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Growing God's Family

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**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 Robert & Chris 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.

Lord Have Mercy

Words and Music by
Steve Merkel

♩ = 63

VERSE 1

Em C G D/F#



1. Je - sus, I've for - got - ten the words _ that You _ have spo - ken;

3 Em C G D/F#



Prom - is - es that burned with - in _ my heart have now grown _ dim; With a

5 Em C G D/F#



doubt - ing heart _ I fol - low the paths of earth - ly _ wis - dom;

7 Em C G D^{sus} D



For - give me for my un - be - lief, re - new _ the fire _ a - gain.

CHORUS

10 Am D/F# G^{sus} G G/B G/C D Em Am D/F# G^{sus} G Cmaj⁷ D^{sus} D



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy on me;

14 Am D/F# G^{sus} G G/B G/C D/F# Em Am D/F# G^{sus} G G/C D



Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy on _

VERSE 2

18 G Em C



me. 2. I have built an al - tar where I've wor -

20 G D/F# Em C

- shipped things _ of man; _ I have tak - en jour - neys that have drawn .

22 G D/F# Em C G D/F#

_ me far _from You; _ Now I am re - turn - ing to Your mer - cies ev - er flow - ing;

25 Em C G D^{sus} D

Par-don my trans-gres-sions, help me ___ love You _ a - gain. ___

CHORUS

28 Am D/F# G^{sus} G G/B G/C D Em Am D/F# G^{sus} G

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy

31 Cmaj⁷ D^{sus} D Am D/F# G^{sus} G G/B G/C D/F# Em

on me; Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy;

2nd time to Coda ☼

INSTRUMENTAL

34 Am D/F# G^{sus} G G/C D G Em C

Lord, have mer - cy on ___ me.

38 G D Em C G

41 D^{sus} D

VERSE 3

43 Em C G D/F#

3. I have longed to know _ You and all _ Your ten - der _ mer - cies, _ like a

45 Em C G D/F#

riv - er of for - give-ness, ev - er flow - ing with-out end; So I

47 Em C G D/F#

bow my heart be - fore _ You in the good - ness of _ Your _ pres - ence,

49 Em C G D^{sus} D

Your grace for-ev-er shin - ing like a bea - con in _ the _ night. _ _ _

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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

Come Thou Fount (I Will Sing)

Original Words by Robert Robinson

Arrangement and
New Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin

♩ = 68

INTRO

F#m

D²

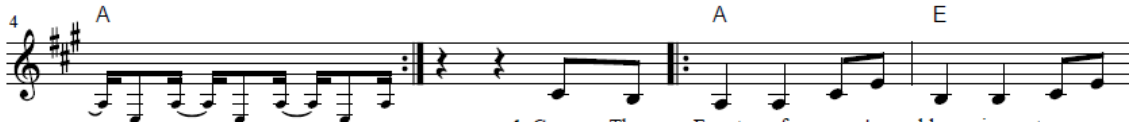
A

F#m

D²



VERSE



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



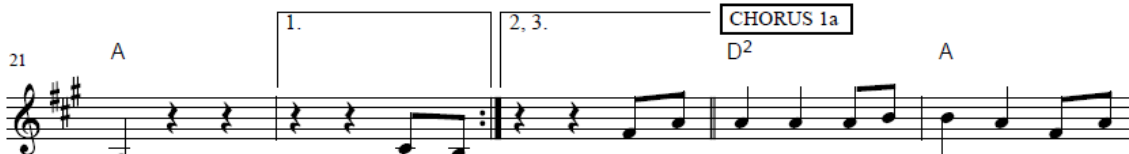
heart to sing Thy grace. Streams of mer-cy, nev-er ceas-ing call for
 by Thy help I come. And I hope by Thy good pleas-ure, safe-ly
 I'm con-strained to be. Let Thy good-ness, like a fet-ter, bind my



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



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-



love.
 blood.
 -bove.

