

BLCOR Thankoffering / Christ the King Sunday

NOVEMBER 22, 2020

GATHERING SONG "LET JUSTICE FLOW LIKE STREAMS"..... #717

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gracious gift of baptism. Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy all living things. Through the waters of the flood you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the wilderness you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the promised land. By the baptism of his death and resurrection, your Son Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, and the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer slave and free, no longer male and female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY *Let us pray.*

C: O God of justice and love, you light our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8 *Please use your Bibles.*

Psalm 15

¹O Lord, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

²**Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right,
and speak the truth from their heart;**

³Who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

⁴**In whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

⁵who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 *Please use your Bibles*

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW 25:31-40 *Please use your Bibles*

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY "WE ARE CALLED" (no download available to send music)..... #720

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

P: ... Christ be our light.

C: Shine in your church gathered today.

OFFERING (*Your Thankoffering will benefit Morgan County Golden Stars*)

P: As we consider our Thankofferings today, we share in a tradition that goes back to the 1800s of even earlier.

C: When it seemed that there was not enough money to carry out the world of the church, the women would act together as “cent or “mite” societies.

P: Each would set aside offerings at home throughout the year in thanksgiving for blessings received.

C: On occasion, the people would come together as we do today, joining our offerings together to support ministry of many kinds.

P: Together we do more than we could ever do apart. In gratitude for all God has given to us, and with hope for all that is to come.

OFFERING PRAYER

C: God of grace, you have showered us with gifts of grace and abundance, entrusting to us the ministries of all people of the ELCA. Help us to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society, and the world. Accept these gifts and our prayer that, nurtured by your Word, filled with your Spirit, and fed at your table, we may share with gladness all that you have shared with us, until all creation is satisfied. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: We thank you, gracious God, for loving all your family with a mother’s care, and feeding us in a way our hearts and souls can understand, with the saving body and blood of Jesus Christ. Renew and enliven us by your presence in this meal, that we may be your presence in the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Our God calls us to do justice. May you find strength in God’s grace. **Amen.**
Christ Jesus calls us to love kindness. May you find comfort in Christ’s gentleness. **Amen.**
The Holy Spirit calls us to walk humbly with our triune God. May you always find joy in God’s love and justice. **Amen.**
Holy Trinity ✠ One God, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING SONG “LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING” #545

DISMISSAL

P: Rejoice and be glad in the light of God’s love! Let us go forth in peace to share the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let Justice Flow like Streams



- 1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
- 2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
- 3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,



en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing



- 1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;
- 2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.
- 3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.