



# St. Mark Lutheran

## CHURCH & PRESCHOOL

*Growing God's Family*

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

## **FOURTH 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.

# Behold the Lamb (Breathe)

Words and music by  
Marie Barnett

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A2 D2/A A

Be-hold the Lamb of God, Be-hold the Lamb

4 D2/A A E/G# F#m E

of God. He takes a-way

7 D2 F#m E A2 D2/A

Your sins and mine. He gave His life for me,

11 A D2/A E/G#

He rose a-gain for me. God's sac - ri - fice

14 F#m E E

giv - en for me. And Lord

17 A E/G# F#m7 E D2 F#m E

I'm lost with-out You. And Lord

21 A E/G# F#m7 E D2 F#m

I'm thank-ful for You

Less time to Coda

24 E D2 A2 E D2 A2 E E 2 D.S. al Coda

And Lord, \_

⊕ Coda

30 E D2 F#m E A2

I'm lost with-out \_\_\_\_ You.

Be-hold \_the Lamb\_

34 D2/A A D2/A A

\_\_\_\_ of God,

Be-hold \_the Lamb\_ \_\_\_\_ of \_God.

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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*

# Beautiful One

Words and Music by  
Tim Hughes

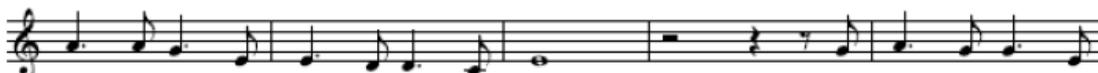
♩ = 122 VERSE

F G C/E



1. Won - der-ful, so won - der-ful, is Your un-fail - ing love. Your  
2. Pow - er-ful, so pow - er-ful, Your glo - ry fills the skies, Your

5 F G Am<sup>7</sup> F



cross has spo - ken mer - cy o - ver me. No eye has seen, no  
might - y works dis - played for all to see. The beau - ty of Your

10 G C/E F



ear has heard, no heart could fil - ly know how glo - ri - ous, how  
maj - es - ty a - wakes my heart to sing. How mar - vel - ous, how

§ CHORUS

14 G C F G



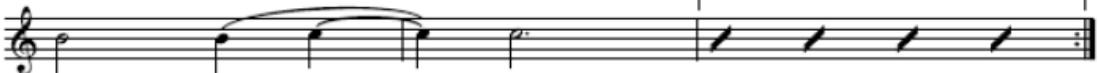
beau - ti - ful You are. Beau - ti - ful One, I love You, beau - ti - ful  
won - der - ful You are.

19 F G F



One, I a - dore, beau - ti - ful One, my

22 G C Last time to Coda ⊕ 1.



soul must sing.

## First Reading

*Deuteronomy 18:15-20*

“The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, ‘Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.’ And the LORD said to me, ‘They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him. And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.’”

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

**C** **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 8:1-13*

Concerning food offered to idols: we know that “all of us possess knowledge.” This “knowledge” puffs up, but love builds up. If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. But if anyone loves God, he is known by God.

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as indeed there are many “gods” and many “lords”—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

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

**G** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

## **Holy Gospel**

*Mark 1:21-28*

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

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

They went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath [Jesus] entered the synagogue and was teaching. And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

**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.**

# Forever (We Sing Hallelujah)

Words and Music by Brian Johnson,  
Kari Jobe, Jenn Johnson, Gabriel Wilson  
Joel Taylor and Christa Black Gifford

♩ = 73 VERSE

G D/F#

1. The moon and stars, they wept, the morn - ing sun was  
2. One fin - al breath He gave as heav - en looked a -

3 Em Cmaj7 G

dead; The Sav - ior of the world was fall - en. His bod - y on the  
-way; The Son of God was laid in dark - ness. A bat - tle in the

6 D/F# Em

cross, His blood poured out for us; The weight of ev - 'ry curse up - on Him.  
grave, the war on death was waged; The pow'r of hell for -

9 INSTRUMENTAL G D Am<sup>9</sup> Cmaj7

1. Cmaj7  
2. Cmaj7

- ev - er brok - en.

♩ PRE-CHORUS

14 G D Em

The ground be - gan to shake, the stone was rolled a - way; His per - fect love could  
(reck - less)

17 C G/B D

not be o - ver - come. Now, death, where is your sting? Our res - ur - rect - ed

CHORUS

20 Em C G D

King has ren-dered You de-feat-ed. — Now, for-ev-er He is glo-ri-fied; For-  
*(Last time Instrumental)*

24 Em C G

-ev-er He is lift-ed high. And for-ev-er He is

27 D Em

ris-en; He is a-live, — and He is a-live. — Now, for-

BRIDGE

30 2. C 4. C G D

We sing hal-le-lu-jah, we sing hal-le-lu-

34 Em

-jah, we sing hal-le-lu-jah; The Lamb has o-ver-come. -jah; The Lamb has o-ver-come.

37 G D Am C

— We sing hal-le-lu-jah, we sing hal-le-lu-jah, we sing hal-le-lu-jah.

ENDING

41 G D/G Em7 C6

And now, death, where is your sting? Our res-ur-rect-ed

45 G D/G  
King, has o - ver - come. He's o - ver - come.

47 Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>6</sup> G  
Oh.

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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

**☐ 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.**

# Shine Jesus Shine

Words and Music by  
Graham Kendrick

♩ = 112 VERSE

D D<sup>SUS</sup> D A/D D D<sup>SUS</sup>

Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing, in the midst of the  
As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness, so our fac - es dis -

4 D A/D G A/G F#m Bm G A/G

dark - ness, shin - ing; Je - sus, Light of the world, shine up - on — us, set us free by the  
-play Your like - ness; Ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry, mir - rored here may our

8 F#m Bm C A<sup>SUS</sup> A C

truth You now bring — us. Shine on — me, — shine on —  
lives tell Your sto - ry. Shine on — me, — shine on —

CHORUS

12 A<sup>SUS</sup> A D A/D D G D/F# Em Em/D

me. — Shine, Je - sus, shine, — fill this land with the  
me. —

16 A<sup>SUS</sup> A D A/D D G D/F# Em Em/D

Fa - ther's glo - ry, Blaze Spir - it, blaze, — set our hearts on

20 C A<sup>SUS</sup> A D A/D D G D/F# Em Em/D

fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, — flood the na - tions with

24 A<sup>SUS</sup> A D A/D D G D/F# Em A<sup>7</sup>

grace and mer - cy, Send forth Your word, — Lord, and let there be

28

|              |     |       |     |        |     |
|--------------|-----|-------|-----|--------|-----|
| INSTRUMENTAL |     | 1, 2. | 3.  | ENDING |     |
| D            | G/D | A/D   | G/D | D      | G/D |
|              |     |       |     | D      | D   |

light.

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