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Growing God's Family

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FOURTEENTH 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 by Mary Sutter, in memory of her late husband, 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.

The Power Of Your Love

Words and Music by
Geoff Bullock

♩ = 85 VERSE

G D/F# Em7 Bm7

1. Lord I come to You, — let my heart be changed, re - newed; .
2. Lord un - veil my eyes, — let me see You face to face; —

4 Em7 D C D7sus D7 Em7

— Flow - ing from the grace that I found — in You.
— The know-ledge of Your love, as You live, — in me.

8 D7sus D7 G D/F# Em7

And Lord Ive come to know — the weak - ness - es I
Lord re - new my mind — as Your will un -

11 Bm7 Em7 D C D7sus D7

see — in me — will be stripped a - way — by the powr of Your love. .
-folds — in my life, — in liv - ing ev - ry day — by the powr of Your love. .

CHORUS

15 C/G G D/F# Em7 D C C/E D

Hold me close, — let Your love sur -

19 C/G D G D/F# Em7 D C C/E D D7

-round — me, bring me near, — draw me to Your .

23 G Am7 G/B F/G G7 C C/E D

— side. — And as I wait, — Ill rise up like the

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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

Open Up The Heavens

Words and Music by
James McDonald, Jason Ingram,
Meredith Andrews, Stuart Garrard and Andi Rozier

♩ = 100

VERSE

C

1. We've wait - ed for this day. We're gath - ered in Your _ Name,
(2. Your) pres - ence in this place, Your glo - ry on our _ face, we're

3 F² C

call - ing out to You. _ Your glo - ry, like a fire, a - wak - en - ing de - sire, will
look - ing to the sky. _ De - scend - ing like a cloud, You're stand - ing with us _ now.

PRE-CHORUS

7 F² Am¹¹ F²

burn our hearts with truth. _ You're the rea - son we're _ here. _
Lord, un - veil our eyes. _

CHORUS

11 Am¹¹ F² C

You're the rea - son we're _ sing - ing. _ O - pen up the heav - ens.

14 F²

We want to see You. O - pen up the flood - gates,

16 Am⁷

a might - y riv - er, flow - ing from Your heart,

Last time to Coda ⊕

INTERLUDE

18 G C

fill - ing ev - 'ry part of our _ praise. _
Oo... _ Oo... _ Oo... _

21 F^2 2. C D.S. al Coda

Oo... Oo... 2. Your

\oplus Coda BRIDGE C

25 C

Show us, show us _ Your glo - ry.

29 F^2 Am^7 G

Show us, show us _ Your pow - er. Show us, show us _ Your glo - ry, Lord .

33 1. F^2 2. F^2 INTERLUDE C

Oo... Oo...

38 F^4

Oo... Oo... Oo...

CHORUS C F^2

41

O - pen up the heav - ens. We want to see You. O - pen up the flood-gates,

44 Am^7 1. G

a might - y riv - er, flow - ing from Your heart, fill - ing ev - 'ry part of our _ praise .

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Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1–2, 6–9

Moses Commands Obedience

¹“Now, O Israel, listen to the statutes and the just decrees that I am teaching you, and do them, that you may live, and go in and take possession of the land that the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. ²You shall not add to the word that I command you, nor take from it, that you may keep the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you. . . .

⁶Keep them and do them, for that will be your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, ‘Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.’ ⁷For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the LORD our God is to us, whenever we call upon him? ⁸And what great nation is there, that has statutes and just decrees so righteous as all this law that I set before you today?

⁹“Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children’s children.”

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- C **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 6:10–20

The Whole Armor of God

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. ¹⁶In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; ¹⁷and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, ¹⁸praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, ¹⁹and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains, that I may declare it boldly, as I ought to speak.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

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

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

What Defiles a Person

¹⁴[Jesus] called the people to him again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand: ¹⁵There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him." ¹⁷And when he had entered the house and left the people, his disciples asked him about the parable. ¹⁸And he said to them, "Then are you also without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile him, ¹⁹since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.) ²⁰And he said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. ²¹For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²²coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Apostles' Creed

G **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^{2(no3)} 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

☞ **VERSE 3 & 4**

20 F#m E D A F#m E

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
 Last time to Coda \oplus 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 \oplus 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

Shine Jesus Shine

Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick

♩ = 112

VERSE

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

CHORUS

12. me. __ Shine, Je - sus, shine, __ fill this land with the
 me. __
 16. Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze Spir - it, blaze, __ set our hearts on
 20. fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, __ flood the na - tions with
 24. grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, __ Lord, and let there be

INSTRUMENTAL

1, 2.
A/D G/D

3.
A/D G/D

ENDING

28. D G/D A/D G/D A/D G/D D G/D D

light.

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