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Growing God's Family

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**WE GIVE A WARM WELCOME TO THE VISITORS AND GUESTS AMONG US.
WE PRAY THAT TODAY'S SERVICE IS A BLESSING TO YOU. PLEASE COME AGAIN!**

The **ALTAR FLOWERS** are given by Paul and Mary Sutter, in memory of Harry and Mary Underberg.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S SUPPER: We are celebrating the Sacrament of the Altar today. This is The Lord's Table. As a church and body of Christians we believe this:

We will be receiving the true body and blood of Jesus Christ, in, with and under, the bread and wine.

When we receive Jesus' true body and blood, we receive the forgiveness of sins.

By communing together with our Lord and one another, we express a common belief that Jesus is in truth the Son of God, and our Savior; He is present in this Sacrament in a very real way; that Christ's sacrificial death assures us of complete forgiveness of our sins; and that God is strengthening us in this Sacrament to live a life that honors God.

If you share all these convictions, then you are welcome to come and celebrate the blessings of our Altar today. Please note that cups at the center of each tray are "non-alcoholic" wine for those who prefer such for medicinal and personal reasons. Pastor Erler is available before service if you have any questions.

A **NURSERY** with an attendant is available during worship service. You are welcome to use this service. Ask an usher for directions.

PRAYERS FOR WORSHIP

BEFORE WORSHIP

O Lord, my creator, redeemer, and comforter, as I come to worship You in spirit and in truth, I humbly pray that You would open my heart to the preaching of Your Word so that I may repent of my sins, believe in Jesus Christ as my only Savior, and grow in grace and holiness. Hear me for the sake of His name. Amen.

BEFORE COMMUNING

Dear Savior, at Your gracious invitation I come to Your table to eat and drink Your holy body and blood. Let me find favor in Your eyes to receive this holy Sacrament in faith for the salvation of my soul and to the glory of Your holy name; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THANKSGIVING AFTER RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT

Almighty and everlasting God, I thank and praise You for feeding me the life-giving body and blood of Your Beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with my mouth received the holy Sacrament, I may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Thank You God For Saving Me

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin and Phil Wickham

♩ = 85

INTRO

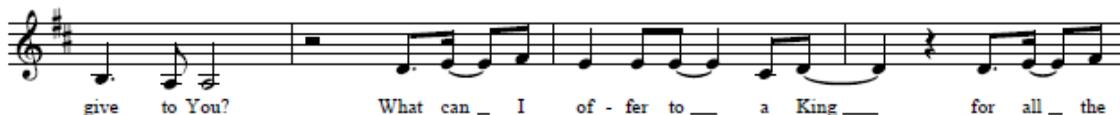
D D^{sus} D D^{sus}



1. What can _ I

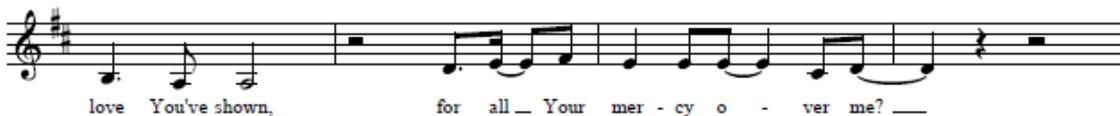
VERSE 1

5 G² D A/D Bm⁷



What can _ I of - fer to _ a King _ for all _ the

9 D^{sus} D A/D Bm⁷



for all _ Your mer - cy o - ver me? _

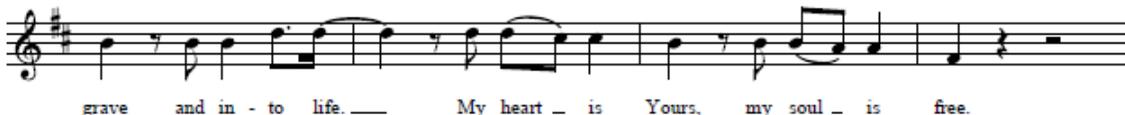
CHORUS 1a

13 G/D D



You heard _ my cry, out of _ the

16 G/D Bm⁷ G² D/F#



grave and in - to life. _ My heart _ is Yours, my soul _ is free.

