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Isaiah 9:1-4 (NIV)

9 Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—

2 The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned.

3 You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy; they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.

4 For as in the day of Midian's defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

Psalms 27:1, 4-9 (NIV)

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation— whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid?

4 One thing I ask from the LORD, this only do I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling; he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent and set me high upon a rock.

6 Then my head will be exalted above the enemies who surround me; at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;

I will sing and make music to the LORD.

7 Hear my voice when I call, LORD; be merciful to me and answer me.

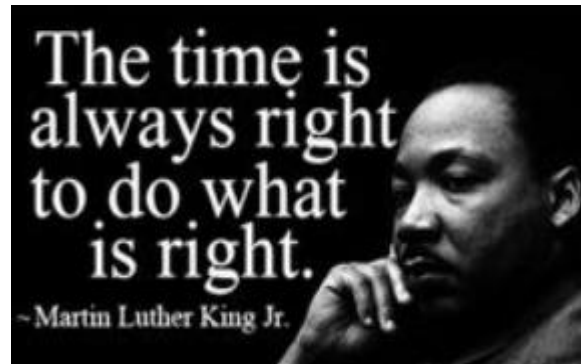
8 My heart says of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, I will seek.

9 Do not hide your face from me, do not turn your servant away in anger; you have been my helper. Do not reject me or forsake me, God my Saviour.

I Will Make You Fishers of Men

1 I will make you fishers of men,
Fishers of men, fishers of men,
I will make you fishers of men
If you follow Me;
If you follow Me,
If you follow Me,
I will make you fishers of men
If you follow Me.

2 Hear Christ calling, Come unto Me,
Come unto Me, Come unto Me;
Hear Christ calling, Come unto Me,
I will give you rest;
I will give you rest,
I will give you rest;
Hear Christ calling, Come unto Me,
I will give you rest. ~Harry D. Clarke



The most valuable antiques are old friends.

~ H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

Other Lectionary Reading for this week:

1 Corinthians 1:10-18



CHURCH SERVICES

29 January 11am **West** ~ I't a surprise



4th Sunday of the month ~ Markets @ **Hallsville**



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IN OUR PRAYERS

- We pray for Evelyn's niece Hilary, who is in hospital.
- We also pray for Evelyn and Tony who have travelled to New Zealand to spend time with Hilary, and her parents.
- We pray for Daryl Lush who has been suffering from Covid.
- We pray for Heather Blanch, who is in hospital.
- We give thanks for a highly successful Country Gospel Breakfast last Sunday.
- Our prayers for the people of Ukraine continue.



Meg's Musings

Last Monday was Martin Luther King Jnr. Day in the USA.

I was pleasantly surprised when even the New York Stock Exchange was closed in order to celebrate the day. Certainly, Martin Luther King deserves respect and recognition.

His struggles to bring greater racial equality in America are truly noteworthy.

But the personal choices he made - to put the interests of his people ahead of his own life and well-being set him apart from the crowd.

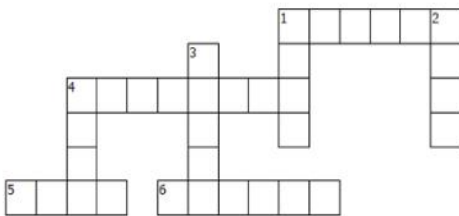
The words of his final speech, "I have a dream...." have continued to resonate over the past 60 years.

God has plans and dreams for each and every one of us. May we be as ready as Rev. Martin Luther King Jnr. to serve our God, and our fellow human beings.

Blessing from Meg

Fishing for People

Jesus called out to them, "Come, follow me, and I will show you how to fish for people!" Matthew 4:19 (NLT)



ACROSS

1. To move along behind someone
4. Two or more males who have the same parents
5. Open fabric made of threads or cords used to catch fish. (Plural)
6. Men, women, and children; human beings

DOWN

1. An animal without legs that lives in water
2. To move along by putting one foot in front of the other
3. The land along the edge of the sea, lake, or wide river
4. A small vehicle for traveling on water

Matthew 4:12-23 (NIV)

Jesus Begins to Preach

¹² When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee.

¹³ Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali—

¹⁴ to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah:

¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned."

¹⁷ From that time on Jesus began to preach, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

Jesus Calls His First Disciples

¹⁸ As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

¹⁹ "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people."

²⁰ At once they left their nets and followed him.

²¹ Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, ²² and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Heals the Sick

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.



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Mission: "Called to be Free, Gifted to Serve."



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