GRACE LUTHERAN CHAPEL

*Grace Chapel exists to make and keep disciples for Jesus Christ.*

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

**Saturday, January 23, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, January 24, 2021 - 8:00 a.m.**

WELCOME/GREETING

OPENING HYMN “O Christ, Who Called the Twelve,” No. 856

**1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and follow You,  
 Forsaking old, familiar ways For ventures bold and new:  
 Grant us to hear Your call To risk security  
And, bound in heart and will to You, Find perfect liberty.**

**2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for ages sealed,  
 Whose words and works awakened faith, The ways of God revealed:  
 Instruct us now, we pray, By Your empow’ring Word.  
True teacher, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.**

**3 O Christ, who led the Twelve Among the desolate  
 And broke as bread of life for all Your love compassionate:  
 Lead us along the ways Where hope has nearly died  
And help us climb the lonely hills Where love is crucified.**

**4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they’d never trod  
 To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim The nearer reign of God:  
 Send us on ways where faith Transcends timidity,  
Where love informs and hope sustains Both life and ministry.**

**5 O Christ, the\_apostles’ Lord, The martyrs’ strength and song,  
 The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong:  
 Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring,  
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.**

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INVOCATION

*In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

**Amen.**

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 113:1–3*

*Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,*

**praise the name of the Lord!**

*Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!*

**From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Mark 1:15*; *Psalm 113:1–3*

*Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.*

**Yet we often do not live as You have called us to live as Your own. We do not always honor Your name nor Your calling with our praise.**

*We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You as we follow in faith.*

*(Silence for reflection)*

*Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,*

**we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as ourselves, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. We have not always welcomed Your call for us to follow You and You alone.**

*In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who has begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**Amen. Thanks be to God!**

*Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,*

**praise the name of the Lord!**

*Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!*

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HYMN OF PRAISE “Holy God, We Praise Thy Name,” No. 940, vv. 1 & 5

**1 Holy God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we bow before Thee.  
All on earth Thy scepter claim, All in heav’n above adore Thee.  
 Infinite Thy vast domain, Everlasting is Thy reign.**

**5 Holy Father, holy Son, Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one, Undivided God we claim Thee  
 And, adoring, bend the knee While we own the mystery.**

SALUTATION

*The Lord be with you.* **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, as the call to follow You comes to us through*

*Your Word, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we trust and serve You in repentance and*

*faith; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the*

*Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” 3So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. 4Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” 5And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

3:10When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM Psalm 62 *(Spoken responsively)*

1 *For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.*2**He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

3*How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering*

*fence?*4**They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.**

5*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.*6**He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

7**On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

8**Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a**

**refuge for us.**

9*Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances*

*they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.*10**Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.**

11*Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,*12**and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work.**

EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35)

**29**This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, **30**and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, **31**and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

**32**I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. **33**But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, **34**and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. **35**I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.

*This is the Word of the Lord.* **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

*The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.*

**Glory to You, O Lord.**

**14**Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, **15**and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

**16**Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. **17**And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” **18**And immediately they left their nets and followed him. **19**And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. **20**And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

OFFERING PRAYER

SERMON “The Call to be a Coach”

Mark 1:14-20 -- Pastor Eric Stacy

SERMON HYMN “Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling,” No. 827

**1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling, “Who will go and work today?  
Fields are white and harvests waiting— Who will bear the sheaves away?”  
 Loud and long the Master calleth; Rich reward He offers thee.  
 Who will answer, gladly saying, “Here am I, send me, send me”?**

**2 Some take up His task in morning, To their Lord responding soon;  
Some are called in heat of midday, Others late in afternoon;  
 Even as the sun is setting, Some are sent into the fields,  
 There to gather in the bounty That God’s Word so richly yields.**

**3 For as rain and snow from heaven Water seeds in dusty soil,  
Causing them to bud and flower, Giving bread to those who toil;  
 So the Lord sends forth His promise, Words of life and joy and peace—  
 Never void to Him returning, Bearing fruit with great increase.**

**4 Hearken to the Lord whose coming Marks the time when grace shall end,  
When with His angelic reapers He in glory shall descend.  
 Soon the night, the final harvest; Soon the time for work shall cease.  
 Then the souls His grace has garnered Shall enjoy His Sabbath peace.**

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PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

*In a world that is in desperate need for repentance and salvation, let us pray for one*

*another and for all who are in need.**Lord God, almighty Father, receive our praise and thanksgiving for Your great love shown to the world in Your Word, calling all to repentance, giving all a second chance at life by a new birth by Your Spirit. May You be praised by all nations in the revelation of Yourself through Jesus, Your only Son. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*As You called and sent Jonah and Your holy prophets, Peter, Andrew, James, John, Paul,*

*and Your blessed apostles, so continue to call and send pastors and workers in Your kingdom in our day that many may hear, receive, and believe Your Word of grace and salvation. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Let the nations praise You, O God, let all the nations praise You. Guide and direct the minds and hearts of all leaders in government that peace may prevail, evil be punished, and good rewarded. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Your heart, O God, is moved by Your great love, especially for all who struggle with sickness. We pray for all in need of Your healing, for all who cannot defend themselves, and for all who mourn. Comfort them with a word of Your grace and power to save. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Remembering those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, we pray You remember us in Your kingdom and bring us to the fullness of life in the day of the resurrection of all flesh. Lord, in Your mercy,*

**hear our prayer.**

*Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

BENEDICTION *Psalm 113:2–3*

*Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!*

**From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

*As the Lord sent His life-renewing Word through Jonah and the prophets, be assured of*

*His forgiveness and love. As the Lord called and sent His apostles to be fishers of men,*

*hear His voice and follow Him. As we have received God’s grace this day for the sake of*

*Christ our Lord, heed His call to repentance, rejoice in His forgiving grace, and give Him*

*thanks and praise.*

**Amen.**

*The Lord bless you and keep you.*

*The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.*

*The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and ✠ give you peace. Numbers 6:24–26*

**Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN “Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way,” No. 857

**1 Lord, help us walk Your servant way  Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other’s need.**

**2 You came to earth, O Christ, as Lord, But pow’r You laid aside.  
You lived Your years in servanthood; In lowliness You died.**

**3 No golden scepter but a towel You place within the hands  
Of those who seek to follow You And live by Your commands.**

**4 You bid us bend our human pride Nor count ourselves above  
The lowest place, the meanest task That waits the gift of love.**

**5 Lord, help us walk Your servant way Wherever love may lead  
And, bending low, forgetting self, Each serve the other’s need.**

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POSTLUDE

*Grace is for all!*