

# EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

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**PRELUDE 8:15**

*The Only Son from Heaven*

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**10:45**

**Praise the Lord**

*Promise*

*Tyler, Henry, Pardo*

**WELCOME**

*Pastor Patton*

**OPENING HYMN 8:15**

*Rise, Shine, You People*

*LSB 825*

1 Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered Our human story; God in Him is centered.  
He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.

2 See how He sends the pow'rs of evil reeling; He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.  
All men and women, who by guilt are driven, Now are forgiven.

3 Come, celebrate, your banners high unfurling, Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story Of Jesus' glory.

4 Tell how the Father sent His Son to save us, Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.

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**10:45**

**All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
Mighty to Save**

*Perronet, et al.  
Fielding, Morgan*

**OPENING**

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

Pastor: O LORD, You have searched me and known me!

**People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; You discern my thoughts from afar.**

Pastor: You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People: Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, You know it altogether.**

Pastor: You hem me in, behind and before, and lay Your hand upon me.

**People: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

Pastor: Where shall I go from Your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, You are there!

**People: If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me.**

Pastor: Speak, LORD,

**People: for Your servant hears.**

*(Psalm 139:1–10; 1 Samuel 3:9)*

**CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: **(Do not print or project)** As the psalmist declares, the Lord searches us, knows us, is ever-present with us, and leads us. He listens to us as we speak to Him. We come before Him in confession.

*Silence for meditation.*

Pastor: "The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth."

**People: We confess, heavenly Father, too often we choose not to call on You in times of need, nor in times of thanksgiving. To draw near You in our opportunities to pray, praise, and give thanks. Forgive us.**

Pastor: "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify Me."

**People:** **We confess, heavenly Father, in our days of trouble we rely on ourselves and not You. We seek deliverance through our own devices and peace through the temporary offerings of this world. Forgive us.**

Pastor: "Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near."

**People:** **We confess, heavenly Father, we are the ones who are lost, even though You are near and present in Your Word and means of grace. Our sins of thought, word, and deed separate us from You. Forgive us.**

Pastor: Speak, LORD,

**People:** **for Your servant hears.**

Pastor: The Lord has called You, His people, through His Word of truth, mercy, and grace. He has "saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of His own purpose and grace, which He gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began." As a called and ordained servant of the Word and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

### HYMN OF PRAISE

#### *Glory to God in the Highest*

*LSB 154*

**Pastor:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

**All:** Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:  
We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God:  
You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer.  
For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,  
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY *(Responsively)*

Pastor: Lord of all mercy and grace, You sent Your Son into our flesh to call us to Yourself.

**People:** **Open our ears to hear Your voice and to heed Your call, even as we know You hear our prayers;**

Pastor: through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**People:** **Amen.**

### RITE OF HOLY BAPTISM

*Reece Barrett Jackson*

#### BAPTISMAL HYMN

#### *See This Wonder in the Making*

*LSB 593 (vv. 1, 4)*

1 See this wonder in the making: God Himself this child is taking  
As a lamb safe in His keeping, His to be, awake or sleeping.

4 Here we bring a child of nature; Home we take a newborn creature,  
Now God's precious son or daughter, Born again by Word and water.

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### GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

#### *1 Samuel 3:1–10*

**3** Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD in the presence of Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision. **2** At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. **3** The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. **4** Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" **5** and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. **6** And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." **7** Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. **8** And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. **9** Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his

place. <sup>10</sup> And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears."

### **1 Corinthians 6:12–20**

<sup>12</sup> "All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. <sup>13</sup> "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. <sup>14</sup> And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. <sup>15</sup> Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! <sup>16</sup> Or do you not know that he who is joined<sup>[a]</sup> to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." <sup>17</sup> But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. <sup>18</sup> Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin<sup>[b]</sup> a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup> Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, <sup>20</sup> for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH** (Preparation to Lift us up to hear the Gospel)

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

### **8:15 – ALLELUIA and VERSE**

*LSB 156*

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL**

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

**People: Glory to You, O Lord.**

### **John 1:43–51**

<sup>43</sup> The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." <sup>44</sup> Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. <sup>45</sup> Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." <sup>46</sup> Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." <sup>47</sup> Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" <sup>48</sup> Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." <sup>49</sup> Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" <sup>50</sup> Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." <sup>51</sup> And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you,<sup>[a]</sup> you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to You, O Christ.**

### **NICENE CREED**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, True God of True God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the Prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

*Paula Weiss*

**SERMON HYMN****"Come, Follow Me," the Savior Spake**

LSB 688 (vv. 1-2, 5)

- 1 "Come, follow Me," the Savior spake, "All in My way abiding;  
Deny yourselves, the world forsake, Obey My call and guiding.  
O bear the cross, whate'er betide, Take My example for your guide."
- 2 "I am the light, I light the way, A godly life displaying;  
I bid you walk as in the day; I keep your feet from straying.  
I am the way, and well I show How you must sojourn here below."
- 5 Then let us follow Christ, our Lord, And take the cross appointed  
And, firmly clinging to His Word, In suff'ring be undaunted.  
For those who bear the battle's strain Th crown of heav'nly life obtain.

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**GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU*****Come and See Jesus****Pastor Penny***THE OFFERING OF GIFTS AND SIGNING OF FRIENDSHIP PADS****Everyone**, please sign the friendship pad, then pass the pad from the outside aisle to the inside aisle.**MUSICAL OFFERING*****New Day***  
*Handbell Choir**B. Austin***PRAISES AND PRAYERS****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.**

**† THE BENEDICTION** (God's Blessing)**CLOSING HYMN 8:15*****Now Thank We All Our God***

LSB 895

- 1 Now thank we all our God With hearts and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things has done, In whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms Has blest us on our way  
With countless gifts of love And still is ours today.
- 2 Oh, may this bounteous God Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts And blessed peace to cheer us  
And keep us in His grace And guide us when perplexed  
And free us from all ills In this world and the next!
- 3 All praise and thanks to God The Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns With them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, And shall be evermore.

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**10:45*****I Believe****Helser, et al.***POSTLUDE****10:45*****Now Thank We All Our God***  
***Praise the Lord****J.S. Bach/V. Fox*