

The Word

Twenty-seventh Week of Ordinary Time

Week of October 2

Call to Prayer and Sharing

- **★** Leader invites all into a few moments of silent reflection to remember that we are in the presence of God. (reflective pause)
- **→** *Then:* "In the name of the Father and of the Son"

The Word of God

★ Leader reads part or all of one of the scripture texts from the previous Sunday.

Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith."

The Lord replied,

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed,

you would say to this mulberry tree,

'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your servant

who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field,

'Come here immediately and take your place at table'?

Would he not rather say to him,

'Prepare something for me to eat.

Put on your apron and wait on me while I eat and drink.

You may eat and drink when I am finished'?

Is he grateful to that servant because he did what was commanded?

So should it be with you.

When you have done all you have been commanded,

say, 'We are unprofitable servants;

we have done what we were obliged to do."

Faith Sharing

★ Leader reminds everyone of the Question of the Week which relates to the particular group gathered

Children: When have helped someone without being asked? How did that make you feel?

Teens: How have you shown your faith in God through a risk, or a bold action?

Adults: What struggle have you encountered (past or present) that has made it difficult to trust God? What helps restore your hope & trust?

We offer this form of contemplative sharing for pondering Scripture while considering the question, and for the faith sharing which follows.

- Listen/ Read (Lectio): Ponder God's word and listen for what touches your heart.
- Meditate (Meditatio): Notice what you notice. Allow God's word to resonate in you.
- Speak/Share (Oratio): Prayerfully share with the group your thoughts and feelings.
- Rest in God's presence (Contemplatio): Notice God's presence and be still, surrounded by God's love.

Time is provided for sharing responses to the question. Silence between responses is to be expected. Allow about 15 minutes for faith sharing. For larger groups, leader invites members to divide into groups of three or four for faith sharing.

- ♦ When the sharing comes to an end, the leader invites everyone to take a moment to silently and reverently hold what has been shared together.
- **→** *Continue with the meeting, turning to the agenda.*

Concluding the meeting

At the end of the meeting, the leader closes with the following prayer:

Good and Gracious God, your love for us surpasses all understanding. As we leave here today, be with us in all our comings and goings, and in all that we say and do. We pray this in the name of Christ Jesus who is our Light. Amen.