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Growing God's Family

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THIRD 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 by Mary Sutter, in memory of Paul Sutter.

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.

Here I Am to Worship

Words and Music by
Tim Hughes

VERSE

♩=75

D A^{sus} Em D A^{sus}

1. Light of the world, You stepped down in - to dark - ness, o - pened my eyes, let me -
2. King of all days, oh so high - ly ex - alt - ed, glo - rious in heav - en a -

4 G²(no3) D A^{sus} Em

see. ___ Beau - ty that made this ___ heart a - dore ___ You,
- bove. ___ Hum - bly You came to the earth You cre - a - ted,

7 D A^{sus} G²(no3) A^{7sus}

hope of a life spent with ___ You. ___ So, here I am to
all for love's sake be - came ___ poor. _

CHORUS

10 D A/C# D/F#

wor - ship, here I am to bow down, here I am to say that You're my God. .

13 G D A/C#

___ And You're al - to - geth - er love - ly, al - to - geth - er wor - thy, al - to - geth - er

16 D/F# Last time to Coda ⊕ 1. G G²(no3) 2. G

won - der - ful to me. ___ And I'll nev -

BRIDGE

20 A/C# D/F# G A/C# D/F#

- er know _ how much _ it cost _ to see _ my sin _ up - on _

23 1. G 2. G A^{7sus} D.S. al Coda

_ that cross. _ And I'll nev - _ that cross. _ So, here I am to

26 Coda G G2(no3) D

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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

I Will Boast

Words and Music by
Paul Baloche

♩ = 140

VERSE

C⁵



Let not the wise — man boast in his wis - dom or the strong .

3 C⁵/A

G

C⁵



— man — boast in his strength; Let not the rich — man boast in his rich -

6 C⁵/B

C⁵/A

G

F



- es, but let the hum - ble come and give thanks to the One Who

§

CHORUS

C



made — us, the One Who saved — us. I will boast in the

14 G^{SUS}

Am

G^{SUS}

C



Lord, my God; I will boast in the One Who's wor - thy; I will boast in the

18 G^{SUS}

Am

1.
G^{SUS}

D⁷



Lord, my God; I will boast in the One Who's wor - thy; —

22 F

C^{SUS}

C

C^{SUS}

C

C^{SUS}



He's wor - thy.

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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And God spoke all these words, saying,

² "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

³ "You shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, ⁶but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

⁸ "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, ¹⁰but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. ¹¹For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

¹² "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

¹³ "You shall not murder.

¹⁴ "You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ "You shall not steal.

¹⁶ "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

¹⁷ "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

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

1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, ²³but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

²⁵For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men.

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

³¹Therefore, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

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

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

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. ¹⁴ In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. ¹⁵ And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ And he told those who sold the pigeons, "Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade." ¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me."

¹⁸ So the Jews said to him, "What sign do you show us for doing these things?" ¹⁹ Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." ²⁰ The Jews then said, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple,^[a] and will you raise it up in three days?" ²¹ But he was speaking about the temple of his body. ²² When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the Scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

²³ Now when he was in Jerusalem at the Passover Feast, many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he was doing. ²⁴ But Jesus on his part did not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people ²⁵ and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

At The Cross (Love Ran Red)

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Matt Armstrong
Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

VERSE 1

1. There's a ___ place where mer - cy ___ reigns and nev - er ___ dies,
there's a ___ place where streams of ___ grace flow deep and ___ wide;
Where all the ___ love I've ev - er ___ found comes like a ___ flood, comes flow -

Chords: Bm, A/C#, D, D/F#, G², A⁽⁴⁾, G²

CHORUS 1a

- ing down. At the cross, at the cross, I sur - ren - der my life. I'm in
awe of You, I'm in awe of You. Where Your love ran red, and my
sin washed white. I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Je - sus.

Chords: G², D, A, Em⁷, G²

VERSE 2

2. There's a ___ place where sin and ___ shame are pow - er -

Chords: D, G²/D, D, Bm, A/C#, D, D/F#

27 G^2 Bm A/C# D D/F#
 - less, where my heart has peace with God and for-give -

31 G^2 G^2/B A(4) D/F#
 - ness; _____ Where all the love I've ev - er -

34 G^2 G^2/B A(4) D/F# G^2
 - found comes like a flood, comes flow - ing down. At the

CHORUS 1a

37 G^2 D A
 cross, at the cross I sur - ren - der my life. I'm in awe of You, I'm in

40 Em^7 G^2 D
 awe of You. Where Your love ran red, and my sin washed white. I owe

BRIDGE 1a

43 A Em^7 G^2
 all to you, I owe all to You. Here my hope is found,

46 Bm D A^{SUS}/C#
 here on ho - ly ground; Here I bow down, here I bow down.

49 G^2 Bm D/A
 Here, arms o - pen wide, here You saved my life; - Here I bow down,

CHORUS 1b

52 A G² D
here I bow. At the cross, at the cross, I sur - ren - der my life. I'm in

55 A Em⁷ G²
awe of You, I'm in awe of You. Where Your love ran red, and my

58 D A 1. Em⁷
sin washed white. I owe all to you, I owe all to You. At the

61 2. Em⁷ A Em⁷ G²/D
all to You. I owe all to You, I owe all to You, Je - sus. —

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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?

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.

G Amen.

Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord.

G 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.

G Amen.

10,000 Reasons (Bless The Lord)

Words and Music by
Jonas Myrin and Matt Redman

$\text{♩} = 73$ CHORUS 1a

G D A/C# Bm G D

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O _____ my soul; Wor-ship His ho - ly name. .

