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Growing God's Family

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**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 in celebration of Charles & Merle Wagner's 62nd anniversary on 12/19.

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.

We Cry Out

Words and Music by
Walker Beach

♩=68

VERSE 1

1. Fa - ther of life, — seat - ed on — Your throne — of grace, its
on - ly by — Your mer - cy we are — saved; Lord, You have said — if we call.
— up - on — Your Name, we and — our fam - lies will be — saved.

Chords: G, Em7, C2, D^{sus}, D, G, Em7, C2, D^{sus}

CHORUS 1

— So we cry out — Your — Name, — El Shad - dai, God of —
grace, Lord — Most — High, — Je - sus — Christ; —
— We re - ly on — Your — grace, — A - do -
-nai, crowned — in — praise; Lord Most — High, Je - sus —
— Christ. —

Chords: D, G, D/F#, Am, Em, C, G/B, D^{sus}, D, G, D/F#, Am, Em, C, D^{sus}, G, G/C, Em7, D

VERSE 2

28 **G** **Em⁷**
 2. Fa - ther of love, nev - er fail - ing to for - give, each
 30 **C²** **D^{sus}** **D** **G**
 mo - ment is a gift from You to live; Were on - ly here to tell the world .
 33 **Em⁷** **C²** **D^{sus}** **D**
 a - bout Your grace un - til the day You take us all a - way. We will

CHORUS 2

36 **G** **D/F#** **Am** **Em**
 cry out Your Name, El Shad - dai, God of grace,
 40 **C** **G/B** **D^{sus}** **D**
 Lord Most High, Je - sus Christ; We re -
 44 **G** **D/F#** **Am** **Em**
 ly on Your grace, A - do - nai, crowned in praise;
 48 **C** **D^{sus}** **D** **G** **1. D**
 Lord Most High, Je - sus Christ. O, so we

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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

The Lion And The Lamb

Words and Music by
Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson and Leeland Mooring

♩=90

INTRO

C

Dm

F



1.

2.

VERSE

C



1. He's com - ing on the clouds,
(2. So) o - pen up the gates, make

Dm

F

Am



kings and king-doms will bow down. And ev - 'ry chain will break _ as
way be - fore the King of kings. The God who comes to save _ is

G

F

G



bro - ken hearts de - clare His praise. For who can stop the Lord Al - might - y?
here to set the cap - tives free. For who can stop the Lord Al - might - y?

CHORUS

14 C

G

Am⁷



Our God is _ the Li - on, the Li - on _ of Ju - dah. He's roar - ing _ with pow -

G

F

G



- er, and fight - ing _ our bat - tles. And ev - 'ry knee will bow be - fore Him.

20 C

G

Am⁷



Our God is _ the Lamb, _ the Lamb that _ was slain. _ For the sins of _ the world, .

23 G F G
 His blood breaks the chains. And ev - 'ry knee will bow be - fore the Li - on and the

26 F Last time to Coda ⊕ 1. TURNAROUND G C Dm
 Lamb. Ev - 'ry knee will bow be - fore Him.

30 F 2. INSTRUMENTAL G Dm
 2. So bow be - fore Him.

34 C/E F G BRIDGE Dm
 Who can stop the

38 C/E 1, 2, 3. F G 4. F
 Lord Al - might - y? Who can stop the Lord Al - might - y? Who can stop the

42 G N.C. D.S. al Coda
 Lord?

45 ⊕ Coda OUTRO G C
 bow be - fore Him.

48

Now when the king lived in his house and the LORD had given him rest from all his surrounding enemies, the king said to Nathan the prophet, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwells in a tent." And Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that is in your heart, for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan, "Go and tell my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD: Would you build me a house to dwell in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent for my dwelling. In all places where I have moved with all the people of Israel, did I speak a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?"' Now, therefore, thus you shall say to my servant David, 'Thus says the LORD of hosts, I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, that you should be prince over my people Israel. And I have been with you wherever you went and have cut off all your enemies from before you. And I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may dwell in their own place and be disturbed no more. And violent men shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel. And I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. . . .

