HYMN NOTES:
“In Christ Called to Baptize” (297)
This “new” hymn was written by Ruth C. Duck (b. 1947) in 1995 for the Assembly of the Lutheran World Alliance held in Hong Kong in 1997. She was asked by her former Notre Dame classmate, who was in charge of worship for the meetings, to write a hymn on the theme of the Assembly, “In Christ—Called to Witness.” The occasion was both the first global meeting in Asia as well as the organization’s 50th Anniversary. When the author published the 1998 collection of her hymn texts, Circle of Care: Hymns and Songs, she recast the final stanza and placed it at the beginning of the hymn where it read:

In Christ called to worship, we offer our praise,
with thanks for the mercies that bless all our days.
The Spirit that searches the depths of our hearts
must correct and change our hearts.


BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...
Sunday, January 24: Mollie Davis
Monday, January 25: Emily Cantin, Andrea Hayes
Tuesday, January 26: Eileen Zirk, Mildred Martin
Wednesday, January 27: David Tobiasen, Linda Feller, Katelyn Nelson
Thursday, January 28: Dean Rabenstine, Nadia Rodewald
Friday, January 29: Trudy Dougherty, Jeanne Stephen, Vicki Parker
Saturday, January 30: Maryanne McLarty, Andrew Booth

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven’t seen them in church recently, give them a call!

HYMN NOTES:
“This time is fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe in the good news!”
Mark 1:15

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by
Mike & Linda O’Leary
In Memory of Dan O’Leary

The Beattie Family
In Memory of Jack & Betty Beattie
Anonymous
In Memory of Betty Beattie

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Order for the Public Worship of God
January 24, 2021
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY
Improvisation on ST. DENIO
(based on the tune of the first hymn, #297)

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP
John L. Bell

Will you come and follow me (stanzas 1,4)
Will you come and follow me, as I but call your name?
Will you let your love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let our life be grown in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show;
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #649

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

(We Praise You, God)                   (1637

Music arr. Mark Hayes

We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.
So let us all join heart and voice, and raise God's honor!
For God will raise us from the earth and make us like the angels.
Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me.
Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #720

“Jesus Calls Us”

(Stanzas 1, 4)

Jesus calls us: o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice soundeth saying, "Christian, follow me.
Jesus calls us: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-20 (RSV)

SERMON

“Grace Responders”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #649

“Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.
’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.
Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
’Tis grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
’Tis grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.

GOD’S BLESSING TO YOU

COUNTDOWN

OFFERTORY

“There Was Jesus”

SCRIPTURE

Mark 1:14-20

MESSAGE

“Grace Responders”
Paul Means, Associate Pastor

SONG OF DEDICATION

“Grace Wins”

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gloria Patri

GLORIA PATRI

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

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BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“To Deum Laudamus”

(We Praise You, God)

Dietrich Buxtehude

(We Praise You, God)

(1637-1707)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director