

Growing God's Family



Joy

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

LUKE 2:10-11

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10:45 a.m. Service

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

**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.

Do It Again

Words and Music by
Steven Furtick, Matt Redman,
Chris Brown and Mack Brock

♩ = 86

INTRO

Musical notation for the Intro section, measures 1-4. Chords: G, D/F#.

VERSE

Musical notation for the Verse section, measures 5-7. Chords: G, D/F#.

1. Walk - ing a - round _ these walls, _ I thought by now _
2. I know the night _ won't last. _ Your word will come _

Musical notation for the Verse section, measures 8-11. Chords: G⁶, D.

_ they'd fall, _ but you have nev - er failed _ me yet. _
_ to pass. _ My heart will sing _ your praise - a - gain. _

Musical notation for the Verse section, measures 12-15. Chords: G, D/F#.

Wait-ing for change _ to come, _ know-ing the bat -
Je - sus, you're still _ e - nough; _ keep me with - in _

Musical notation for the Verse section, measures 16-19. Chords: G⁶, D.

- tle's won; _ for you have nev - er failed _ me yet. _
_ your love. _ My heart will sing _ your praise - a - gain. _

CHORUS

Musical notation for the Chorus section, measures 20-23. Chords: G, A⁽⁴⁾, D.

Your prom - ise still stands; great is your faith - ful - ness, _ faith -

Musical notation for the Chorus section, measures 24-27. Chords: G, A⁽⁴⁾.

- ful - ness. _ I'm still in your hands. This is my con -

27 D 5th time to Coda \oplus 1. **TURNAROUND** G D/F# G

- fi - dence: _ you've nev - er failed _ me yet. ___

31 D/F# G 2, 4. G D.S. 3. G

- er failed. ___ - er failed _ me yet. _

TURNAROUND D/F# G D/F# G D/F# G

INSTRUMENTAL D/F# G A/C# D A/C# D D/F# G

BRIDGE 43 D/F# G² A/C# D A/C# D

I've seen you move. You move the moun - tains, and I be-lieve

46 D/F# G² D/F# G² A/C# D

I'll see you do it a - gain. You made a way where there was no way.

INTERLUDE

49 A/C# D D/F# G² D/F# G²

and I be-lieve I'll see you do it a - gain. _____

52 A/C# D A/C# D D/F# G²

I'll see you do it a - gain. _____

55 D/F# G² A/C# D A/C# D D.S. al Coda

ENDING

60 G D/F# G D/F#

- er failed _ me yet. _____ You've nev-

64 G D/F# G D/F#

- er failed _ me yet. _____ I nev - er will _ for - get. _____ You've nev-

68 G D/F#

- er failed _ me yet. _____ I nev -

70 G D/F# G

- er will _ for - get. _____

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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 2nd time only C⁵/A G F

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

10 G^{sus} % C **CHORUS**

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
Let not the wise _ One Who's wor - thy;

28 3. G^{sus} D⁷ F Am C D⁷
One Who's wor - thy; He's wor - thy. ____

2. G^{sus} D.S.

INSTRUMENTAL

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First Reading

Zephaniah 3:14–20

Israel's Joy and Restoration

¹⁴Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion;
 shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
 O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵The LORD has taken away the judgments against you;
 he has cleared away your enemies.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
 you shall never again fear evil.

¹⁶On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

“Fear not, O Zion;
 let not your hands grow weak.

¹⁷The LORD your God is in your midst,
 a mighty one who will save;
 he will rejoice over you with gladness;
 he will quiet you by his love;
 he will exult over you with loud singing.

¹⁸I will gather those of you who mourn for the festival,
so that you will no longer suffer reproach.

¹⁹Behold, at that time I will deal
with all your oppressors.

And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.

²⁰At that time I will bring you in,
at the time when I gather you together;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes," says the LORD.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

From the house of the Lord we bless you.

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–7

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G **Thanks be to God.**

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

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

Messengers from John the Baptist

¹⁸The disciples of John reported all these things to him. And John, ¹⁹calling two of his disciples to him, sent them to the Lord, saying, "Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?" ²⁰And when the men had come to him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to you, saying, 'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'" ²¹In that hour he healed many people of diseases and plagues and evil spirits, and on many who were blind he bestowed sight. ²²And he answered them, "Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good news preached to them. ²³And blessed is the one who is not offended by me."

²⁴When John's messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵What then did you go out to see? A man dressed in soft clothing? Behold, those who are dressed in splendid clothing and live in luxury are in kings' courts. ²⁶What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷This is he of whom it is written,

"Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way before you."

