**February 6th ~ Scripture: Luke 5: 1-11 (NRSV) ~ Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

**5**Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God,

**2**he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and 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 way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

**4**When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.”

**5**Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.”

**6**When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning 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 that they began to sink.

**8**But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!”

**9**For he and all who were with him were amazed 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. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.”

**11**When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.