netting people for the Kingdom, fishing for men, casting out the net of Jesus' death and Resurrection far and wide, in likely places and in unlikely places, in the shallows but also in the deep. And trusting the Word and Wisdom of Jesus. His **way**, not our way. His **time**, not our time. His Word and **His Ways: Baptism, Supper, Forgiveness**. Snatching sinners out of the depths to life and freedom.

IN THE (JESUS) BOAT So, don't be afraid, dear baptized believer. Not of death or life, nor angels, powers, the past, the present, the future, not height or depth or anything in all creation. **You are in the same boat with Jesus**.

I'N, Amen. SDG

Possible Prayer of Church * * * * * 5th Sunday in Epiphany February 10th 2019
Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. (Possible Brief silence)

Eternal God, You are holy and mighty, and great is the majesty of Your glory. As once You cleansed the guilty lips of Isaiah and sent him forth to call Your people to repentance and to speak hope in Your name, cleanse us and send us forth with Your Word, that many may hear and believe. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our...**

Glorious Father, in Your great mercy You sent forth Your Son to atone for the sins of the whole world, and He established a Church by His blood. Renew Your Church and strengthen the resolve of Your people in difficult and dangerous times, that they may be faithful in every circumstance. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our ...**

O merciful Lord, You have called Your pastors and missionaries to become fishers for men by proclaiming the whole counsel of Your Word. Guard them in their task, and give them courage and zeal. Bless us through their faithful preaching of Your Law and Gospel, that we may be set free through forgiveness to serve You with our whole heart, mind, body and strength. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our ...**

Blessed Lord, through Your Word preached and taught, You equip Your people for the fulfillment of their baptismal vocations. Bless especially the young men, that they may hear Your call to the pastoral office, and sustain those who are now being trained for this holy calling. Bless the young women, that they may hear Your call to be deaconesses, teachers, directors of Christian education or to serve as they are able to do the noble work of Your Kingdom, and sustain those now being educated for these paths. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Almighty God, all things are Yours and all authority has its source in You. Bless us with good leaders in government and enable us to be good citizens, both working together for the common good of all people. Bring Your peace to bear where war, violence and terrorism threaten, and protect those who defend us. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Loving God, as Your Son bestowed the healing gifts of Your grace, so bestow upon the sick, the suffering, the wounded in spirit and the dying the fullness of Your grace. Especially do we pray on behalf of **[OSL Prayer List]** and those named in our hearts. Give to the suffering relief and the sick healing, according to Your will, and give them patience under the burden of their afflictions until that day when we shall no more be troubled by the weakness of flesh and shall see our bodies made new as Christ's own glorious flesh in the resurrection of the dead. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Holy Lord, though we are sinners, You have granted us new birth in Baptism and have forgiven our sins. By this grace bestowed, enable us to worthily receive His most precious body and blood in this blessed Sacrament. Nourish us for Your Kingdom, and sustain us in this faith and life until we feast together on high with the blessed apostles, prophets, saints and all who have died in faith. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen. Then, "Our Father, Who..."**