20 D D^{sus} D



Thank You, God, _ for sav - ing me. _ Thank You, God, _ for sav -

VERSE 2

23 D^{sus} D D^{sus} G²

- ing me. _ 2. The Rock of _ Sal - va - tion, _

27 D A Bm⁷ G²

my hope _ is built on noth - ing less. _ Morn - ing _ by morn - ing, _

31 D A Bm⁷

how great _ is Your faith - ful - ness. _ I called _ Your

CHORUS 1b

35 G² D G²

name, You heard _ my cry, out of _ the grave and in - to life. .

38 Bm⁷ G² D/F#

_ My heart _ is Yours, my soul _ is free.

INSTRUMENTAL

41 D D^{sus} D G/D

Play 3 times

Thank You, God, _ for sav - ing me. _

BRIDGE

45 D G/D D

You gave Your life up - on the

48 G/D D G/D

cross, You suf-fered once for all, You made a ___ way. ___

51 D G/D D

Je-sus, in vic-to-ry You rose. You made us all Your own; Now we are _ saved. .

54 G/D D G

— Thank You, God, _ for sav - ing me. ___

57 D G D

Thank You, God, _ for sav - ing me. ___ Thank _ You, God, for sav -

60 G D G

- ing me, for sav - ing me. ___ I called _ Your

CHORUS 1c

63 G D G/D

name, You heard _ my cry, out of ___ the grave and in - to life. .

66 Bm⁷ G/D D/F#

— My heart _ is Yours, my soul _ is free.

I Will Boast

Words and Music by
Paul Baloche

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VERSE

C⁵



Let not the wise — man boast in his wis - dom or the strong .



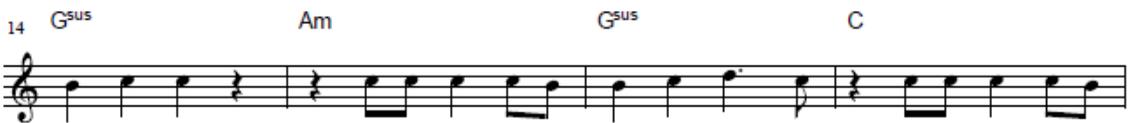
— man _ boast in his strength; Let not the rich — man boast in his rich -



- es, but let the hum - ble come and give thanks to the One Who



made — us, the One Who saved — us. I will boast in the



Lord, my God; I will boast in the One Who's wor - thy; I will boast in the



Lord, my God; I will boast in the One Who's wor - thy; —

22 F C^{sus} C C^{sus} C C^{sus}

He's wor - thy.

25 C C^{sus} C G

Let not the wise - One Who's wor - thy;

28 3. G^{sus} D⁷ F Am C D⁷

One Who's wor - thy; He's wor - thy. ____

2. G^{sus} D.S.

INSTRUMENTAL

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First Reading

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

“For you are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle*Romans 8:28-39*

We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

G **Glory to You, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all these things?" They said to him, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Apostles' Creed

G **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 thence He will 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.**

Please be seated

How Great Is Our God

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves and Ed Cash

♩=76

VERSE

A

F#m7



1. The splen - dor of the King, clothed in maj - es - ty;
(2. And) age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;

4

D²

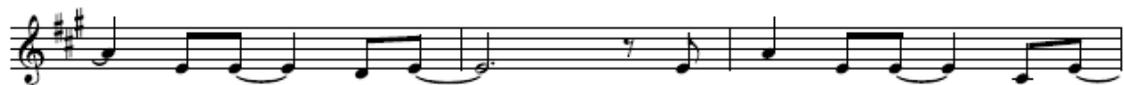


Let all the earth re - joice, all the earth re - joice. He wraps
Be - gin - ning and the End, Be - gin - ning and the End. The God -

7

A

F#m7



Him - self in light, and dark - ness tries to hide,
head, three in one, Fa - ther, Spir - it, Son,

10

D²



and trem - bles at His voice, and trem - bles at His voice. How great
the Li - on and the Lamb, the Li - on and the Lamb.

