



St. Mark Lutheran

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Growing God's Family

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10:45 a.m. Service

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
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.

Hungry

Words and Music by Kathryn Scott

♩ = 86

VERSE

D Bm⁷ A

1. Hun - gry I ___ come to ___ You for ___ I know ___ You sat - is - fy. ___

2. Bro - ken, I ___ run to ___ You for ___ Your arms ___ are o - pen wide. .

4 G D Bm⁷ A Last time to Coda ◻

— I am emp - ty but ___ I know ___ Your love ___ does not ___ run dry. .

— I am wea - ry, but ___ I know ___ Your touch ___ re - stores ___ my life. .

PRE-CHORUS

8 G A G/B A/C#

— So I wait for You ___ So I wait for You. .

CHORUS

12 G D Gmaj⁷ D

— I'm fall - ing on ___ my knees, ___ of - fer - ing all ___ of me. .

16 Gmaj⁷ D 1. Gmaj⁷ D INSTRUMENTAL

— Je - sus, ___ You're all ___ this heart ___ is liv - ing for. ___

20 Bm⁷ A G 2. Gmaj⁷

— is liv - ing for. .

24 D G 3. Gmaj7 D

D.S.

I'm fall - is liv - ing for. _

28 G A G/B A/C#

PRE-CHORUS

So I wait for You. _ So I wait for You. _

32 1. G 2. G D

CHORUS

So I I'm fall - ing on my knees. _

36 Gmaj7 D Gmaj7

of - fer - ing all of me. _ Je - sus, _

39 1. D Gmaj7 D G

You're all this heart is liv - ing for. _ I'm fall -

43 2. Gmaj7 D Bm7

INSTRUMENTAL

is liv - ing for. _

46 A 1. G 2. G D.C. al Coda

D.C. al Coda

49 Coda A

ENDING G

Gmaj⁷

— does not — run dry. —

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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.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

- 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

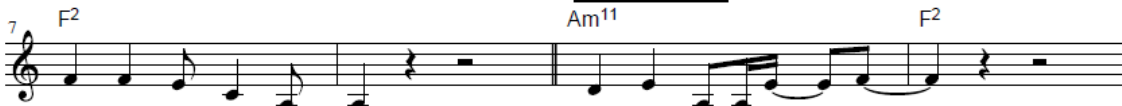


1. We've wait - ed for this day. We're gath - ered in Your — Name,
(2. Your) pres - ence in this place, Your glo - ry on our — face, we're



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

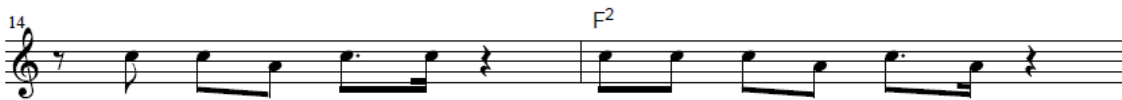


burn our hearts with truth. — You're the rea - son we're — here. —
Lord, un - veil our eyes. —

CHORUS



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



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



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

Last time to Coda ⊕

INTERLUDE



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 F^2 INTERLUDE C

1. F^2 2. F^2

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 .

47 C/F

2.
G

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

ENDING

50 C

Oo... _ Oo... _ Oo... _ Oo... _

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Old Testament Reading

Deuteronomy 30:19–20

¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Praise the LORD, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

For great is his steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Divisions in the Church

¹⁰I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹²What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Christ the Wisdom and Power of God

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

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12–25

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourth chapter.

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

Jesus Begins His Ministry

¹²When [Jesus] heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.

¹³And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵“The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—
¹⁶the people dwelling in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death,
on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁸While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.

¹⁹And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds

²³And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

☩ 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

Lord I Need You

Words and Music by Jesse Reeves,
Kristian Stanfill, Matt Maher,
Christy Nockels and Daniel Carson

♩ = 74

INTRO

D G²(no3) D G²(no3) D

1. Lord, I

VERSE 1

5 D G²(no3) D A/C# Bm⁷ A^{sus} G²(no3)

come, I con - fess. Bow-ing here, I find my ___ rest. And with-out

9 D G²(no3) D A^{sus} A G²(no3)

You, I fall a - part. You're the one that guides my ___ heart.

