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*Growing God's Family*

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

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**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

♩ = 58

A<sup>2</sup> D<sup>2</sup>/A A

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

4 D<sup>2</sup>/A A E/G# F#m E

- of God. He takes away

7 D<sup>2</sup> F#m E A<sup>2</sup> D<sup>2</sup>/A

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

11 A D<sup>2</sup>/A 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#m<sup>7</sup> E D<sup>2</sup> F#m E

I'm lost with-out You. And Lord -

21 A E/G# F#m<sup>7</sup> E D<sup>2</sup> F#m

Last time to Coda ⊕

I'm thankful for You.

24

1. E D<sup>2</sup> A<sup>2</sup> E D<sup>2</sup> A<sup>2</sup> E

2. E D.S. al Coda

And Lord, \_\_

♩ Coda

30 E D<sup>2</sup> F#m E A<sup>2</sup>

I'm lost with-out \_\_ You. Behold \_\_ the Lamb

34 D<sup>2</sup>/A A D<sup>2</sup>/A A

\_\_ of God, Behold \_\_ 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*

## Let Your Kingdom Come

*Words and Music by  
Bob Kauflin*

$\text{♩} = 120$  **VERSE**

1. Your glo - rious cause, O God, en - gag - es our hearts.  
2. Give us Your strength, O God, and cour - age to speak.

5 **D** **C<sup>2</sup>** **Em<sup>7</sup>**

May Je - sus Christ be known wher - ev - er we are.  
Per - form Your won - drous deeds through those who are weak.

9 **D** **C<sup>2</sup>** **G/B** **C** **G**

We ask not for our - selves, but for Your re - nown.  
Lord, use us as You want, what - ev - er the test.

13 **D** **C<sup>2</sup>** **Bm** **C<sup>2</sup>**

The cross has saved us so we pray, "Your king - dom come."  
By grace we'll preach Your Gos - pel till our dy - ing breath.

**CHORUS**

18 **G** **D** **Em<sup>7</sup>** **C<sup>2</sup>**

Let Your king - dom come, — let Your will be done, — so that

23 G D Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>  
 ev - 'ry - one \_\_\_ might know \_ Your Name. \_\_\_ Let Your

27 G D Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>  
 song be heard \_\_\_ ev - 'ry - where on earth, \_\_\_ till Your

31 Em<sup>7</sup> D C<sup>2</sup>  
 sov - 'reign work \_\_\_ on earth \_ is done. \_\_\_ Let Your king - dom come. \_

35 G D Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup> G D C<sup>2</sup> 2

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## Old Testament Reading

*Joshua 24:1–2a, 14–18*

### The Covenant Renewal at Shechem

<sup>1</sup>Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel. And they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, . . .

### Choose Whom You Will Serve

<sup>14</sup>“Now therefore fear the LORD and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

<sup>15</sup>And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.”

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods, <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. <sup>18</sup>And the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

Fear the LORD, you his saints,  
**for those who fear him lack nothing!**  
Many are the afflictions of the righteous,  
**but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

## Epistle

*Ephesians 5:6–21*

<sup>6</sup>Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. <sup>7</sup>Therefore do not associate with them; <sup>8</sup>for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light <sup>9</sup>(for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), <sup>10</sup>and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. <sup>12</sup>For it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret. <sup>13</sup>But when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, <sup>14</sup>for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,  
and arise from the dead,  
and Christ will shine on you.”

<sup>15</sup>Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, <sup>16</sup>making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. <sup>17</sup>Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. <sup>18</sup>And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, <sup>19</sup>addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, <sup>20</sup>giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

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

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand*

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

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

<sup>51</sup>[Jesus said:] "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

<sup>52</sup>The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" <sup>53</sup>So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. <sup>54</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. <sup>55</sup>For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup>Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. <sup>57</sup>As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not as the fathers ate and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>Jesus said these things in the synagogue, as he taught at Capernaum.

