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Growing God's Family

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SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

**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.

At Your Feet (Surrender)

Words and Music by
Ed Cash, Ben Fielding, Scott Cash
Dan Bremnes and Katherine Langridge

♩=75

VERSE

D D/F#

1. My eyes are on the cross where You gave it all; I
(2. The) things that I have done, the things that I will do, I

3 Bm7 G D

wor - ship _ You, _ I wor - ship You. _ I see the one who saves, the
give to _ You, _ I give to _ You. _ Ho - ly God a - bove, how could

6 D/F# Bm7 G

light of heav - en's grace; I run to _ You, _ I run _ to You. _ And I, _
I re - sist Your love? I run to _ You, _ I run _ to You.

CHORUS

9 D A^{sus} A Bm7 G

_ I sur - ren - der. I lay my life down at Your feet. _ God of mer -

13 D A^{sus} A Bm7 G

- cy, You are wor - thy. I give You ev - 'ry part of _ me. _

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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

Resurrection Hymn

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

VERSE

1. See, what a morn - ing, glo - rious - ly bright, with the
2. See Ma - ry weep - ing, "Where is He laid?" As in
3. One with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the

dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; Fold - ed the grave clothes,
sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb; Hears a voice speak - ing,
Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty, hon - our and bless - ing,

tomb filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce Christ is ris - en!
call - ing her name; Its the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life a - gain!
glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with pow - er and au - thor - i - ty!

See Gods sal - va - tion plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in
The voice that spans the years, speak - ing life, stir - ring hope, bring - ing
And we are raised with Him, death is dead, love has won, Christ has

sa - cri - fice, ful - filled in Christ, the Man, for He
peace to us, will sound till He ap - pears, for He
con - quer - ed; And we shall reign with Him, for He

lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!
lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead!

1, 2. G/D G A
3. D

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First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless, that I may make my covenant between me and you, and may multiply you greatly." Then Abram fell on his face. And God said to him, "Behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be the father of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful, and I will make you into nations, and kings shall come from you. And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. . . .

And God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover, I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall become nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,
the founder and perfecter of our faith,
who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,
and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1-11

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel

Mark 8:27-38

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

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

And Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi. And on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they told him, "John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others, one of the prophets." And he asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Christ." And he strictly charged them to tell no one about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

And he called to him the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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.**

Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)

Original Words by Robert Robinson

Arrangement, New Words
and Music by Chris Tomlin

♩ = 68

INTRO

F#m

D²

A

F#m

D²



VERSE

4

A

A

E



1. Come Thou Fount of ev-'ry bless-ing; tune my
 (2. Here I) raise my Eb-e-nez-er; hith-er
 (3. Oh, to) grace, how great a debt-or dail-y

8

D²

A

E



heart to sing Thy— grace. Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing call for
 by Thy help I— come. And I hope by Thy good pleas-ure, safe-ly
 I'm con-strained to— be. Let Thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my

12

D²

A

F#m

D²

A



songs of loud-est— praise. Teach me— some mel-o-dious son-net sung by
 to ar-rive at— home. Je-sus— sought me when a strang-er wan-d'ring
 wan-d'ring heart to— Thee. Prone to— wan-der, Lord, I feel— it; prone to

16

F#m

D²

A

E

D²



flam-ing tongues a-bove. Praise the mount, I'm fixed up-on it, mount of Thy re-deem-ing
 from the fold of God. He to res-cue me from dan-ger in-ter-posed His pre-cious
 leave the God I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts a-

21

A

1.

2, 3.

CHORUS 1a

D²

A



love.
 blood.
 -bove. 2. Here I How Your kind-ness yet pur-sues me! How Your

26 D^2 A D^2 $F\#m^7$ D^2 E

mer - cy nev - er fails me! 'Til the day that death shall loose me, I will sing, oh, I ___ will _

2nd time to Coda Φ

31 **TURNAROUND** $F\#m$ D^2 A $F\#m$ D^2 A

— sing.

35 $F\#m$ D^2 A $F\#m$ D^2 D.S. al Coda

3. Oh, to

38 Φ Coda D^2 E A D^2 A **CHORUS 1b**

sing, oh, I ___ will ___ sing. How Your kind - ness yet pur - sues me! How Your

42 D^2 A D^2 $F\#m^7$ D^2 E

mer - cy nev - er fails me! 'Til the day that death shall loose me, I will sing, oh, I ___ will _

47 **INSTRUMENTAL** A A/C# D^2 E $F\#m^7$ D^2 E A

— sing! 'Til the day that death shall loose me, I will sing, oh, I ___ will ___ sing.

52 **ENDING** $F\#m$ D^2

Prone to ___ wan - der, Lord, I

56 A $F\#m$ D^2 A E

feel ___ it, prone to leave the God I love. Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, seal it

61 D^2 A
 for Thy courts a - bove. Here's my heart, Lord, take and

64 E^{sus} D^2 A
 seal it, seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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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.

