

# Grace Devotion

Week of January 25, 2026

## *Jesus Calls the First Disciples*

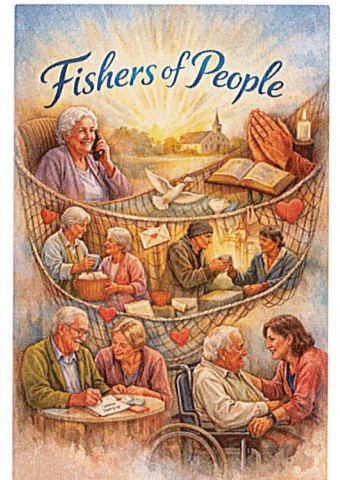
*18 As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. 19 And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” 20 Immediately they left their nets and followed him. 21 As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. 22 Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. (Matthew 4:18-22)*

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Greetings,

In this week’s scripture, we find Jesus calling his first disciples. He walked to the two brothers, who were fishermen, and told them to leave behind all that they knew to become fishers of people. Can you imagine what was going through their heads? The surprise, the fear, the trust, and maybe even the excitement about following Jesus. They left everything behind to step into the unknown!

Jesus calls each of us too—not as often in the big grand gestures, but in small, quiet ways. Sometimes that call can shake us to the core. Jesus asks us to follow and step out of our familiar ways and to trust that our lives will be greater than we could even imagine. As life may seem like it is slowing down, the call is still as great—it just may look a little different. Jesus’s call for you to be fishers of people may look like offering a kind word to a neighbor, or someone you pass by on a daily basis. The call may look like making a phone call to someone who is lonely—opening your eyes and your hearts beyond your door. The call may look like praying for friend in need or by sharing your gifts with someone else. Each of these small acts is a way of following Jesus and becoming “fishers of people” in our own little corner of the world.



## Prayer:

Gracious and Loving God, Thank You for calling us, even when we feel uncertain. Help us to hear Your voice in our daily lives and to trust Your call. Give us the willingness to leave behind the things that hold us back. Help us find the joy in stepping into the work You invite us to do. May we, like the first disciples, find our purpose in following You and sharing Your love with others. Amen

With Grace and Love,

Pastor Amy

January 25, 2026

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome/Announcements

Westminster Chimes and Prelude

\*\*+“Old Church Choir”

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\*\* Call to Worship

Lector: God is our light in the darkness and our safe place when fears arise.

**Congregation: We have nothing to fear for God is with us.**

Lector: There is one thing we long for above everything else:

**Congregation: To be in God’s presence and to rest in God’s love.**

Lector: Let us follow the One who calls us—who walks with us and shows us the way.

**Congregation: We gather here today with our hearts open, ready to see God at work in our lives.**

\*\* Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)

**Gracious God, we come here today, wanting to feel Your presence and hear Your voice. When fear or doubt enter our hearts, remind us that You are with us. When we worry about which way to go, help us follow the path You set before us. Meet us here, God, in our songs, in our prayers, and in our hearts. Fill us with hope and send us to share Your love with the world. Amen**

\*\* Sharing the Peace of Christ

\*\*° Hymn: “God of Grace and God of Glory”

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Joys and Concerns  
Praying for Others  
Lord’s Prayer

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Celebration of Our Gifts

\*\* Offertory Response: “Doxology”

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\*\* Prayer of Dedication

° Hymn: “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

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Scripture Readings:

Psalms 27:1, 4-9

Time for the Young at Heart

Message: “Follow Me”

*From Matthew 4:12-23*

\*\*+“Your Grace Is Enough”

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\*\* Final Blessing

\*\* “A Choral Benediction”

