



St. Mark Lutheran

CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

Growing God's Family

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FOURTEENTH 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.

Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)

Words and Music by
John Newton, Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

♩ = 60

VERSE 1 & 2

D G/D D



1. A - maz - ing - grace, - how - sweet - the sound, that saved .
(2.) grace that - taught - my - heart - to fear, and grace .

A/D

3



- a - wretch - like - me. I once .
- my - fears - re - lieved. How pre -

5



- was - lost, - but now - I'm found, was blind .
- cious - did - that grace - ap - pear, the hour -

7



1. but - now - I - see. 2. 'Twas - I - first - be - lieved .

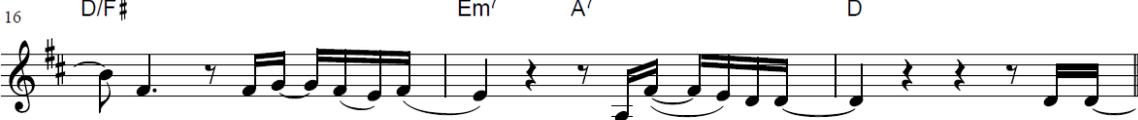
CHORUS



- My chains are - gone. - I've been set - free, my God, my



Sav - ior has ran - somed - me. And like a - flood - His mer - cy -



- rains, un - end - ing - love, - a - maz - ing grace. - 3. The Lord -

VERSE 3

19 D G/D D
 has prom - ised good to me. His word .

21 A/D
 my hope se - cures. He will

23 D D/F# G D
 my shield and por - tion be, as long .

CHORUS

25 A/D D D/F# G
 as life en - dures. My chains are gone. I've been set

28 D/F# G/B D/A D/F#
 free, my God, my Sav - ior has ran - somed me. And like a

31 G D/F# Em7 A7
 flood His mer - cy rains, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace .

34 I. D D/F# 2. D G/D
 My chains are 4. The earth

VERSE 4

37 D G/D D
 shall soon dis - solve like snow, the sun for - bear to shine .

40 A/D D D/F# G D

— But — God, who — called — me here — be-low, will be —

43 A/D D A/D

— for - ev - er mine. — will be — for - ev - er mine. .

46 D A/D D

— You are — for - ev - er mine.

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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

Hallelujah

Words and Music by
Brenton Brown and Brian Doerksen

♩ = 98

VERSE

G/B



1. Your love is ___ a - maz - ing, stead - y and ___ un - chang -
 (2. Your love is ___ sur - pris) - ing, I can feel ___ it ris -

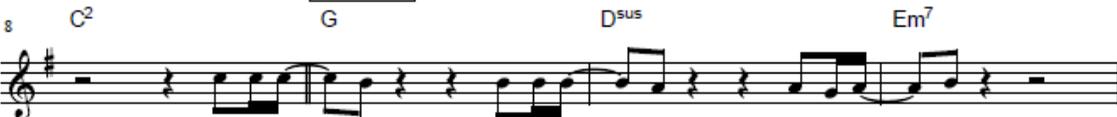


- ing. Your love is ___ a moun - tain, firm be - neath ___ my feet. ___ Your love is ___ a mys -
 - ing, all the joy ___ that's grow - ing deep in - side ___ of me. ___ Ev - ry time ___ I see ___

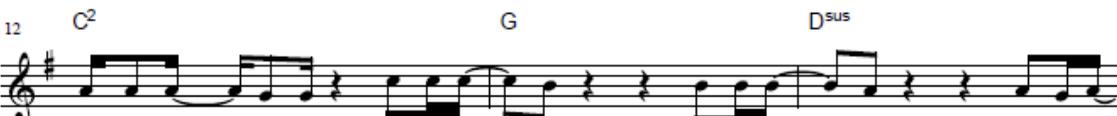


- try, how You gent - ly lift ___ me. When I am ___ sur - round - ed Your love car - ries me.
 ___ You all Your good - ness shines ___ through. I can feel ___ this God ___ song ris - ing up ___ in me.

CHORUS



Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,



Your love makes ___ me sing. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -



- jah, Your love makes ___ me sing. 2. Your love is ___ sur - pris -
 1. Your love is ___ a - maz -

18 3. C² INTERLUDE D Em⁷

Your love makes _ me sing. Yes, You make _ me _ sing.

21 D/F# C² D

Lord, You make _ me _ sing, sing, _ sing. How You make _ me _

24 Em⁷ D/F# CHORUS G

_ sing. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

27 D^{sus} Em⁷ C²

- jah, hal - le - lu - jah, Your love makes _ me sing. Hal - le - lu -

30 G D^{sus} Em⁷

- jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

33 1, 2. C² 3. C²

Your love makes _ me sing. Hal - le - lu - Your love makes _ me sing.

35 ENDING C² G

Lord, You make _ me _ sing.
How You make _ me _ sing.

