

JANUARY 18, 2026
SECOND SUNDAY
AFTER EPIPHANY

taking+ faith home

Faith is formed through trusted relationships.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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

Sunday	John 1:29-42	Jesus, the Lamb of God
Monday	Isaiah 49:1-7	The servant's mission
Tuesday	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	Greetings to the Corinthians
Wednesday	John 1:43-51	Jesus calls Philip and Nathaniel
Thursday	Psalm 46	God is our mighty fortress
Friday	John 9:1-34	The man born blind receives his sight
Saturday	Psalm 40:1-11	Happy are they who trust the Lord
Sunday	Matthew 4:12-23	Jesus calls his first disciples

SCRIPTURE VERSE FOR THIS WEEK

He [Jesus] said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. John 1:39 (NRSV)

PRAYERS AND BLESSING

A Prayer for the Week:

Dear God, help me and all people to see Jesus the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Amen.

Mealtime Prayer:

Dear God, let me see in this meal a gift of love, part of your wondrous deeds that are so many they cannot be counted. Amen. (Psalm 40:5)

A Blessing to Give:

May God bless you with peace.



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HYMN OF THE WEEK

*Will You Come and
Follow Me*



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 would you use to describe someone with whom you have a trusted relationship?
- John the Baptist, Andrew, and Philip helped others see Jesus. How can trusted relationships help others see Jesus?

DEVOTIONS



Read: John 1:29-46.

Having a relationship with Jesus often involves a trusted relationship with others. John the Baptist twice tells people that Jesus is the Lamb of God. After the second announcement, two of John's disciples follow Jesus. They want a relationship to Jesus so they ask where he is staying. Jesus immediately invites them to where he is dwelling. The result is that Andrew (one of the two disciples of John) goes and gets his brother Simon (Cephas or Peter). Then Philip is brought into the inner circle of disciples. Interestingly, he is from the same hometown as Andrew and Peter. These were likely neighborhood boys who knew each other growing up and had a trusted relationship. Then Philip goes and gets his friend Nathaniel. Philip's invitation includes the same words Jesus used earlier: "Come and see" (vv. 39 and 46).

Discuss: We often see Jesus through others with whom we have a trusted relationship. Who has helped you see Jesus?

Pray: Dear Jesus, may we help others to see you through our invitation, our care, and our living faith. 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 invite someone to come and see Jesus?

RITUALS AND TRADITIONS



When John the Baptist saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!" While we cannot physically see Jesus, there are signs of his life all around us. Cut out the shape of a lamb from a large sheet of white paper. Talk or think about ways you have seen or experienced the presence of Jesus during the day. Write your thoughts on your lamb. Take a moment to read through them.

Pray: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace. Amen.