

Epiphany 3

January 24, 2021

Worship Leader – Pastor Martha Neff Stum

***THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

The assembly stands. All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

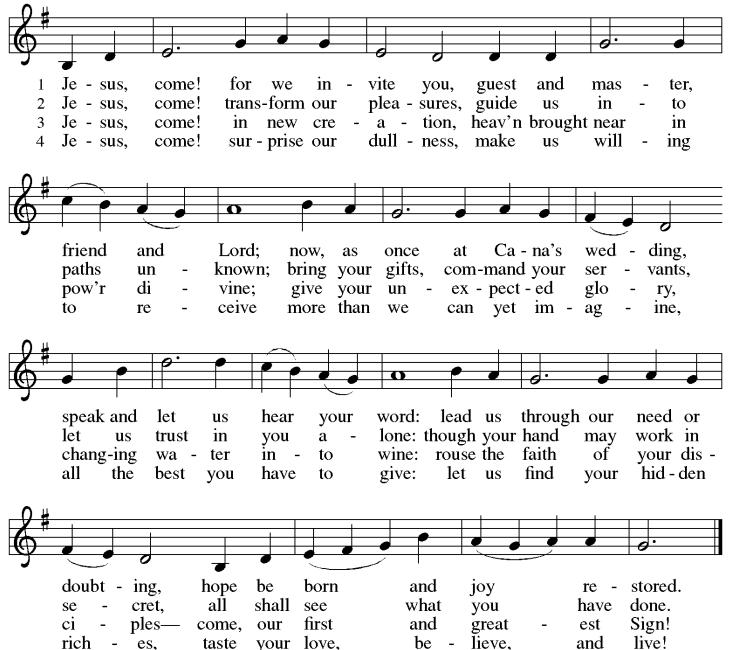
- Pastor: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ≁ one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.
- People: Amen.
- **Pastor:** Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism. (Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.)
- **Pastor:** We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

 People: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

- **Pastor:** We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
- People: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

*Gathering Song ~ ELW Hymn #312

"Jesus, Come! For We Invite You"



Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
People: And also with you.



*Prayer of the Day (pray together)

Pastor: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

People: Amen

WORD⁺

First Reading A reading from Jonah 3:1-5, 10

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Lector: Word of God, word of life. People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:5-12

⁵For God alone I | wait in silence; truly, my hope | is in God. ⁶God alone is my rock and | my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken. ⁷In God is my deliverance | and my honor; God is my strong rock | and my refuge. ⁸Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge. R ⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath. ¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it. ¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it, that power be- | longs to God. ¹²Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord, for you repay all according | to their deeds. R

Second Reading A reading from 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and 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 possessions, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Lector: Word of God, word of life. People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor:

Alleluia. The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God | has come near;* repent, and believe in | the good news. Alleluia. (Mark 1:15)

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to Mark 1:14-20

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Lector: The Gospel of the Lord, People: Praise to you, O Lord.

The Sermon ~ Pastor Len Hoffmann

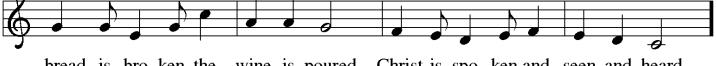
*Hymn of the Day ~ *Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #674

"Let Us Talents and Tongues Eploy"

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wine is poured, bread is bro-ken, the teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless. gives us love to tell, bread to share:

Christ is spo-ken and seen and heard. love in word and in deed ex - press. ev - 'ry - where! God (Im-man - u - el)



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Prayers of the People** After each petition of the prayers:

Lector: People:	Let us pray, Have mercy, O God.
Lector:	Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.
People:	Amen.

*Offering Prayer

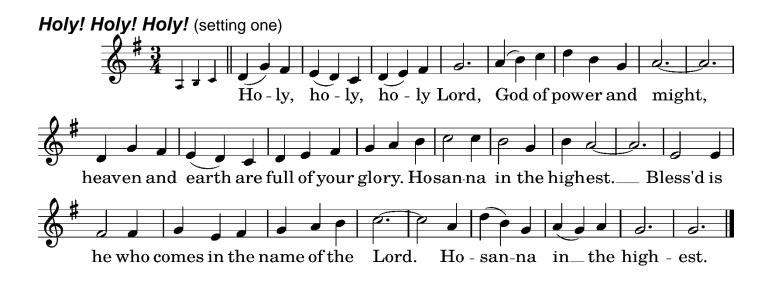
O God,
receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.
Amen.

*The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor:	The Lord be with you.
People:	And also with you.
Pastor:	Lift up your hearts.
People:	We lift them to the Lord.
Pastor:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People:	It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface

Pastor:	It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:
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Pastor:Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

*The 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.

Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus. Come and be fed.

Distribution Special Music

"God Rest Ye Merry Gentleman"

Trombone Duet: Kent Pflibsen & Asher Haverhill

Pastor:May the body & blood of of our Lord and savior,
Jesus Christ, strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

Pastor:	Christ Jesus,
	at this table we have feasted on your very life
	and are strengthened for our journey.
	Send us forth from this banquet
	nourished in body and in spirit
	to proclaim your good news
	and serve others in your name.
People:	Amen

*Blessing

Pastor:God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.
Amen.

***Sending Hymn** ~ ELW Hymn #673

"God, Whose Almighty Word"



*Dismissal

Pastor:Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.People:Thanks be to God!

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at... <u>https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-</u> <u>NSGadIffLHnDxG</u> And they are linked to the church website.

www.lutherantucson.org

Most small group meetings have resumed online. Please contact your individual leader. If you have questions call the church office, which will remain closed till further notice, however staff will still be taking care of essential tasks and available when needed. Contact them by email or phone.

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For all of our community, please wash hands frequently, refrain from shaking hands, and honor the boundaries of others to stay safe.

Thank you for your understanding and care in this unprecedented time. Please watch for further communication.

Please add to your prayer list:

Patricia Skones Mert Ingvoldstad Sumaya Alvillar Synod VP Paul Gryniewicz Sonja Dunn The family of Paul Ingvoldstad at his death of December 25, 2020

Sunday, January 31, 2020 Epiphany 4 Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 8:1-13, Mark 1:21-28

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