

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

February 4, 2024

PRELUDE 8:15

Unser Herrscher
Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

arr. R.M.Thompson, H.Walcha, A.L.Page

10:45

My Jesus

Wilson, Pardo, West

Pastor Penny

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN 8:15

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB 901 (vv. 1-3)

- 1 Open now thy gates of beauty; Zion, let me enter there.
Where my soul in joyful duty Waits for Him who answers prayer.
H, how blessed is this place, Filled with solace, light, and grace!
- 2 Gracious God, I come before Thee; Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee, There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou; Let it be Thy temple now!
- 3 Here Thy praise is gladly chanted; Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted, Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be Fruitful unto life in me.

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10:45

Open Up the Heavens
Waymaker

MacDonald et al.

Kalu, Egbu

OPENING

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

(Matthew 28:19b)

People: Amen.

Pastor: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

People: for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Pastor: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

People: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

Pastor: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

People: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

Pastor: The LORD lifts up the humble;

People: he casts the wicked to the ground.

(Psalm 147:1-6)

CONFESSION AND GOD'S FORGIVENESS (Responsively)

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, recognizing our sinfulness let us confess to Him our sins that according to the Psalmist, He would not cast us to the ground, but lift us up in His mercy.

(Brief silence for reflection on God's Word and personal confession)

Pastor: Together we confess...

People: We are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Pastor: By Your might, not one star of the heavenly host is missing. By your power, call the elect out of the darkness of sin and into the marvelous light of Your grace so that the full company of saints is gathered in faith into the body of Christ.

People: For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: The One who calls all the starry host by name calls you also by name and in your baptism has redeemed you and forgives you all your sins for the sake of Christ Jesus. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE *This Is the Feast* LSB 155

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

- 1 Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. **Refrain**
- 2 Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. **Refrain**
- 3 Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation:
- 4 Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. **Refrain**
- 5 For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. **Refrain**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Let us pray... (do not print or project) Merciful Lord, You have granted us a new identity and life in Christ, our Lord. Keep us, we pray, in this faith and life in Christ that we may know with confidence we belong to You and live secure in this knowledge both now and forevermore; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, whom with You and the Holy Spirit, are one God, one Lord, now and forever.

People: Amen.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD***Isaiah 40:21-31***

²¹ Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? ²² It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in; ²³ who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness. ²⁴ Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. ²⁵ To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. ²⁶ Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these? He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name; by the greatness of his might and because he is strong in power, not one is missing. ²⁷ Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? ²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹ He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰ Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹ but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

1 Corinthians 9:16-27

¹⁶ For if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! ¹⁷ For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward, but if not of my own will, I am still entrusted with a stewardship. ¹⁸ What then is my reward? That in my preaching I may present the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.

¹⁹ For though I am free from all, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win more of them. ²⁰ To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though not being myself under the law) that I might win those under the law. ²¹ To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (not being outside the law of God but under the law of Christ) that I might win those outside the law. ²² To the weak I became weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that by all means I might save some. ²³ I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share with them in its blessings.

²⁴ Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. ²⁵ Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. ²⁶ So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. ²⁷ But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

Mark 2:27-28 "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath."
[Jesus to the Pharisees]

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 Mark the 1st chapter.

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

Mark 1:29-39

²⁹ And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸ And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From where He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; The holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; The forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Paula Weiss

GOD'S MESSAGE FOR YOU

What is Freedom For?

Pastor Patton

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

Have You Not Known?

H. Sorenson

Sanctuary Choir

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.

CHRIST COMES TO US IN HOLY COMMUNION

† **8:15** **THE PREFACE** (We Begin the Order of the Sacrament)

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 Him thanks and praise.**

Pastor: (do not print or project) It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden

from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

THE SANCTUS (Our God is Holy)

LSB 161

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of pow'r and might:
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PAX DOMINI (We extend the Lord's Peace to one another)

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you. Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (The Lamb of God takes away our sin)

LSB 163

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

 **DISTRIBUTION** Holy Communion is offered in individual cup format. The lighter colored individual cups are a non-alcoholic wine.
All who believe in the special meaning of Holy Communion are invited.