CHORUS

13

A

F#m7



is our God! Sing with me: How great is our God!

16

Dmaj7

E

A²

Fine



And all will see how great, how great is our God!

20

BRIDGE

A



2. And Name a - bove all names,

24 F#m⁷ Dmaj⁷

wor - thy of ___ all praise. ___ My heart will sing: _ How great .

27

1. E A

is our God! ___

30

2. E A D.S. al Fine

is our God! ___ How great

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Sermon

Confirmation

- P** Beloved in the Lord, our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord’s bidding. Jesus said, “Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven.” Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.
- P** Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation acknowledge the gifts that God gave you in your Baptism?
- R** *Yes, I do.*
- P** Do you renounce the devil, and all his works, and all his ways?
- R** *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?
In Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?
And in the Holy Spirit, as we confess in the Apostle's Creed?
If so, then answer, "Yes, I believe."

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

R *I do.*

P Do you confess the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

R *I do.*

P Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

R *I do, by the grace of God.*

P We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and have received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C **Amen.**

The catechumens kneel to receive the confirmation blessing. The pastor places his hands on the head of each candidate and makes the sign of the cross on the forehead while saying:

P [Name], the almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life † everlasting.

C **Amen.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing these Your sons to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

P Peace † be with you.

C **Amen.**

Please stand

Prayer of the Church

The Pastor will end each petition with the phrase, "Lord in Your Mercy".
The congregation will respond "**Hear our Prayer**".

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him.

We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

- C** **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.

Words of Institution

Please be seated

Please note:

St. Mark Lutheran Church is a congregation and a body of Christians believing firmly God's Word which says that in Holy Communion we truly and really receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus as we receive the earthly elements of bread and wine.

His body and blood are not symbolically present or spiritually received, but real and tangible in the bread and wine, with the bread and wine, under the bread and wine by the authority of Jesus' words, and given to us as His pledge of love and forgiveness.

Holy Communion is a gift of God intended for those who have been baptized and confirmed in the Christian Faith. Within our Lutheran Church, we ask that a confirmation be done according to our Lutheran understanding. It is imperative, according to 1 Corinthians 11:27-29, for a communicant to spiritually examine himself before coming to the Lord's Table.

A brief examination would include answering "Yes" to the following five questions:

Do you believe that you are a sinner by nature and by choice?

Are you truly sorry for your sins?

Do you believe Jesus Christ is your Lord and Savior from sin Who graciously forgives your sins?

Do you intend, by the power of the Holy Spirit to make the needed changes in your sinful life?

Do you believe you receive the true body and blood of Jesus in, with, and under the bread and wine?

Distribution

Please stand

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray...Gracious God, our heavenly Father, You have given us a foretaste of the feast to come in the Holy Supper of Your Son's body and blood. Keep us firm in the true faith throughout our days of pilgrimage that, on the Day of His coming, we may, together with all Your saints, celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

God Is Able

Words and Music by
Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

♩ = 79 **INTRO**
G

D



3 Em

1.
C



5

2.
C

VERSE
G

D



8 Em

1. God is a - ble, _ He will nev - er _ fail. _
(2. God is) with _ us, _ God is on our _ side. _
C G



He is Al - might - y _ God. _ Great - er than all we _ seek. _ Great - er than
He will _ make _ a way. _ Far _ a - bove all we _ know. _ Far _ a - bove

11

D

Em

C

D



all we _ ask. _ He has done _ great _ things. _ Lift - ed up, _
all we _ hope. _ He has done _ great _ things. _

