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Growing God's Family

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REFORMATION DAY

**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 Martin Jarshaw, in memory of his and his late wife's 34th wedding anniversary on October 18th.

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.

The Stand

Words and Music by
Joel Houston

♩=77 **VERSE 1**

G

C



1. You stood be - fore _ cre - a - tion, _ e - ter - ni - ty in _ Your hand .

4

G/B

Em

C



_ You spoke the earth _ in - to mo - tion, my soul now _ to _ stand _

VERSE 2 & 3

8

G

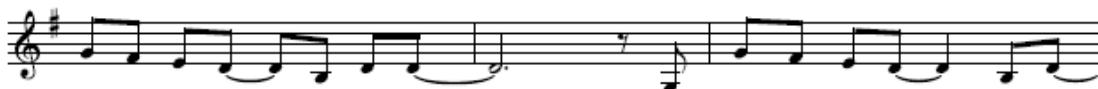


2. You stood be - fore _ my fail - ure, _ and
(3.) I'll walk up - on _ sal - va - tion, _ Your

11

C

G/B



car - ried the cross _ for my shame. _ My sin weighed up - on _ Your shoul -
Spir - it a - live _ in me. _ My life to de - clare _ Your prom -

PRE-CHORUS 1a

14

Em

C

C



- ders, my soul now _ to _ stand. _ So what can I _ say? _
- ise, my soul now _ to _ stand. _

18

Am

Em

C



And what can I _ do, _ but of - fer this heart, _ O God, _

22 D

1. Em

2. Em

com-plete -ly _____ to You? _____ 3. So _____ to You? _____

26 PRE-CHORUS 1b

C Am Em

_____ So what can I _____ say? _____ And what can I _____ do, _____

30 G Am⁷ D C G

but of-fer this heart, _____ O God, _____ com-plete -ly _____ to You. _____

34 CHORUS

D Em C G D Em C G

So I'll stand, with arms high and heart a - ban - doned, _____ in awe of the

38 D Em C G D Em

One who gave it all. _____ I'll stand, my soul, Lord, to You sur - ren - dered.

41 1. C G D Em 2. C G D

repeat as desired

All I am _____ is Yours. _____ All I am _____ is Yours. _____

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

25 C C^{SUS} C G

2. G^{SUS} D.S.

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

28 3. G^{SUS} D⁷ F Am C D⁷

INSTRUMENTAL

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

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First Reading

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
 a very present^[b] help in trouble.
 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
 though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
 though its waters roar and foam,
 though the mountains tremble at its swelling.
 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
 the holy habitation of the Most High.
 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
 God will help her when morning dawns.
 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
 he utters his voice, the earth melts.
 The LORD of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our fortress.
 Come, behold the works of the LORD,
 how he has brought desolations on the earth.
 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
 he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
 he burns the chariots with fire.
 "Be still, and know that I am God.
 I will be exalted among the nations,
 I will be exalted in the earth!"
 The LORD of hosts is with us;
 the God of Jacob is our fortress.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

in the city of our God!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers,

consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

that you may tell the next generation

that this is God, our God forever and ever.

Epistle

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel

John 8:31-36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the eighth chapter.

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

So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?"

Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

C 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.**

Mighty Fortress

Words and Music by
Aaron Shust and Paul Baloche

♩=104

Em C

1. He won't a - ban - don, He won't de - ceive, — He won't de - sert —

3 G D^{SUS} D Em

— us, He won't ev - er leave. — He'll nev - er for - sake — us, He won't ev - er run, .

6 C G D^{SUS} D C² G ³

— He'll nev - er re - ject — us, the Faith - ful — One. — Your love will re -

10 D⁽⁴⁾ C² G D⁽⁴⁾ G

-main. Your love will re - main. A Might - y For - tress

14

is our — God! — A Tow'r of Strength nev - er fail - ing.

17 Em⁷ C²

The name of Je - sus, true and strong; — No oth - er pow'r could

2nd time to Coda ⊕

20 D G/B C² Em

ev - er save — us. You are good, You are good, Might - y For - tress.

24 C G Bm⁷ Em

Might-y For - tress. 2. You won't a - ban - don, You won't de - ceive, .

28 C G D/F#

— You won't de - sert — us, You won't ev - er leave. — You'll nev - er for - sake .

31 Em C G

— us, You won't ev - er run, — You'll nev - er re - ject — us, the Faith - ful — One .

34 D/F# C² G

— Your love will re -

36 D(4) C² G D(4) D.S. al Coda

-main. Your love will re - main.

⊕ Coda

39 C² G

good, Might - y For - tress.

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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

☐ 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

☐ **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



2.

VERSE

5 C

G

D



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

8 Em

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

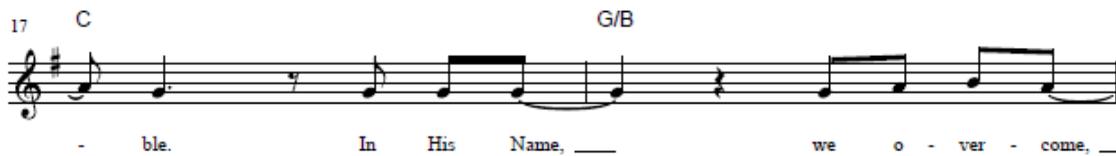
D

Em



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

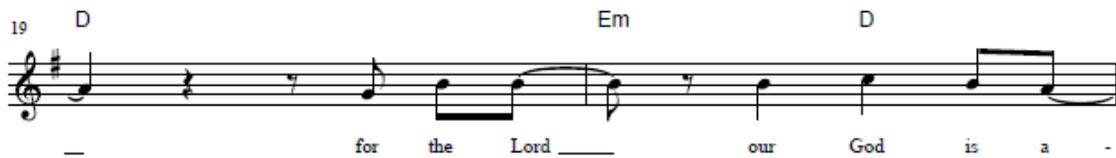
17 C G/B



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

Last time to Coda ♪

19 D Em D



for the Lord our God is a -

1. INSTRUMENTAL 1

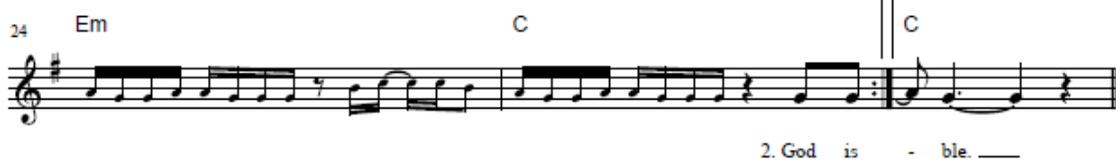
21 C G D



- ble. -

2.

24 Em C C



2. God is - ble. -

INSTRUMENTAL 2

27 G/B D Em D



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BRIDGE

30 C G/B D



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,

⊕ Coda

CHORUS

39 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,

ENDING

45 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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