



# St. Mark Lutheran

## CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

### Growing God's Family

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

## SIXTEENTH 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.

# Give Us Clean Hands

Words and Music by  
Charlie Hall

♩ = 75

## VERSE

D A D/F# G



We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; Oh Spir - it, come make us hum -

4 D G/A D A D/F# G



-ble. We turn our eyes from e - vil things; Oh Lord, we cast down our i -

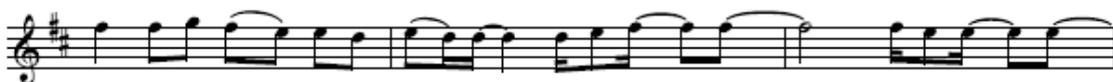
## CHORUS

8 D A



-dols. Give us clean \_ hands, \_ give us pure \_ hearts; \_ Let us

11 Bm A G D



not lift our souls \_ to an - oth - er. \_ Give us clean \_ hands, \_ give us pure \_ hearts; .

14 A Bm A G



\_ Let us not lift our souls \_ to an - oth - er. And oh God, let us be \_

17 D A Bm A



\_ a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, \_ that seeks Your face, \_ oh \_ God \_ of Ja -

20 G D A

- cob; — And oh God, let us be — a gen - er - a - tion that seeks, — that seeks Your face, .

23 Bm A G D

— oh — God — of Ja - cob. —

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*Please stand*

- P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  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*

# Almighty

Words and Music by  
Wayne Watson

♩ = 100

## CHORUS

F F/A C F

Al - might - y, most Ho - ly God; \_\_\_\_\_

4 B♭ Dm C F F/A C F

Faith - ful through the ag - es. Al - might - y, most Ho - ly Lord; \_\_\_\_\_

## VERSE

8 B♭ F/C C F C F

Glo - ri - ous — Al - might - y — God. 1. The beasts of \_\_\_\_\_ the field, the  
2. Well, time march - es on with

12 C F F/C C

birds of \_\_\_\_\_ the air are si - lent \_\_\_\_\_ to call out \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_ name. The  
in - no - cence gone, and a dark - ness \_\_\_\_\_ has cov - ered \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ earth. But His

15 F C F F/C

earth has \_\_\_\_\_ no voice and I have \_\_\_\_\_ no choice but to mag - ni - fy God un - a -  
Spir - it \_\_\_\_\_ still dwells; He speaks, "It \_\_\_\_\_ is well." And the hope - less \_\_\_\_\_ still of - fered new

18 C Gm C F F/A B♭

-shamed. Let the rocks \_\_\_\_\_ be \_\_\_\_\_ kept si - lent \_\_\_\_\_ for one more day. Let the  
birth. He will break the \_\_\_\_\_ leash of death; It \_\_\_\_\_ will have no sting. Let the

21 Gm C

1. F F/A C<sup>SUS</sup> C

2. F F/A C<sup>SUS</sup> C  
D.C. al Fine

whole world \_ sing out. Let the peo - ple say: \_\_\_ dance and sing. \_\_\_  
pris - on - er go free. Join the

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## First Reading

*Isaiah 55:6-9*

“Seek the LORD while he may be found;  
call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.”

- 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.**

I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. . . .

for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

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

*Please stand*

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

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

[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' So the last will be first, and the first last."

**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.**

# How Deep The Father's Love For Us

Words and Music by  
Stuart Townend

♩ = 54

**VERSE**

D Em D/F# G D/F# D/A A



1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all meas - ure that  
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -  
 3. I will not boast in an - y-thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3 D Em D/F# G D/F# A D



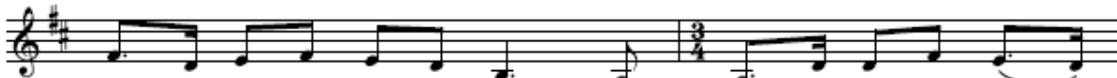
He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
 -shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a-mong the scof - fers. It  
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 Em D/F# G D/F# Bm A



great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as  
 was my sin that held \_ Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
 should I gain from His \_ re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

7 D Em D/F# G D/F# A



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo -  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin -  
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran -

9 

1, 2.	D	G/B	D/A	D	G <sup>2</sup>	3.	D
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-ry. 2. Be - som.  
 -ished. 3. I

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## 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.