4 ^{A^{SUS}} A G Bm G A Bm G A

_____ Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; Ill wor-ship Your ho - ly name. .

2nd time to Coda Φ

VERSE 1

8 G/D D G/D D G D A Bm

_____ 1. The sun comes up, its a new day dawn - ing,

12 G D A Bm G D

its time to sing Your song _____ a - gain. _____ What - ev - er may _____ pass, and what -

15 A Bm G D

-ev - er lies be - fore _____ me, let me be sing - ing when the

18 ^{A^{SUS}} A D G/D D D.S. al Coda

eve - ning comes. Bless the

Φ Coda VERSE 2

21 G/D D G D A Bm

_____ 2. Youre rich in love and Youre slow to an - ger. Your

24 G D A Bm G D
 name is great and Your heart is kind. _ For all Your good-ness, I will

27 A/C# Bm G D A^{sus} A
 keep on sing - ing; _ Ten thou-sand rea-sons for my heart to

CHORUS 1b

31 D G/D D G D A/C# Bm
 find. Bless the Lord, O my soul, O _____ my soul;

35 G D A^{sus} A G Bm G A Bm
 Wor-ship His ho - ly name. _ Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; Ill

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39 G A D G D A/C# Bm
 wor-ship Your ho - ly name. _

43 G D A^{sus} A G Bm G A Bm

VERSE 3

47 G A D G D A/C# Bm
 3. And on that day, when my strength is fail - ing, the

51 G D A Bm G D A/C# Bm
 end draws near, and my time has come; _ Still, my soul will sing Your praise un - end - ing _

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

ten thou-sand years, and then for - ev - er - more!

CHORUS 1b

59 D G D A/C# Bm

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O _____ my soul;

62 G D A^{sus} A G Bm G A Bm

Wor-ship His ho - ly name. _____ Sing like nev - er be-fore, O my soul; Ill

66 1. G A D 2. G A

wor-ship Your ho - ly name. _____ Bless the wor-ship Your ho - ly name, .

ENDING

69 Bm G A

_____ wor - ship Your ho - ly name, _____

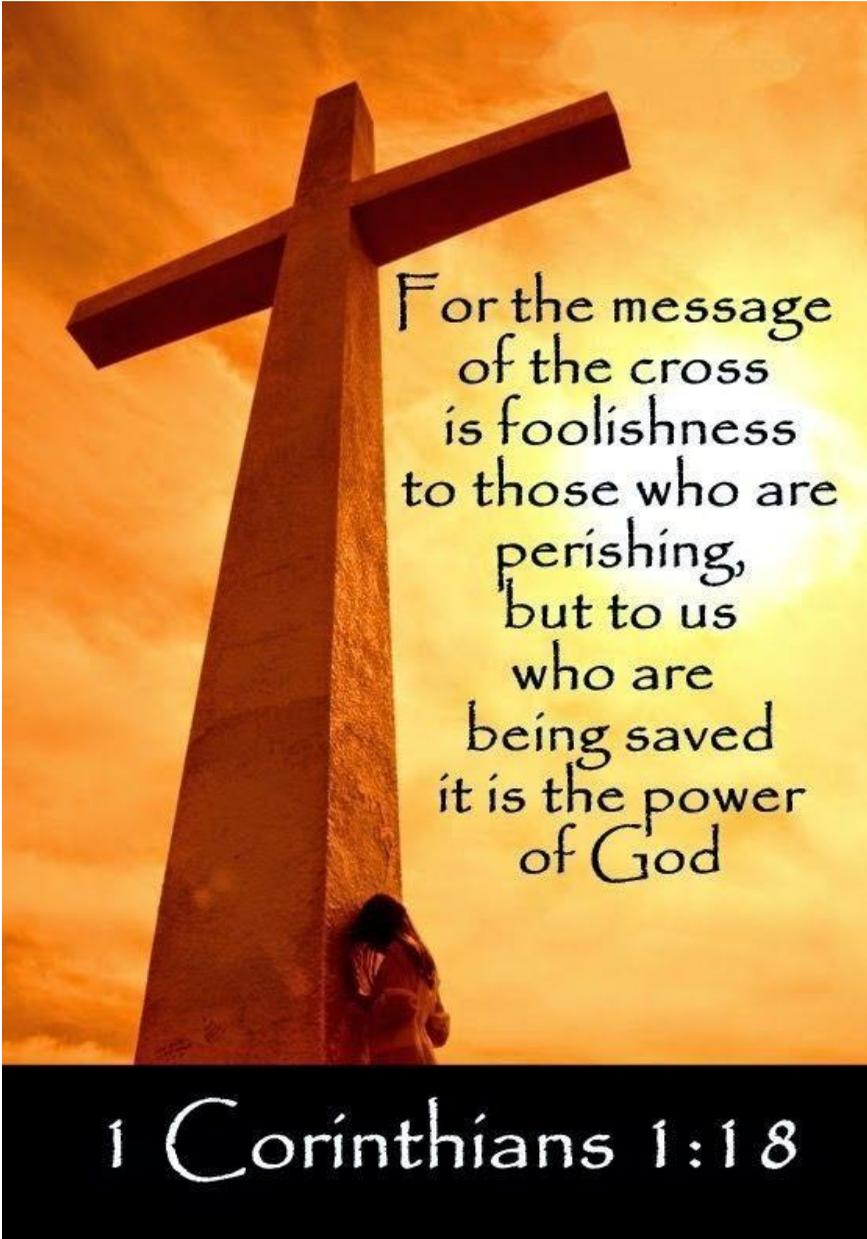
71 Bm G A D

_____ Lord, Ill wor-ship Your ho - ly name. _____

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For the message
of the cross
is foolishness
to those who are
perishing,
but to us
who are
being saved
it is the power
of God

1 Corinthians 1:18