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

26 2nd time to Coda ⊕

D² A D² F#m⁷ D² E

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

31 **TURNAROUND**

F#m D² A F#m D² A

___ sing.

35 F#m D² A F#m D² D.S. al Coda

3. Oh, to

38 ⊕ Coda **CHORUS 1b**

D² E A D² A

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

42 D² A D² F#m⁷ D² 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# D² E F#m⁷ D² E A

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

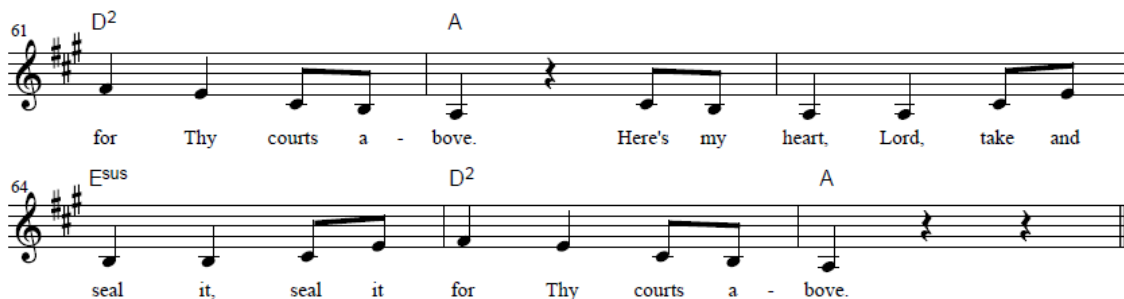
52 **ENDING**

F#m D²

Prone to ___ wan - der, Lord, I

56 A F#m D² 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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First Reading

Acts 1:12-26

Matthias Chosen to Replace Judas

¹²Then [the apostles] returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³And when they had entered, they went up to the upper room, where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot and Judas the son of James. ¹⁴All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the brothers (the company of persons was in all about 120) and said, ¹⁶"Brothers, the Scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spoke beforehand by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became a guide to those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷For he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." ¹⁸(Now this man bought a field with the reward of his wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out. ¹⁹And it became known to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the field was called in their own language Akeldama, that is, Field of Blood.) ²⁰"For it is written in the Book of Psalms,

"May his camp become desolate,
 and let there be no one to dwell in it';

and

"Let another take his office.'

²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these men must become with us a witness to his resurrection.” ²³And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also called Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴And they prayed and said, “You, Lord, who know the hearts of all, show which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias, and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Christ has risen from the dead.

[God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor,

He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 John 5:9-15

⁹If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that he has borne concerning his Son. ¹⁰Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.

¹¹And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son.

¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

That You May Know

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life. ¹⁴And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. ¹⁵And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

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

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

[Jesus said:] "Holy Father, keep them in your name, which you have given me, that they may be one, even as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I kept them in your name, which you have given me. I have guarded them, and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have my joy fulfilled in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sake I consecrate myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth."

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.**

Please be seated

The Father's House

Words and Music by
Cory Asbury, Ethan Hulse and Benjamin Hastings

$\text{♩} = 81$ **VERSE 1**

1. Some - times on this jour - ney I get lost in my mis - takes. What
looks to me like weak - ness is a can - vas for Your strength. My sto - ry is - n't o - ver; my
sto - ry's just be - gun. Fail - ure won't de - fine me, 'cause that's
what my Fa - ther does. Fail - ure won't de - fine me, 'cause that's

CHORUS

10 what my Fa - ther does. Oo, lay your bur - dens down, oo,
13 here in the Fa - ther's house. Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't wel -
16 - come an - y - more. Oo, you're in the Fa - ther's house.

