

Christmas Z

January 3, 2021

Worship Leader – Pastor Martha Neff Stum

*Confession of Sins

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

Pastor:	
	who was in the beginning,
	who makes a dwelling among us,
	who covers us with justice and mercy.
People:	Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

People:	God of goodness and lovingkindness, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have turned away from your invitation to new life. We have turned away from the lowly and downtrodden. In your abundant mercy, forgive us our sins, those we know and those known only to you, for the sake of the one who came to live among us,

*Gathering Song ~ ELW Hymn #269

"Once in Royal David's City"



IRBY

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, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen

WORD⁺

First Reading A reading from Jeremiah 31:7-14

⁷Thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob. and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." ⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. ⁹With weeping they shall come. and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. ¹⁰Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." ¹¹For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. ¹²They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. ¹³Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow.

¹⁴I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty,

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

Psalm 148

¹²Worship the Lord, | O Jerusalem; praise your | God, O Zion, ¹³who has strengthened the bars | of your gates and has blessed your chil- | dren within you. ¹⁴God has established peace | on your borders and satisfies you with the | finest wheat. ¹⁵God sends out a command | to the earth, a word that runs | very swiftly. R ¹⁶God gives | snow like wool, scattering | frost like ashes. ¹⁷God scatters | hail like bread crumbs. Who can stand a- | gainst God's cold? ¹⁸The Lord sends forth the | word and melts them: the wind blows, and the | waters flow. ¹⁹God declares the | word to Jacob, statutes and judg- | ments to Israel. ²⁰The Lord has not done so to any | other nation: they do not know God's judgments. | Hallelujah! R

Second Reading A reading from Ephesians 1:3-14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor: Alleluia. All the ends | of the earth* have seen the victory | of our God. Alleluia. (Ps. 98:3)

The Gospel Reading

The Holy Gospel according to John 1:[1-9] 10-18

[¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.]

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") ¹⁶From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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

The Sermon ~ Pastor Martha Neff Stum

*Hymn of the Day ~ *Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #490

"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"



PICARDY

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord. Jesus Christ. the only Son of God. eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father: through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Prayers of Intercession

After each petition of the prayers:

Lector: People:	Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.
Lector:	God of mercy, come quickly to us with grace upon grace as we lift these and all our prayers to you, in the name of Jesus.
People:	Amen.

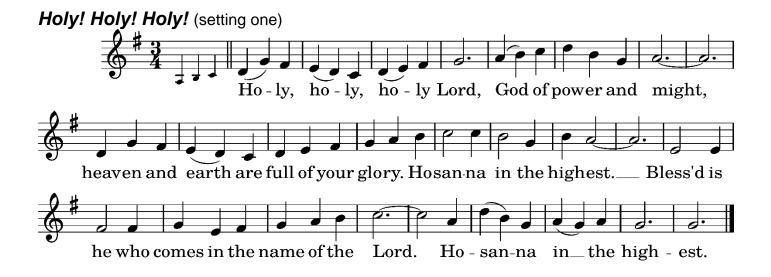
*The Great Thanksgiving

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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see.

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:



We give you thanks, Father, Pastor: through Jesus Christ, your beloved Son, whom you sent in this end of the ages to save and redeem us and to proclaim to us your will. He is your Word, inseparable from you, through whom you created all things, and in whom you take delight. He is your Word, sent from heaven to a virgin's womb. He there took on our nature and our lot and was shown forth as your Son, born of the Holy Spirit and of the virgin Mary. He, our Lord Jesus, fulfilled all your will and won for you a holy people; he stretched out his hands in suffering in order to free from suffering those who trust you.

He is the one who, handed over to a death he freely accepted, in order to destroy death, to break the bonds of the evil one, to crush hell underfoot, to give light to the righteous, to establish his covenant, and to show forth the resurrection, taking bread and giving thanks to you, said:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. In the same way 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, then, his death and resurrection, we take this bread and cup, giving you thanks that you have made us worthy to stand before you and to serve you as your priestly people.

Send your Spirit upon these gifts of your church; gather into one all who share this bread and wine; fill us with your Holy Spirit to establish our faith in truth, that we may praise and glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ; through whom all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, both 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

Distribution Special Music *"Away In A Manger"*

Mack Wilberg

Pastor: The Word is revealed in a manger, in simple bread and wine. Come meet Christ in this meal.

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:	We give you thanks, gracious God,
	that you have once again fed us from your very self
	with the body and blood of Christ.
	Through this mystery, send us forth
	to proclaim your promise to a world in need,
	through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior.
People:	Amen

*Blessing

Pastor:Almighty God,
who sent the Holy Spirit to Mary,
proclaimed joy through the angels,
sent the shepherds with good news,
and led the magi by a star,
bless you this day + through the Word made flesh.
Amen.

*Sending Hymn ~ ELW Hymn #290

GO TELL IT



*Dismissal

Pastor: People: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus 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 10, 2020 Baptism of Our Lord Genesis 1:1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11

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