O Lord, We Praise Thee

LSB 617

- 1 O Lord, we praise Thee, bless Thee, and adore Thee, In thanksgiving bow before Thee.
Thou with Thy body and Thy blood didst nourish
Our weak souls that they may flourish: O Lord, have mercy!
May thy body, Lord, born of Mary, That our sins and sorrows did carry,
And Thy blood for us plead In all trial, fear, and need: O Lord, have mercy!
- 2 Thy holy body into death was given, Life to win for us in heaven.
No greater love than this to Thee could bind us;
May this feast thereof remind us! O Lord, have mercy!
Lord, Thy kindness did so constrain Thee That Thy blood should bless and sustain me.
All our debt Thou hast paid; Peace with God once more is made: O Lord, have mercy!
- 3 May God bestow on us His grace and favor That we follow Christ our Savior
And live together here in love and union
Nor despise this blest Communion! O Lord, have mercy!
Let not Thy good Spirit forsake us; Grant that heav'nly-minded He make us;
Give Thy Church, Lord, to see Days of peace and unity: O Lord, have mercy!

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Jesus Comes Today with Healing

LSB 620

- 1 Jesus comes today with healing, Knocking at my door, appealing, Off'ring pardon, grace, and peace.
He Himself makes preparation, And I hear His invitation: "Come and taste the blessèd feast."
- 2 Christ Himself, the priest presiding, Yet in bread and wine abiding In this holy sacrament,
Gives the bread of life, once broken, And the cup, the precious token Of His sacred covenant.
- 3 Under bread and wine, though lowly, I receive the Savior holy, Blood and body giv'n for me,
Very Lamb of God from heaven, Who to bitter death was given, Hung upon the cursèd tree.

- 4 God descends with heav'nly power, Gives Himself to me this hour
In this ordinary sign.
On my tongue His pledge receiving, I accept the grace, believing
That I taste His love divine.
- 5 Let me praise God's boundless favor, Whose own feast of love I savor,
Bidden by His gracious call.
Wedding garments he provides me, With a robe of white He hides me,
Fits me for the royal hall.
- 6 Now have I found consolation, Comfort in my tribulation,
Balm to heal the troubled soul.
God, my shield from ev'ry terror, Cleanses me from sin and error,
Makes my wounded spirit whole.
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On Eagle's Wings

LSB 727

- 1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Who abide in His shadow for life,
Say to the Lord: "My refuge, My rock in whom I trust!"
Refrain: And He will raise you up on eagles' wings, Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun, And hold you in the palm of His hand.
- 2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you, And famine will bring you no fear;
Under His wings your refuge, His faithfulness your shield. **Refrain**
- 3 You need not fear the terror of the night, Nor the arrow that flies by day;
Though thousands fall about you, Near you it shall not come. **Refrain**
- 4 For to His angels He's given a command To guard you in all of your ways;
Upon their hands they will bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone. **Refrain**
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What Wondrous Love Is This

LSB 543

- 1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!
- 2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down Beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.
- 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.
- 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on.

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10:45***New Wine
Your Glory****Ligertwood
Jordan***POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE****8:15*****Nunc Dimittis****LSB 165*

Lord, now You let Your servant go in peace; Your word has been fulfilled.
 My own eyes have seen the salvation which You have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:
 A light to reveal You to the nations and the glory of Your people Israel.
 Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

10:45**Great Are You Lord** (v 1, ch)

Ingram, Jordan, Leonard

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: Merciful Lord, in Your great love You have brought us from death to life, forgiven all our sins, and made us Your children. Grant to us not only the healing of the ills of this life but the perfect healing of everlasting life, which we have tasted already in this blessed Communion. Deliver us from pride and arrogance and build within us a servant's heart, that we may love You above all things and our neighbor as You have loved us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.**THE BENEDICTION****CLOSING HYMN 8:15*****Thy Strong Word****LSB 578 (vv. 1-2, 5-6)*

- 1 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness; At Thy speaking it was done.
 For created light we thank Thee, While Thine ordered seasons run.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
 Broke the light of Thy salvation, Breathed Thine own life-breathing breath.
 Alleluia, alleluia! Praise to Thee who light dost send!
 Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia without end!
- 5 Give us lips to sing Thy glory, Tongues Thy mercy to proclaim.
 Throats that shout the hope that fills, Mouths to speak Thy holy name.
 Alleluia, alleluia! May the light which Thou dost send!
 Fill our songs with alleluias, Alleluias without end!
- 6 God the Father, light-creator, To Thee laud and honor be.
 To Thee, Light of Light begotten, Praise be sung eternally.
 Holy Spirit, light-revealer, Glory, glory be to Thee.
 Mortals, angels, now and ever Praise the holy Trinity!

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10:45*This is Amazing Grace****Riddle, Farrow, Wickam*****POSTLUDE*****Postlude on "Ebenezer"
Thy Strong Word****G. Young*