2nd time to Coda \oplus

TURNAROUND

19 Gm⁷ F⁽⁴⁾ B \flat /D E \flat ²

2. Ar -

VERSE 2

23 Gm⁷ F⁽⁴⁾ E \flat ² B \flat

-riv - al's not the end - game; the jour - ney's where _ You are. _ You

25 Gm⁷ F⁽⁴⁾ E \flat ² B \flat Gm⁷ F⁽⁴⁾

nev - er want - ed per - fect; You just want - ed my _ heart. _ And the sto - ry is - n't o - ver if the

28 E \flat ² B \flat Gm⁷ F⁽⁴⁾ E \flat ² B \flat

sto - ry is - n't good. _ Fail - ure's nev - er fi - nal when the Fa - ther's in _ the room. _

31 Gm⁷ F⁽⁴⁾ E \flat ² B \flat D.S. al Coda

Fail - ure's nev - er fi - nal when the Fa - ther's in _ the room. _ Oo, _

⊕ Coda

INSTRUMENTAL

33 E \flat ² B \flat B \flat B \flat ^{sus} B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat

Fa - ther's house. _

BRIDGE

37 Cm/B \flat B \flat B \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat

Pro - di - gals come home, _ the help - less find hope; _

40 Eb/Bb Bb Cm/Bb Bb

love is on the move when the Father's in the room. Pri-son doors fling wide, the

43 Eb/Bb Bb Eb/Bb Bb Cm/Bb Bb

dead come to life; love is on the move when the Father's in the room.

46 Bb Eb Bb/F Eb/G Bb/F

Mir-a-cles take place, the cyn-i-cal find faith; love is break-ing through when the

49 Eb Bb Bb/D

Fa-ther's in the room. Jer-i-cho walls are quak-ing.

51 Eb Fsus Eb/G Bb/F

strong-holds now are shak-ing; love is break-ing through when the

53 Eb Bb Eb/G Bb/F

Fa-ther's in the room. Love is break-ing through when the

55 Eb Bb **CHORUS** Gm7 F(4) Eb² Bb

(2nd x a cappella)

Fa-ther's in the room. Oo, lay your bur-dens down, oo,

58 Gm7 F(4) Eb² Bb Gm7 F(4)

here in the Fa-ther's house. Check your shame at the door, 'cause it ain't wel-

61 $E\flat^2$ $B\flat$ Gm^7 $F^{(4)}$
 - come an - y - more. — Oo, — you're in the

63 1. $E\flat^2$ $B\flat$ 2.
 Fa - ther's house. — Oo, — Fa - ther's house. —

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Sermon

Please stand

Prayers 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 He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

C 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

The Blessing

Words and Music by
Chris Brown, Cody Carnes,
Kari Jobe and Steven Furtick

♩ = 70

VERSE

G C²(no3) G

The Lord bless you _ and keep you, make his face shine _ up - on _

4 D⁽⁴⁾ Em⁷ C²(no3)

_ you and be gra - cious _ to you. The Lord turn his _ face toward you

7 G D⁽⁴⁾ G G^{sus} Em⁷ C²(no3)

CHORUS

and give you peace. _ A - men, a -

12 G D⁽⁴⁾ Em⁷ C²(no3) G

-men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a -

17 1. D⁽⁴⁾ D.C. 2. 4. D⁽⁴⁾ D.S. 3. 5. D⁽⁴⁾ (2nd x to Br.) Em⁷ **INSTRUMENTAL**

-men. - men. - men. (May his fa) -

21 C²(no3) G D⁽⁴⁾

May his fa -
(May his pres) -
(In the mom) -

BRIDGE

24 Em⁷ C²(no3)

- vor be up - on _ you and a thou - sand gen - er - a - tions and your fam -
- ence go be - fore _ you and be - hind _ you and be - side _ you, all a - round .
- ing, in the eve - ning, in your com - ing and your go - ing, in your weep -

26 G 1.
 D(4) (repeat as desired)

- 'ly and your chil - dren and their chil - dren - and their chil - dren. May his fa -
 - you and with - in - you. He is with
 - ing and re - joic - ing, He is for

28 2, 3, 5, 6.
 D(4) | 4, 7.
 D(4)

- dren - and their chil - dren. May his pres - - you, - he is for - you. He is for -
 - you, - he is with - you. In the morn -

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