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Growing God's Family

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10:45 a.m. Service

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**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.

Who You Say I Am

Words and music by
Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

♩ = 58 **VERSE**

G⁵ Em D G⁵

1. Who am I ___ that the high - est King would wel - come me.
2. Free at last, _ He has ran-somed me, His grace runs deep.

5 Em D C Em D

I was lost _ but He brought me in. Oh, His love for me. Oh, His love for
While I was a slave to sin, Je - sus died for me. Yes, He died for

§ **CHORUS**

10 C G D

me. Who the Son sets free, oh is free in -
me. (In my) Fa - ther's house there's a place for

14 Em D C G

-deed. I'm a child of God, yes I ___ am.
me. I'm a child of God, yes I ___ am.

19 2, 4, 5. 3. **BRIDGE** Em D/F#

In my I am cho - sen, not for - sak - en. I

23 G C Em D/F#

am who You say I am. You are for ___ me, not a - gainst me. I

27 G 1. C 2. C TAG 1a Em D/F# C D.S. al Coda

am who You say I am. I am I am who You say I am. Who the

32 Coda INSTRUMENTAL Em D/F# G 1, 2, 3. C

(Instrumental)

37 BRIDGE 4. C Em D/F# G

I am cho - sen, not for - sak - en. I am who You say I am.

41 C Em D/F# G 1. C

You are for _ me, not a - gainst me. I am who You say I am. I am

46 TAG 1b 2. C Em D/F# C Em D/F# C

Oh, I am who You say I am. Yes, I am who You say I am. _

51 CHORUS G D

Who the Son sets free, oh is free in - deed. I'm a
(In my) Fa - ther's house there's a place for me. I'm a

56 1. Em D C G 2. C G

child of God, yes I ___ am. In my God, yes I ___ am.

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

You Are My King (Amazing Love)

Words and Music by
Billy J. Foote

♩ = 70

VERSE

D/F# G² A^{sus} A D/F# G²

I'm for-giv - en _ be - cause You were _ for-sak - en. I'm ac-cept-ed;

4 A^{sus} A D/F# G²

You were _ con - demned. _ I'm a - live _ and well, _ Your

6 A^{sus} A G² A D

Spir - it is _ with-in _ me be - cause You died _ and rose _ a - gain. _

CHORUS

9 D G D

A-maz-ing love, _ how _ can it be _ that You, my _ King, _ would die _ for me? .

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

_ A-maz - ing love, _ I _ know it's true; _

15 D

Last time to Coda ⊕

1. A ^{sus} A G/A	2. A ^{sus} A
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18 G A D

_ do _ I hon-or You. _

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The young man Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. And the word of the LORD was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision.

At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his own place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was.

Then the LORD called Samuel, and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down.

And the LORD called again, "Samuel!" and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him.

And the LORD called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the young man. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down, and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

And the LORD came and stood, calling as at other times, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant hears." Then the LORD said to Samuel, "Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle. On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. And I declare to him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be atoned for by sacrifice or offering forever."

Samuel lay until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. And Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, "Samuel, my son." And he said, "Here I am." And Eli said, "What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also if you hide anything from me of all that he told you." So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. And he said, "It is the LORD. Let him do what seems good to him."

And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beersheba knew that Samuel was established as a prophet of the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 6:12-20

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are helpful. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be enslaved by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food"—and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Or do you not know that he who is joined to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For, as it is written, "The two will become one flesh." But he who is joined to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel

John 1:43-51

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

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

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

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.**

Because He Lives (Amen)

Words and Music by Ed Cash, Gloria Gaither,
Jason Ingram, Matt Maher, Daniel Carson,
William J. Gaither and Chris Tomlin

♩ = 84

INTRO

Em C G Em C G

1. I be -

VERSE 1

5 Em C G Em C G

-lieve in the Son; I be - lieve in the Ris - en - One, I be -

9 Em C G C Em D

-lieve I o - ver - come by the pow - er of His - blood; A -

CHORUS 1a

13 C D Em D/F# G D/F# G Em D

-men, a - men, I'm a - live, I'm a - live be - cause He - lives; A -

17 C D Em D/F# G D/F# G C D

-men, a - men, let my song join the one that nev - er - ends be - cause He

21 Em C G Em C G

lives. 2. I was

VERSE 2

25 Em C G Em C

dead in the grave; I was cov - ered - in sin - and - shame.

28 G Em C G C Em

I heard mer-cy call my __name; He rolled the stone a - way.

CHORUS 1b

32 D C D Em D/F# G D G C

__ A - men, a - men, I'm a - live, I'm a-live be-cause He.

36 D C D Em D/F# G D G C

__ lives; A - men, a - men, let my song join the one that nev - er __

BRIDGE

40 D G C D

__ ends. Be-cause He lives, I can face to - mor-row; Be-cause He

43 G C D G/B C Em D

lives ev-'ry fear is __ gone; I know He holds my life, my fu-ture in His __

CHORUS 1c

47 C C D Em D/F#

__ hand. A - men, a - men, I'm a -

51 G D/F# G C D C D Em D/F#

-live, I'm a-live be-cause He __ lives; A - men, a - men, let my

CHORUS 1d

55 G D/F# G C D C D Em D/F#
 song join the one that nev - er ends; A - men, a - men, I'm a -

59 G D G C D C D Em D/F#
 -live, I'm a-live be-cause He ___ lives; A - men, a - men, let my

ENDING

63 G D/F# G C D Em C
 song join the one that nev - er ___ ends be - cause He lives;

66 G Em C G
 Be - cause He lives.

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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.

At Your Name

Words and Music by
Phil Wickham and Tim Hughes

VERSE

G



1. At Your name _____ the moun-tains shake and _ crum-
 (2. At Your name) _____ the morn-ing breaks in _ glo -

3

C

G



- ble. At Your name _ the o-ceans roar and _ tum-
 - ry. At Your name _ cre - a - tion sings Your _ sto -

7

C

D

Em



- ble. At Your name _ an-gels will bow, _ the earth will re - joi - ce, -
 - ry. At Your name _ an-gels will bow, _ the earth will re - joi - ce, -

CHORUS

11

C

D

G^{sus}

G



— Your peo - ple cry out. — Lord of all the earth, we
 — Your peo - ple cry out. — (we'll)

14

Em



shout Your name, shout Your name; Fill - ing up the skies with

Last time to Coda ◊

16

D



end - less praise, end - less praise. Yah - weh, Yah - weh, — we

18 1. C G

love to shout Your name, oh ___ Lord. ___ 2. At Your name

21 2. C G

love to shout Your name, oh ___ Lord. ___ There is

BRIDGE

24 D Em C D

no one like our God; We will praise You, praise You. There no one like our God; We will

27 1. G 2. C D Em D D.S. al Coda

sing! We will sing! There is sing! ___

Coda

30 C G

love to shout Your name, oh ___ Lord. ___

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