

OCTOBER 5, 2025
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

taking† faith home

Faith is a way of life.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	Luke 17:5-10	Faith the size of a mustard seed
Monday	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	The righteous live by faith
Tuesday	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Thanksgiving and encouragement
Wednesday	Isaiah 26:1-9	The Lord can be trusted
Thursday	Hebrews 10:32-39	Faithful endurance
Friday	Romans 5:1-11	Results of justification
Saturday	Psalms 37:1-9	Trust the Lord
Sunday	Luke 17:11-19	One leper gives thanks to God

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you." Luke 17:6 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

God of power and might, give us a living faith that we may see in you the goodness that gives us confidence to live each day through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, we thank you for this meal and are grateful for your loving acts of goodness and mercy through Jesus our Lord. Amen.

A Blessing to Give:

Grace, mercy, and peace to you from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. (2 Timothy 1:2)



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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 words describe someone you can trust?
- Where do you find God's presence in your daily life?

DEVOTIONS

Read: Luke 17:1-10.

Jesus is teaching his disciples—and us—to trust him, lean on him, and to be content in our daily lives. We, like Jesus' disciples in this reading, can and will continue to miss the point of faith. Earlier in Luke 14:26-27, Jesus set a very high bar for his followers: putting Jesus above family, wealth, and even personal security. In Luke 17:1-4, he says one needs to forgive when asked, and one should not cause another to sin. No wonder his followers ask for their faith to be increased! And yet, the request misses the point. Any amount of faith will do. Faith is not a quantity that can be measured. Faith, large or small, does not give one a reward. It is a way of life where followers of Jesus learn and grow as they live out their faith, make mistakes and learn from those mistakes. As they learn, they will rely more on Jesus than on their own powers. In a world that many times abuses the humble and needy, the life of faith seeks to live with compassion, generosity, and hope.

Discuss: How does your faith guide your daily living?

Pray: Almighty God, help us to trust in you, learn from you, and continue to turn to you as the source of all that is good and worthy in life through 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 encourage someone who is experiencing discouragement?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS

Paul encouraged Timothy to rekindle the gift God had given to him (2 Timothy 1:6). God has given each of us gifts to use and develop. Think or talk about what gifts God has given you and others you know. Write each of these on sticky notes. Stick the notes in a visible location as a reminder of the various gifts God has given us to serve others.

Pray: Lord, help us to rekindle the gifts you have given us and seek places where we can use them to serve others. Amen.