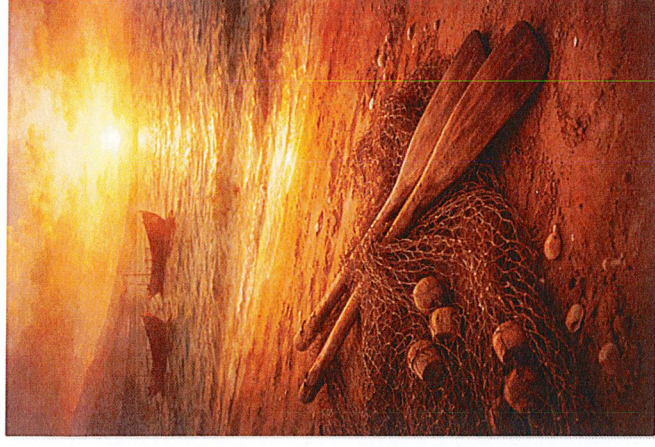
Postlude

\*\* Please stand, if you are able.

+ Black contemporary folder ° Blue hymnal

### Announcements

- The church will be open on Wednesdays from 11am-12pm if you would like to stop by for a quiet opportunity for prayer or stillness in the sanctuary. Pastor Amy will be available for a word of prayer or just someone to sit with in the silence.
- Women's Ministry – January 28<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 PM – **In Person**
- Upcoming Meetings
  - Financial Meeting – January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM
  - Worship & Music – January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 4:45 PM
  - Faith Formation – January 26<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 PM



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Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector – Joleen Fennell

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Usher – Jenn Weaver & Anita Kincaid



## Psalm 27

T R M B U S S T P J L K G  
 K O W O U V N Y T H O U O  
 O G Z B T S D Y Y F F V O  
 O K O D A H D V D I H X D  
 K S K O U G E W I L L A G  
 X E H Y D L A R F S B W O  
 X V S G L N M I F A N C A  
 W E E A N N E Q N G C E F  
 I N H I K O R S L S Y E T  
 R S A G Q D C U S O T G E  
 Q L Z E X F Y V R Y Q Q R  
 P L I G H T I M E U C X L  
 R F B G Z W U G R R E S C



### Psalm 27:1

"The Lord is my light and salvation."

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| • EVEN  | • THOU     |
| • WILL  | • MOTHER   |
| • AFTER | • PLAIN    |
| • TIME  | • AGAINST  |
| • SHALL | • GOODNESS |
| • MERCY | • GOOD     |

- The LORD is my \_\_\_\_\_ and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?
- When the wicked, \_\_\_\_\_ mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell.
- Though an host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: though war should rise against me, in this \_\_\_\_\_ I be confident.
- One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek \_\_\_\_\_; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple.
- For in the \_\_\_\_\_ of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock.
- And now \_\_\_\_\_ mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the LORD.
- Hear, O LORD, when I cry with my voice: have \_\_\_\_\_ also upon me, and answer me.
- When thou saidst, Seek ye my \_\_\_\_\_; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, LORD, will I seek.
- Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy servant away in anger: \_\_\_\_\_ hast been my help; leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
- When my father and my \_\_\_\_\_ forsake me, then the LORD will take me up.
- Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a \_\_\_\_\_ path, because of mine enemies.
- Deliver me not over unto the will of mine enemies: for false witnesses are risen up \_\_\_\_\_ me, and such as breathe out cruelty.
- I had fainted, unless I had believed to see the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD in the land of the living.
- Wait on the LORD: be of \_\_\_\_\_ courage, and he shall strengthen thine heart: wait, I say, on the LORD.



# WINTER



K O A X M G U P N Q D S H O V E L C W F I T  
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 Q E J H B I D U L T H N Y L G N I T A K S M  
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| blizzard  | frostbite     | igloo     | skating      | snowman    |
| December  | frozen        | jacket    | skiing       | snowshoes  |
| February  | gloves        | January   | sleigh       | solstice   |
| fireplace | hockey        | longjohns | slippery     | sweater    |
| flannel   | holidays      | mitts     | snowballs    | toboggan   |
| flurries  | hot chocolate | scarf     | snowboarding | whiteout   |
| frigid    | icicle        | shovel    | snowflakes   | wintertime |

