

Christ The King

November 22, 2020

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.

> 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.



*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.



Pastor: Let us pray.

*Prayer of the Day (pray together)

O God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, 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 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

¹¹Thus says the Lord GoD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. ¹²As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

²⁰Therefore, thus says the Lord GoD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, ²²I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

²³I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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

Psalm 95:1-7a (read responsively)

¹Come, let us sing | to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of | our salvation.

²Let us come before God's presence | with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the | Lord with psalms.

³For you, Lord, | are a great God, and a great ruler a- | bove all gods.

⁴In your hand are the caverns | of the earth; the heights of the hills are | also yours. R

⁵The sea is yours, | for you made it, and your hands have molded | the dry land.

⁶Come, let us worship | and bow down, let us kneel before the | Lord our maker.

^{7a}For the Lord∣ is our God,

and we are the people of God's pasture and the sheep | of God's hand. R

Second ReadingA reading from Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector: Word of God, word of life.

People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Pastor: Alleluia. In Christ God was reconciling the world | to himself, entrusting the

message of reconciliation to us. Alleluia. (2 Cor. 5:19)

The Gospel Reading A reading from Matthew 25:31-46

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 31"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³²All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? ³⁹And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' ⁴⁰And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family you did it to me.' 41Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; ⁴² for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Lector: The Word of God, for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Sermon ~ Pastor Len Hoffmann



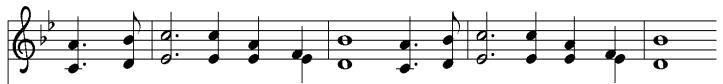
"Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

TOPLADY



- 1 Rock of A ges, cleft for me, let me hide my-self in thee;
- 2 Not the la bors of my hands can ful fill thy law's de mands;
- 3 Noth-ing in my hand I bring; sim-ply to thy cross I cling.
- 4 While I draw this fleet ing breath, when mine eye lids close in death,





let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed, could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow, Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help-less, look to thee for grace; when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg-ment throne,





dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r. the be sin for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone. all foul. I the foun-tain fly; wash me, Say - ior, or Ι die. to let A - ges, cleft for me, me hide my-self in Rock of



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.

*The Prayers of the People

After each petition of the prayers:

Lector: Hear us, O God,

Pastor: Your mercy is great.

Lector: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when

you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

Pastor: Amen.

Offering Prayer

Pastor: God of all goodness,

generations have turned to you, gathered around your table,

and shared your abundant blessings.

Number us among them

that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance,

and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made,

through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

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;

who on this day overcame death and the grave,

and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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:







heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosan-na in the highest. ___ Bless'd is



he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in_the high - est.

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: There is a place for you at the banquet.

Come and feast at Jesus' table.

Distribution Special Music

Pastor: May the body & blood of our Lord and savior,

Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace. Amen.

*Prayer after Communion

Pastor: Lord Jesus,

in this simple meal you have set a banquet.

Sustain us on the journey,

strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,

and give us glad and generous hearts

as we meet you on the way.

People: Amen

*Blessing

Pastor: May the God of all creation,

in whose image we are made,

who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,

give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,

Sovereign, + Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always.

Amen.



*Dismissal

Pastor: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Our worship gatherings will be posted on YouTube at...

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLC7bdt-eCGNxURxFef-NSGadIffLHnDxG

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.

(520) 327-6521

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
Jose Chavez
Synod VP Paul Gryniewicz
Sonja Dunn
John Stum
Jaylen Okert

The family of Susan McEwen at her death on November 9, 2020



Sunday, November 29, 2020 Advent 1 Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24, Psalm 95:1-7a, Ephesians 1:15-23, Matthew 25:31-46

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