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-9

“So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked one, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked person shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way, that person shall die in his iniquity, but you will have delivered your soul.”

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 13:1-10

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For the same reason you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

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

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

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

"Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes! And if your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life crippled or lame than with two hands or two feet to be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to enter life with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into the hell of fire.

"See that you do not despise one of these little ones. For I tell you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven. For the Son of Man came to save the lost. What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly, I say to you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **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,
very God of very 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 will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will 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.**

Glory To God Forever

Words and Music by
Steve Fee and Vicky Beching

♩ = 80

VERSE

A/C# D2(no3) A E^{sus}



1. Be - fore the world was _ made, be - fore You spoke it to be,
2. Cre - a - tor, God, You _ gave me breath, so I _ _ _ could praise

3 A/C# D2(no3) A E^{sus}



You were the King of _ kings— yeah, You were, yeah You were!
Your great and match - less _ name all my days, all my days!

5 A/C# D2(no3) A E^{sus}



And now, You're reign - ing _ still, en - throned a - bove all _ things;
So, let my whole life _ be a blaz - ing of - fer - ing—

CHORUS

7 A/C# D2(no3) A E^{sus} Dmaj⁹ A



An - gels and saints cry _ out, we join them as we sing: _ Glo - ry to God, _
a life that shouts and _ sings the great - ness of our King! _

10 E^{sus} F#m7 Dmaj⁹ A E(add4)



glo - ry to _ God, _ glo - ry to God _ for - ev - er! _

13 Dmaj⁹ A E^{sus} F#m7 Dmaj⁹ A



Glo - ry to God, _ glo - ry to _ God, _ glo - ry to God _ for - ev - er! _

INSTRUMENTAL

16 E(add4) D2(no3) A E F#m7



Yeah

19 D²(no3) A E

2. E(add4) **BRIDGE** D A

23 E^{sus} F#m⁷ D A E^{sus}

Take my life, and let it be

26 D A E^{sus} F#m⁷ D A

all for You, and for Your glo - ry; take my life and let it be Yours. —

Take my life, and let it be all for You, and for Your glo - ry; Take my life and let it be Yours. .

CHORUS

29 E^{sus} Dmaj⁹ A E^{sus} F#m⁷

— We sing: Glo - ry to God, _ glo - ry to _ God, _

32 Dmaj⁹ A E(add4) Dmaj⁹ A

glo - ry to God _ for - ev - er! _ Glo - ry to God, _

35 E^{sus} F#m⁷ Dmaj⁹ A

1. E(add4)

glo - ry to _ God, _ glo - ry to God _ fo - ev - er! _ We sing!

38 2. E(add4) D.S. 3. E(add4) **ENDING** D²(no3) A

Yeah. —

41 E F#m⁷ D²(no3) A E A

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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Words and Music by
Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

$\text{♩} = 73$ **CHORUS 1a**

G D A/C# Bm G D

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O _____ my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name .

4 A^{sus} A G Bm G A Bm G A

_____ Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; Ill wor-ship Your ho - ly name .

2nd time to Coda **VERSE 1**

8 G/D D G/D D G D A Bm

_____ 1. The sun comes up, its a new day dawn - ing,

12 G D A Bm G D

its time to sing Your song _____ a - gain _____ What - ev - er may _____ pass, and what -

15 A Bm G D

-ev - er lies be - fore _____ me, let me be sing - ing when the

18 A^{sus} A D G/D D D.S. al Coda

eve - ning comes. Bless the

⊕ Coda

VERSE 2

21 G/D D G D A Bm



2. You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger. Your

24 G D A Bm G D



name is great and Your heart is kind. — For all Your good-ness, I will

27 A/C# Bm G D A^{SUS} A



keep on sing - ing; — Ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to

CHORUS 1b

31 D G/D D G D A/C# Bm



find. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O — my soul;

35 G D A^{SUS} A G Bm G A Bm



Wor-ship His ho - ly name. — Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; Ill

INSTRUMENTAL

39 G A D G D A/C# Bm



wor-ship Your ho - ly name. —

43 G D A^{SUS} A G Bm G A Bm



VERSE 3

47 G A D G D A/C# Bm

3. And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing, the

51 G D A Bm G D A/C# Bm

end draws near, and my time has come; — Still, my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing —

55 G D A^{sus} A D G/D

ten thou - sand years, and then for - ev - er - more!

CHORUS 1b

59 D G D A/C# Bm

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O — my soul;

62 G D A^{sus} A G Bm G A Bm

Wor - ship His ho - ly name. — Sing like nev - er be - fore, O my soul; Ill

66 1. G A D 2. G A

wor - ship Your ho - ly name. — Bless the wor - ship Your ho - ly name, .

ENDING

69 Bm G A

— wor - ship Your ho - ly name, —

For where two or three
are gathered together in My Name,
I am there among them.

Matthew 18:20