

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 28, 2024

PRELUDE 8:15
10:45

Concerto in b minor (Allegro-Adagio-Allegro)
This I Know (Jesus Loves Me)

J.G. Walther
Pardo, Laird, Armstrong, Meyer
Pastor Penny
LSB 842

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 8:15

Son of God, Eternal Savior

- 1 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,
You our Head, who, throned in glory, For Your own will ever plead:
Fill us with Your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.
- 2 As You, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.
Freely have Your gifts been granted; Freely may Your servants give.
Yours the gold and Yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;
We but stewards of Your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.
- 3 Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.
By Your patient years of toiling, By Your silent hours of pain,
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.
- 4 Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:
By Your praying, by Your willing That Your people should be one,
Grant, O grant our hope's fruition: Her on earth Your will be done.

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10:45

Prodigals
Rattle

Gruber, Curran, Finnesand
Brown, Furtick, Lake

OPENING

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

People: Amen.

Pastor: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

People: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Pastor: Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

People: whose sin is covered.

Pastor: Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

People: and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

Pastor: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

People: I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Pastor: Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

People: and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

(Psalm 32:11, 1-2, 5 antiphon v. 11)

CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Pastor: **(Do not print or project)** Psalm 32:6 instructs us, "Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;" and so in faith we approach God's throne of grace to confess our sins, certain our heavenly Father hears us and forgives us through Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation.

Pastor: Together we confess...

People: Heavenly Father, Your Son has been revealed to us in Word and deed, yet we confess we have not always honored Him as Lord. Whether by action or inaction, thoughts, or words, our lives do not

reflect Your sovereign will. In this way, we have sinned against You. Forgive us for the sake of Christ, and by Your Spirit help us to live according to Your will .

Pastor: In Holy Baptism, you have died and your life is hidden with Christ. And so the Psalm is fulfilled, "The Lord is a hiding place for [you], [He] preserves [you] from trouble; [He] surrounds [you] with shouts of deliverance." (Psalm 32:7) As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, 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

Pastor: **(do not print or project)** Lord of all mercy and grace, You have given us the knowledge of Your Son to be received in faith, and expressed in love. Help us to seek Your will and serve our fellow man for the building up of Your kingdom on earth; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

¹⁵ "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— ¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.' ¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. ¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. ²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

¹ Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up. ² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords"— ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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. Mark, the first chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

Mark 1:21-28

²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

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

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB 411

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain: In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

2 I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.

Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path. And show me the way to the Father. **Refrain**

3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.

When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus. **Refrain**

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GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU

Love Builds Up

Pastor Griebel

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

Herr Christ, der einig Gottes Sohn, BWV 601

J. S. Bach

(The Only Son from Heaven)

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

Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

LSB 528 (vv. 1-4, 7)

- 1 Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, The triumphs of His grace!
- 2 My gracious Master and my God, Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad, The honors of Thy name.
- 3 Jesus! The name that charms our fears, That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'Tis life and health and peace.
- 4 He breaks the pow'r of canceled sin; He sets the pris'ner free.
His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood avails for me.
- 7 To God all glory, praise, and love Be now and ever giv'n
By saints below and saints above, The Church in earth and heav'n.

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Stand in Your Love

Baldwin, Hulse, Springer, Harris

POSTLUDE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

arr. E. Whitsett