**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.**

# Whom Shall I Fear God Of Angel Armies

Words and Music by  
Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Scott Cash

♩=75 **VERSE 1**

G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C<sup>2</sup>

1. You hear me when I call. You are my morn-ing song. Though dark-ness fills the night,

4 Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

it can-not hide the light. Whom shall I fear?

7 G Am<sup>7</sup> G/B C<sup>2</sup>

You crush the en-e-my un-der-neath my feet. You are my sword and shield,

10 Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

though trou-bles lin-ger still. Whom shall I fear?

§ **CHORUS 1a**

13 Em<sup>7</sup> D G Em<sup>7</sup> D G Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

I know Who goes be-fore me, I know Who stands be-hind: The God of an-gel ar-mies

16 D G Em<sup>7</sup> D G

is al-ways by my side! The One Who reigns for-ev-er,

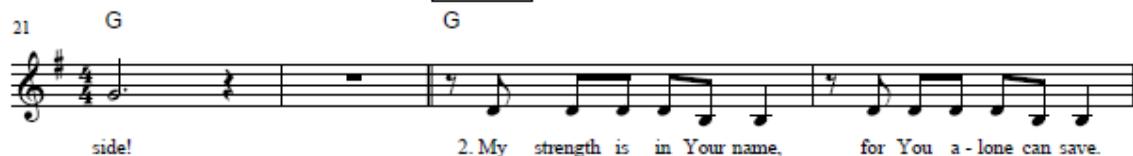
18 Em<sup>7</sup> D G Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup> 2nd time to Coda  $\Phi$   
D



He is a friend of mine. The God of an-gel ar-mies is al-ways by my

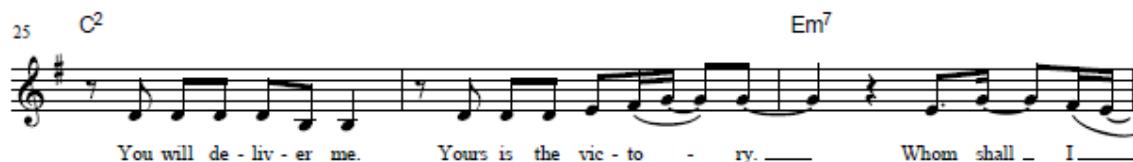
VERSE 2

21 G G



side! 2. My strength is in Your name, for You a-lone can save.

25 C<sup>2</sup> Em<sup>7</sup>



You will de-liv-er me. Yours is the vic-to-ry. Whom shall I

28 C<sup>2</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup> D D.S. al Coda

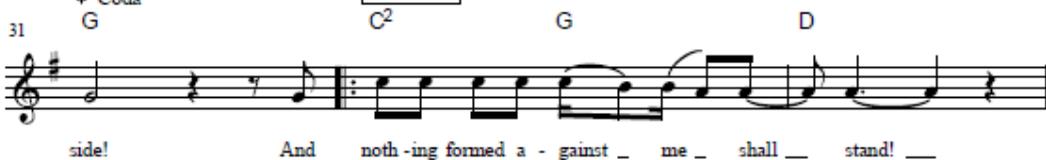


— fear? Whom shall I fear?

$\Phi$  Coda

BRIDGE

31 G C<sup>2</sup> G D



side! And noth-ing formed a-gainst me shall stand!

34 G C<sup>2</sup> G



You hold the whole world in Your hands. I'm hold-ing on to Your

37 Em<sup>7</sup> D C<sup>2</sup> 1. D



prom-ises; You are faith-ful, You are faith-ful

40 D Em<sup>7</sup> D/F#

faith - ful, — You are faith - ful. —

**CHORUS 1b**

43 Em<sup>7</sup> D G Em<sup>7</sup> D G Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

I know Who goes be - fore me, I know Who stands be - hind: The God of an - gel ar - mies

46 D G Em<sup>7</sup> D/F# G Em<sup>7</sup> D G

is al - ways by my side! The One Who reigns for - ev - er, He is a friend of mine.

**CHORUS 1c**

49 Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup> G

The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side! I know Who goes be - fore me, —

52 D/F# Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>

I know Who stands be - hind: The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side!

55 G D/F# Em<sup>7</sup>

The One Who reigns for - ev - er, — He is a friend of mine. The God of an - gel ar - mies

58 C<sup>2</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup> G

is al - ways by my side! The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my side!



*So the* **LAST**  
*will be*  
**FIRST**  
*and the* **FIRST**  
**LAST.**

*Matthew 20:1-16*

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