



# St. Mark Lutheran

## CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

### Growing God's Family

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**10:45 a.m. Service**

## FIFTEENTH 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 to the glory of God.

**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.

# Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)

♩=114

Words and Music by  
Paul Baloche and Brenton Brown

## VERSE

G<sup>5</sup>



1. Praise \_ is ris - ing, eyes \_ are turn - ing \_ to You; .  
2. Hear \_ the sound \_ of hearts \_ re - turn - ing \_ to You; .



— We turn to You; — Hope \_ is  
— We turn to You; — In \_ Your



stir - ing hearts \_ are year - ing \_ for You; \_  
King - dom bro - ken lives \_ are \_ made new, \_



We long for You; \_ 'Cause when we see \_  
You make us new; \_

## PRE-CHORUS



— You, we find strength \_ to face the day; \_ In Your pres-



- ence all our fears \_ are \_ washed a-way, washed a - way. \_ Ho -

## CHORUS



-san - na, ho - san - na, \_ You are the God.

29  $G^5$   $D^{sus}$   $Em^7$   $C^2$

— who \_ saves us, wor-thy of all \_ our prais - es; \_ Ho -

33  $G^{sus}$   $G$   $Em^7$   $C^2$

-san - na, ho - san - na, \_ come have Your way .

37  $G^5$   $D^{sus}$   $Em^7$   $C^2$

— a - mong us; We wel-come You here, \_ Lord Je - sus. \_

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*Please stand*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

### Confession of Sins

- P** If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins,
- C** **O Lord, who could stand?**
- P** But with You there is forgiveness;
- C** **therefore You are feared.**
- P** O almighty God, merciful Father,
- C** **I, a poor miserable sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your punishment now and forever. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

### Absolution

- P** Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** **Amen.**

*Please be seated*

# Beautiful One

Words and Music by  
Tim Hughes

♩ = 122 VERSE

F G C/E

1. Won - der - ful, so won - der - ful, is Your un - fail - ing love. Your  
2. Pow - er - ful, so pow - er - ful, Your glo - ry fills the skies. Your

5 F G Am<sup>7</sup> F

cross has spo - ken mer - cy o - ver me. No eye has seen, no  
might - y works dis - played for all to see. The beau - ty of Your

10 G C/E F

ear has heard, no heart could ful - ly know how glo - ri - ous, how  
maj - es - ty a - wakes my heart to sing. How mar - vel - ous, how

14 G C F G

§ CHORUS

beau - ti - ful You are. Beau - ti - ful One, I love You, beau - ti - ful  
won - der - ful You are.

19 F G F

One, I a - dore, beau - ti - ful One, my

22 G C

Last time to Coda ⊕ I.

soul must sing.

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## First Reading

*Genesis 50:15-21*

When Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, "It may be that Joseph will hate us and pay us back for all the evil that we did to him." So they sent a message to Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this command before he died, 'Say to Joseph, Please forgive the transgression of your brothers and their sin, because they did evil to you.' And now, please forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. His brothers also came and fell down before him and said, "Behold, we are your servants." But Joseph said to them, "Do not fear, for am I in the place of God? As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good, to bring it about that many people should be kept alive, as they are today. So do not fear; I will provide for you and your little ones." Thus he comforted them and spoke kindly to them.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

*Psalms 34:9, 19*

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him lack nothing!**  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

## Epistle

*Romans 14:1-12*

As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.”  
So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Matthew 18:21-35*

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

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

Peter came up and said to [Jesus], “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.

“Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **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 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.**

# Jesus Paid It All

Words by Elvina M. Hall and Alex Nifong  
 Music by John Thomas Grape and Alex Nifong

**VERSE 1 & 2**

♩ = 80

Cmaj<sup>7</sup>/E Cmaj<sup>7</sup> G

1. And I \_\_\_\_\_ hear now the Sav - ior say, "Thy strength in - deed is  
 (2. Lord) \_\_\_\_\_ now in - deed I find Thy powr and Thine a -

4 Cmaj<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup> Cmaj<sup>7</sup> G

small. Child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in Me thine all in  
 - lone, can \_ change the lep - ers spots, and \_ melt the heart of

**CHORUS 1**

8 C C Am<sup>7</sup> C G

all." Cause Je - sus paid it all, all \_ to Him I owe.  
 stone.

13 C F<sup>2</sup> C G Cmaj<sup>7</sup>

Sin had left a crim-son stain, He washed \_ it white as snow.

**VERSE 3**

22 F<sup>2</sup> Cmaj<sup>7</sup>/E F<sup>2</sup> Cmaj<sup>7</sup>/E Cmaj<sup>7</sup>

2. Lord, \_ 3. And \_ when be - fore the

26 G Cmaj<sup>7</sup> Am<sup>7</sup> F<sup>2</sup>

throne I stand in Him com - plete, Je - sus died my soul to save my \_

**CHORUS 1**

31 Cmaj<sup>7</sup> G C C Am<sup>7</sup> C

lips shall still re - beat. Je - sus paid it all, all \_ to Him I

36 G C F<sup>2</sup> C G C

owe. Sin had left a crim-son stain. He washed \_ it white as snow.

## Sermon

*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 as He has taught us:

## Lord's Prayer

**G** **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.

**G Amen.**

## Benediction

**A** Let us bless the Lord.

**G 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.

**G Amen.**

# Everlasting God

Words and Music by  
Brenton Brown and Ken Riley

**VERSE**

♩ = 100

A A<sup>SUS</sup> A A<sup>SUS</sup>

Strength will rise as we wait \_\_\_ up - on the Lord, we will wait \_\_\_

3 A A<sup>SUS</sup> A A<sup>SUS</sup>

\_\_\_ up - on the Lord, we will wait \_\_\_ up - on the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait .

6 A A<sup>SUS</sup> A A<sup>SUS</sup> A A/C# D

\_\_\_ up - on the Lord, we will wait \_\_\_ up - on the Lord, we will wait \_\_\_ up - on the Lord. Our God, .

**PRE-CHORUS**

9 A/C# D E F#m E A/C# D A/C# D

\_\_\_ You reign \_\_\_ for - ev - er. Our Hope, \_\_\_ our strong .

**CHORUS**

13 E F#m E A

\_\_\_ De - liv - er. \_\_\_ You are \_\_\_ the ev -

17 A/C# D F#m

- er - last - ing God, \_\_\_ the ev - er - last - ing God, \_\_\_ You do -

21 D A

— not faint, — You wont grow weary. — You're the — de - fend-

25 A/C# D

- er of — the weak, — You com - fort those — in need .

28 F#m D

— You lift — us up — on wings like ea - gles. —

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