§ **CHORUS**

14

G

D

Em



_____ He de - feat - ed the grave. _ Raised to life, _ our God is a -

17

C

G/B



- ble. In His Name, _ we o - ver - come, _

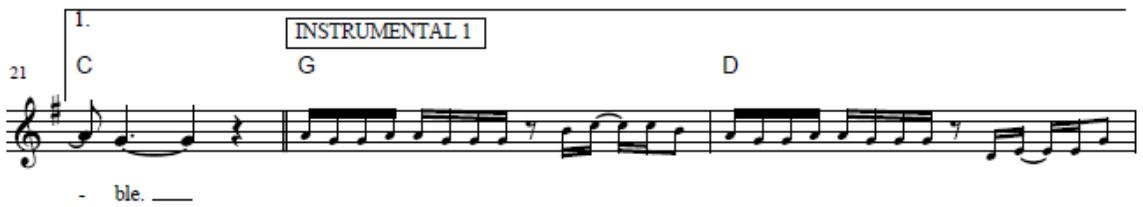
19 D Em D



for the Lord our God is a -

21 C G D

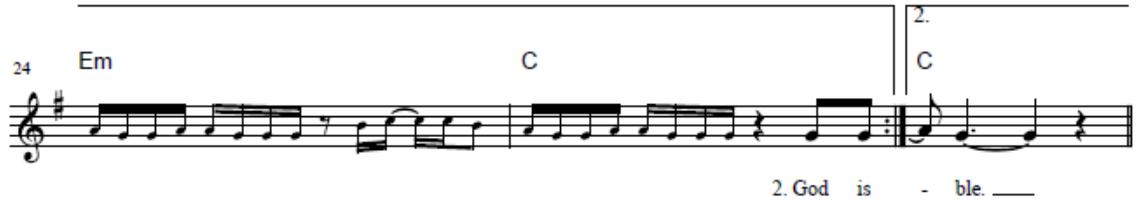
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- ble. -

24 Em C

2. C



2. God is - ble. -

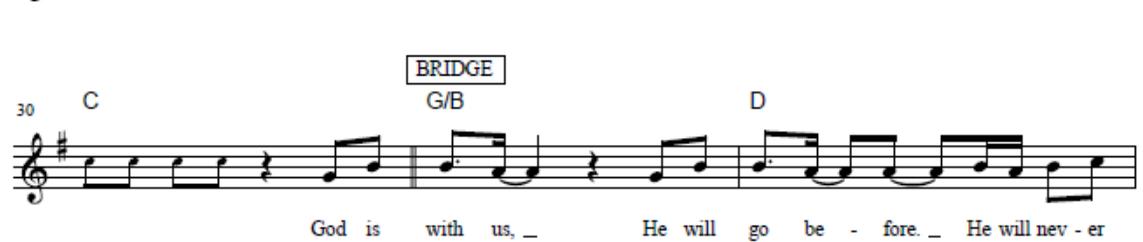
27 G/B D Em D

INSTRUMENTAL 2



30 C G/B D

BRIDGE



God is with us, He will go be - fore. He will nev - er

33 Em D C G/B



leave us. He will nev - er leave us. God is for us. He has

36 D Em D C

D.S. al Coda



o - pen arms. He will nev - er fail us. He will nev - er fail us. Lift - ed up.

39 Coda CHORUS

C G D

- ble. ___ Lift - ed up, ___ He de - feat - ed the grave. ___ Raised to life, _

42 Em C G/B

___ our God is a - ble. In His Name, ___ we o - ver - come, .

45 ENDING

D Em D C Em D

___ for the Lord ___ our God is a - ble. For the Lord ___ our God is a -

49 C Em D C G

- ble. For the Lord ___ our God is a - ble.

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BE FILLED
WITH THE
HOLY
SPIRIT
Continuously