²⁸I tell you, among those born of women none is greater than John. Yet the one who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

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.**

God With Us

Words and Music by Bart Millard,
Barry Gaul, Jim Bryson, Nathan Cochran,
Mike Scheuchzer and Robby Shaffer

VERSE 1

1. Who are we _____ that You would be mind - ful of _____ us?
What do You _____ see _____ that's worth look - ing our way? _____

VERSE 2 & 3

2. We are free _____ in ways that we
(3. Lord, You know) _____ our hearts don't de -
nev - er should _____ be: Sweet re - lease _____
-serve Your glo - ry. Still You show _____

PRE-CHORUS

from the grip of these chains. _____ Like hing - es strain - ing
a love we can - not af - ford. _____
from the _____ weight, _____ my heart _____ no long - er can keep _____ from sing - ing.

CHORUS 1a

All that _____ is _____ with - in _____ me _____ cries _____ for You _____ a - lone; _____ Be glo -

24 G/C C G

- ri - fied. - Em - man - u - el, - God - with us. -

28 G^{sus} G

My heart - sings - a brand - new - song - The

31 D G/C C

debt - is paid, - these chains - are - gone. - Em - man - u - el, -

34 1. G G^{sus} 2. G

God - with - us. - 3. Lord, You know -

BRIDGE

38 G^{sus} G D

Such a ti - ny of - fer - ing - com - pared to Cal - va - ry; -

42 C G

- Nev - er - the - less, - we lay it at - Your - feet. -

46 D

Such a ti - ny of - fer - ing - com - pared to Cal - va - ry; -

50 C G

- Nev - er - the - less, - we lay it at - Your feet. -

CHORUS 1b

54 G D
All that is with-in me cries. For You a-lone be glo-

58 G/C C Am⁷ G
- ri - fied. Em - man - u - el, God with us.

62 G^{sus} G G^{sus} D/G C/G D/G G
My heart sings a brand new song. The

65 D
debt is paid, these chains are gone. Em - man -

67 G/C C Am⁷ G
- u - el, God with us.

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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

G **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.

Whom Shall I Fear God Of Angel Armies

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash and Scott Cash

♩ = 75 **VERSE 1**

G Am⁷ G/B C²

1. You hear me when I call. You are my morn - ing song. Though dark - ness fills the night,

4 Em⁷ C²

it can - not hide the light. Whom shall I fear?

7 G Am⁷ G/B C²

You crush the en - e - my un - der - neath my feet. You are my sword and shield,

10 Em⁷ C²

though trou - bles lin - ger still. Whom shall I fear?

§ **CHORUS 1a**

13 Em⁷ D G Em⁷ D G Em⁷ C²

I know Who goes be - fore me, I know Who stands be - hind: The God of an - gel ar - mies

16 D G Em⁷ D G

is al - ways by my side! The One Who reigns for - ev - er,

18 Em⁷ D G Em⁷ C² 2nd time to Coda Φ D

He is a friend of mine. The God of an - gel ar - mies is al - ways by my

VERSE 2

21 G G

side! 2. My strength is in Your name, for You a-lone can save.

25 C² Em⁷

You will de-liv-er me. Yours is the vic-to-ry. Whom shall I

28 C² Em⁷ C² D D.S. al Coda

— fear? Whom shall I — fear? —

BRIDGE

⊕ Coda

31 G C² G D

side! And noth-ing formed a-gainst me shall stand! —

34 G C² G

You hold the whole world in Your hands. I'm hold-ing on to Your

37 Em⁷ D C² I. D

prom-is-es; You are faith-ful, You are faith-ful.

40 2. D Em⁷ D/F#

faith-ful, You are faith-ful.

CHORUS 1b

43 Em7 D G Em7 D G Em7 C2

I know Who goes be-fore me, I know Who stands be-hind: The God of an-gel ar-mies

46 D G Em7 D/F# G Em7 D G

is al-ways by my side! The One Who reigns for - ev - er, He is a friend of mine.

CHORUS 1c

49 Em7 C2 G

The God of an-gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side! I know Who goes be-fore me, -

52 D/F# Em7 C2

I know Who stands be-hind: The God of an-gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side!

55 G D/F# Em7

The One Who reigns for - ev - er, - He is a friend of mine. The God of an-gel ar-mies

58 C2 Em7 C2 G

is al-ways by my side! The God of an-gel ar-mies is al-ways by my side!

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