### **The Words of Eternal Life**

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, knowing in himself that his disciples were grumbling about this, said to them, "Do you take offense at this? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is of no avail. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But there are some of you who do not believe." (For Jesus knew from the beginning who those were who did not believe, and who it was who would betray him.) <sup>65</sup>And he said, "This is why I told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life, <sup>69</sup>and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

**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.**

*Please be seated*

# One Day

(based on the recording by Cochren & Co. | original key - A)

Words and Music by  
Michael Cochren, Matt Armstrong  
and Bryan Fowler

♩ = 80

## INTRO

F#m7 E sus D<sup>2(no3)</sup> A

## VERSE 1 & 2

F#m E D A

1. One day there'll be no more wait - ing left for our souls. \_  
2. One day there'll be no more lives tak - en too soon. \_

F#m E D A

One day there'll be no more chil - dren \_ long - ing for home. \_  
One day there'll be no more need for a hos - pi - tal room. \_

F#m E D A

1. One day when the king - dom comes right here where \_ we stand, we will see the  
One day ev - 'ry tear that falls will be

F#m E D A

prom - ised land. \_ Oo. \_ wiped by His hand. We will see the

## CHORUS

F#m E D A F#m E

prom - ised land. \_ Oo. \_ Hal - le - lu - jah! \_ There will be

15 D      A                      F#m      E                      D      A

heal - ing from this heart - break - we've been feel - ing. We'll sing in the

18 F#m                      E                      D                      A

dark - est night, 'cause we know that the light will come. And there will be

20 F#m      E                      D      A                      F#m      E VERSE 3 & 4

heal - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah! 3. One day there'll be no more an - ger -  
4. One day ev - 'ry knee will bow, ev - 'ry

23 D                      A                      F#m                      E

left in our eyes. One day the col - or of our skin won't  
tongue will con - fess. One day when our tired and wea - ry

25 D                      A                      F#m                      E

cause a di - vide. One day we'll be fam - 'ly stand - ing  
bones find their rest. One day when the pow'r of e - vil's

27 D                      A                      F#m                      E

hand in hand. And we will see the prom - ised land, we will see the  
brought to an end. We will see the prom - ised land, we will see the

CHORUS

29 D                      A                      F#m      E                      D      A

-prom - ised land. Hal - le - lu - jah! There will be heal - ing from this  
prom - ised land.

32 F#m E D A  
 heart - break - we've been feel - ing. We'll sing in the

34 F#m E D A  
 dark - est night, 'cause we know that the light will come. And there will be

36 F#m E D A F#m E TAG  
 heal - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!

39 D A F#m E D A D.S. al Coda  
 And there will be heal - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!

42 Coda ENDING D A F#m E  
 - lu - jah! And there will be heal - ing. Hal - le -

44 D A F#m E D A  
 - lu - jah! And there will be heal - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!

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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** We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; 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 C<sup>2</sup>(no3) G

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

4 D<sup>(4)</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>(no3)

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

7 G D<sup>(4)</sup> G G<sup>sus</sup> CHORUS Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>(no3)

and give you peace. — A — men, a —

12 G D<sup>(4)</sup> Em<sup>7</sup> C<sup>2</sup>(no3) G

— men, a — men. A — men, a — men, a —

17 INSTRUMENTAL

1. D<sup>(4)</sup> D.C. 2. 4. D<sup>(4)</sup> D.S. 3. 5. D<sup>(4)</sup> (2nd x to Br.) Em<sup>7</sup>

— men. — men. — men. (May his fa) —

21 C<sup>2</sup>(no3) G D<sup>(4)</sup>

May his fa —  
(May his pres) —  
(In the morn) —

BRIDGE

24

Em<sup>7</sup>

C<sup>2</sup>(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<sup>(4)</sup> (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<sup>(4)</sup>

4, 7.

D<sup>(4)</sup>



- 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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