

LESSONS FOR LAMBS

THE FIFTH WEEK AFTER TRINITY

The color for the Fifth Week after Trinity is green.



Trinity
Simon
sink
Lord
follow
Sarah
sacrifice
Jacob
believed

catch
net
fish
James
Isaac
promise
pray
blessing

men
boat
depart
John
Abraham
ram
Esau
suffering



What to listen for during the service?

Your pastor is a servant of God who "catches men," like we hear about the disciples in our Gospel today. What things does your pastor do during the service to obey God's command to "catch men"? What are the most important words your pastor speaks?

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Gospel Reading: Luke 5:1-11

(The Gospel Reading is from the part of the Bible that is about Jesus and his ministry.)

1 On one occasion, while the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, 2 and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. 3 Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon's, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. 4 And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch." 5 And Simon answered, "Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets." 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. 7 They signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord." 9 For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, 10 and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

Questions to talk about with your parents:

- 1) What happened when Jesus told Simon to put out his nets into the lake again?
- 2) Why did the boats begin to sink?
- 3) Why did Simon say "depart from me" to Jesus? Who did Simon believe Jesus was? Did Jesus leave?
- 4) What did Jesus mean when he told Simon he would be "catching men" from now on? What would Simon be doing to "catch men"?
- 5) What did James, John and Simon do after they brought their boats to land?

People of the Bible: Isaac

God promised Abraham and Sarah He would give them a son even though Abraham was old and Sarah wasn't able to have any children until then. Abraham didn't believe Sarah could have a child, so he tried to take care of it himself and had a son named Ishmael. However, Ishmael was not the son God promised to Abraham though Sarah. God kept His promise to give them a child, and Sarah had a son named Isaac. We hear about Isaac as a boy in Genesis 22 when God commands Abraham to sacrifice Isaac. Abraham travels to the place for the sacrifice and is ready to obey God's command, but then God stops him and spares Isaac. God provides a ram for the sacrifice instead of Isaac. As an adult, Isaac married Rebekah. When Rebekah couldn't have any children, Isaac prayed to God for the blessing of children and God blessed him with twin sons, Esau and Jacob. Isaac favored his son, Esau, and when Isaac was near death he planned to give him a special blessing. However, Jacob tricked him and received the blessing instead. Isaac died when he was 180 years old and his sons buried him in a cave where Abraham, Sarah, and Rebekah had been buried. He was a sinner and made many mistakes during his life, but he remained faithful and believed in God.

Catechism Corner – Sacrament of Holy Baptism

4. The significance of baptizing with water

What does such baptizing with water indicate? Answer:

It signifies that the old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil lusts, and again a new man daily come forth and arise, who shall live before God in righteousness and purity forever.

Where is this written? Answer:

St. Paul says, Romans chapter sixth: *We are buried with Christ by Baptism into death, that like as he was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*