Forever

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin

♩ = 120

VERSE 1

G



1. Give thanks to the Lord, _ our God and _ King, _ His love en - dures _ for - ev -

4

C



- er. _ For He is good, _ He is a - bove all _ things, _ His

7

G

D

C²/E



love en - dures _ for - ev - er. Sing praise, _ sing _ praise. _

VERSE 2

G

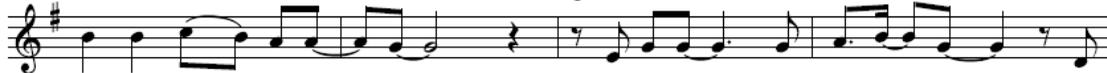
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_ 2. With a might - y hand and out - stretched _ arm, _ His

15

C



love en - dures _ for - ev - er. _ For the life _ that's been re - born, _ His

PRE-CHORUS

19

G

D



love en - dures _ for - ev - er. Sing praise, _ sing _

23

C²/E

1, 3.

2, 4.

CHORUS

G



_ praise. _ Sing _ For - ev - er God _ is faith -

27 Em⁷ D

- ful, for - ev - er God _ is strong, _ for - ev - er God _ is with .

31 C G Fine

_ us, for - ev - er, _ for - ev - er, _

VERSE 3

36 G

3. From the ris - ing to the set - ting sun, His love en - dures _ for - ev -

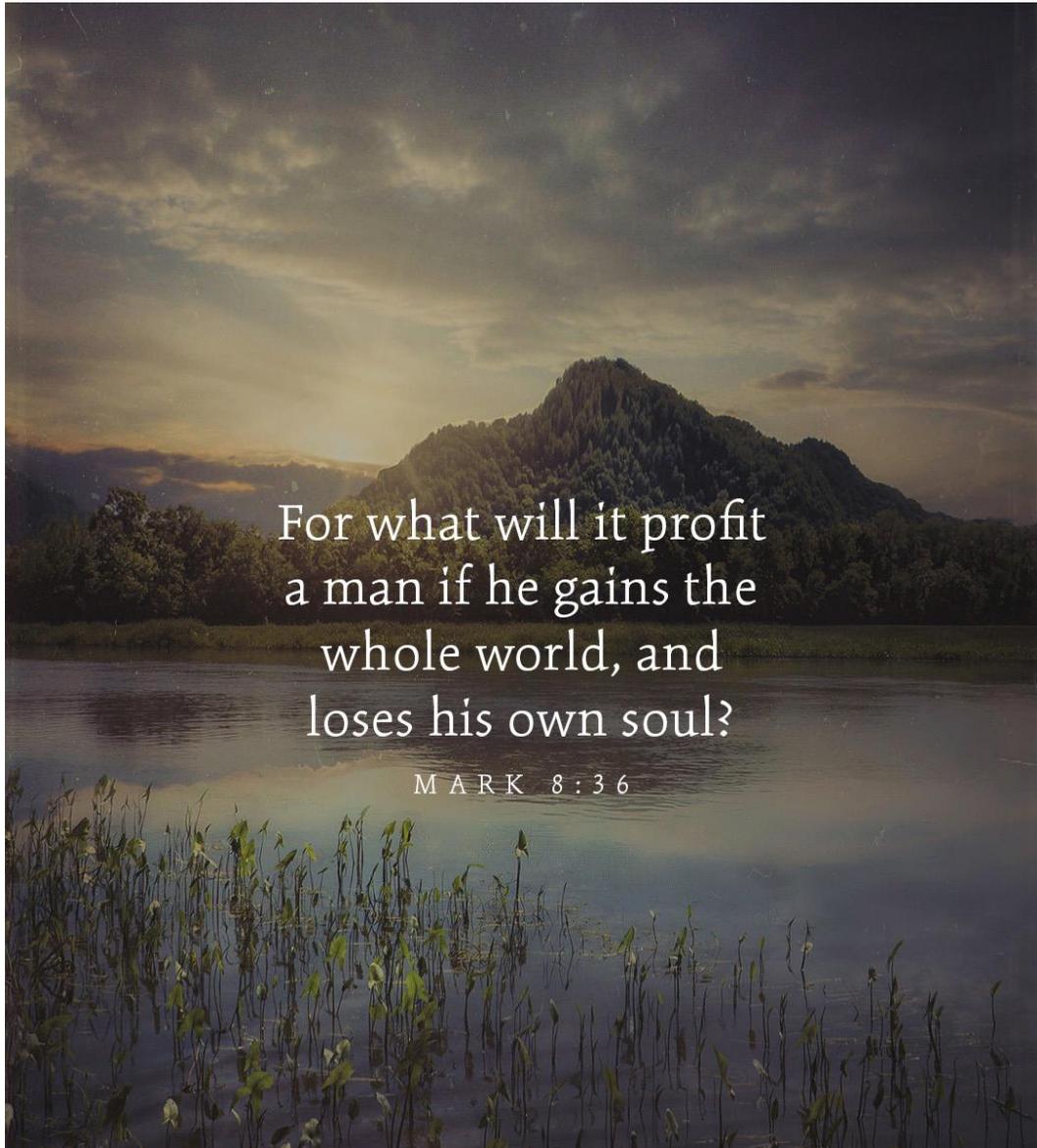
39 C

- er. By the grace of _ God _ we will car -

41 G D.S. al Fine

- ry on, _ His love en - dures _ for - ev - er. Sing

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For what will it profit
a man if he gains the
whole world, and
loses his own soul?

MARK 8 : 3 6

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