And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

Romans 16:25-27

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

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

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. And the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, O favored one, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and tried to discern what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end."

And Mary said to the angel, "How will this be, since I am a virgin?"

And the angel answered her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy—the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

G **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.**

Offering

Words and Music by Paul Baloche

$\text{♩} = 66$

D A/C# G2/B D/A

1 O - ver the skies of Beth - le - hem ap - peared a star
 2 The sun can - not com - pare to the glo - ry of Your love;

3 D2/F# G2 Asus A

while an - gels sang to low - ly shep - herds
 There is no shad - ow in Your pres - ence;

5 D A/C# G2/B D/A

Three wise men seek - ing truth trav - elled from a - far
 No mor - tal man would dare to stand be - fore Your throne;

7 D2/F# G2 Asus A

hop - ing to find the Child from Heav - en
 be - fore the Ho - ly One of Heav - en; it's

9 G2/B A/C# D F#7sus F#7/A# B2sus Bm7

Fall - ing on their knees, they bowed be - fore the hum - ble
 on - ly by Your blood, and it's on - ly through Your mer - cy,

11 A G2 D D2/F#

Prince of Peace I bring an of -
 Lord, I come I bring an of -

13 G2 Asus D D2/F#

fer - ing of wor - ship to my King. No one on earth

15 G2 Asus D D2/F#

de - serves the prais - es that I sing Je - sus, may You

17 G2 Asus E(4)

re - ceive the hon - or that You're due O Lord,

19 G2 Asus D A/C# D

I bring an of - fer - ing to You

21 G2/B G2 D A/C# D G2

I bring an of - fer - ing to You

24 D D2/F# G2 Asus

I bring an of - fer - ing of wor - ship to my King

26 D D2/F# G2 Asus

No one on earth de - serves the prais - es that I sing

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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.

Our God

Words and Music by
Matt Redman, Jonas Myrin,
Chris Tomlin and Jesse Reeves

♩ = 105

INTRO

Em/G C/G G

4 D^{sus}/G Em/G C/G

VERSE 1

7 G D^{sus}/G Em/G C/G

1. Wa-ter You turned _ in - to wine, .

10 G Em/G C/G G Am⁷

_ o-pened the eyes _ of the blind; _ Theres no one like You, _

VERSE 2

14 D^{sus} D Em C

none like _ You. 2. In - to the dark - ness You shine, .

18 G Em C G Am⁷

_ out of the ash - es, we rise; _ Theres no one like You, _

CHORUS 1

22 D^{sus} D Em

none like _ You. Our God is great - er,

26 C G D^{sus}

our God is strong - er; God, You are high - er than an - y oth - er.

29 Em C G

Our God is heal - er, awe - some in pow - er, our _ God, _ our _ God. .

32 1. INSTRUMENTAL 2. D.S.

D^{sus} Em C G D^{sus} D.S.

38 3. INSTRUMENTAL

D^{sus} Em C

41 G D^{sus} Em

G D^{sus} Em

44 C G D^{sus}

C G D^{sus}

BRIDGE 1

47 Em C G

And if our God is for us then who could ev - er stop us, and if our God is with us

50 D^{sus} Em C

then what could stand a - gainst? _ And if our God is for us then who could ev - er stop us,

53 G D^{sus} Em C

and if our God is with us then what could stand a - gainst? ___

57 G/B D^{sus} Em C G/B D^{sus}

What could stand a - gainst? ___

CHORUS 2

63 Em¹¹ C² G

Our God is great - er, our God is strong - er; God, You are high - er than an -

66 D/F# Em¹¹ C²

- y oth - er. Our God is heal - er, awe - some in pow - er, our _ God, .

BRIDGE 2

69 G D^{sus} Em¹¹

our _ God. _ And if our God is for us

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