CHORUS 1

13 D G D A/C# Bm⁷ G

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev - 'ry hour I

17 D A D/F# G D/A G/B D/A A

need You. My one de-fense, my right - eous-ness; Oh, God, how I need

VERSE 2

21 D G²(no3) D D G²(no3) D A/C#

You. 2. Where sin runs deep, Your grace is ___ more. Where grace is

25 Bm⁷ A^{sus} G²(no3) D G²(no3)

found is where You ___ are. And where You are, Lord, I am _

28 D A^{sus} A G²(no3) D G²(no3)
 — free. Ho - li - ness is Christ in — me. Where You are, Lord, I am .

32 D A^{sus} A D
 — free. Ho - li - ness is Christ in — me. ———— Lord, I

CHORUS 1

36 D G D A/C# Bm⁷ G D A G
 need You, oh, I need You. Ev - 'ry hour I need You. My

2nd time to Coda ☐

40 D/F# G D/A G/B D/A A D
 one de-fense, my right - eous-ness; Oh, God, how I need You.

BRIDGE

44 G D/F# A^{sus} Bm⁷ D/F#
 So, teach my song to rise to You when temp-ta-tion comes my

48 G²(no3) G D/F# A^{sus} Bm⁷
 way. And when I can - not stand, I'll fall on You.

51 G²(no3) A^{sus} D G D/F# A^{sus}
 Je - sus, You're my hope and — stay. And when I can - not stand, I'll fall on —

54 Bm⁷ G²(no3) A^{sus} D D.S. al Coda
 — You. Je - sus, You're my hope and — stay. ———— Lord, I

CHORUS 2

58 Coda

D A/C# Bm7 G

Lord, I need You, oh, I need You. Ev - 'ry hour I

62 D A D/F# G D/A G/B D/A A

need You. My one de-fense, my right - eous-ness; Oh, God, how I need

66 D D/F# G

You. My one de - fense, my

68 D/A G/B D/A A D

right - eous - ness; Oh, God, how I need You.

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Sermon

Offering

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.

As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh.

We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as 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 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?

Please be seated

Distribution

The Same Love

Words and Music by
Paul Baloche and Michael Rossback

♩ = 102 **VERSE 1**

G⁵

C²

G⁵



1. You choose the hum - ble and raise them high; You choose the weak

4

C²

Em⁷

Bm/D



and make _ them strong; You heal our bro - ken - ness _ in - side _

§ **CHORUS**

7

C²

G

D



_ and give _ us life. _ The same love that set the cap - tives free,

11

Em⁷

C²

G



the same love that o - pened eyes to see is call - ing us all _ by name; .

14

D

Em⁷

C²



_ You _ are call - ing us all _ by name; _

17

G

D

Em⁷



The same God that spread the heav - ens wide, the same God that was

20 C² G

cru - ci - fied ___ is call - ing us all ___ by name; _

22 D Em⁷ 2nd time to Coda ☩

— You ___ are call - ing us all ___ by name. _

24 C² G⁵ C² **VERSE 2**

— 2. You take the faith - less one ___ a - side

28 G⁵ C² Em⁷

and speak the words, ___ "You _ are Mine"; ___ You call the cy -

31 Bm/D C² D.S. al Coda

- nic and ___ the proud, ___ "Come to ___ Me now". _

34 ☩ Coda C² D Em⁷ C² **INTERLUDE**

— Oh, ___ oh; ___ Oh, ___

37 D Em⁷ 1. C² 2. C²

— oh. ___ Oh, ___

BRIDGE

41 G D Em⁷ C Play 4 times

You're call - ing, You're call - ing, You're call - ing us ___ to the cross; _

CHORUS

45 G D Em⁷ C²

The same love that set the cap - tives free, the same love that o - pened eyes to see is call -

49 G D Em⁷

- ing us all ___ by name; _ You ___ are call - ing us all ___ by name; _

52 C² G D Em⁷

___ The same God that spread the heav - ens wide, the same God that was

56 C² G D

cru - ci - fied ___ is call - ing us all ___ by name; _ You ___ are call -

INTERLUDE

59 Em⁷ C² D Em⁷

- ing us all ___ by name. ___ Oh, _____ oh; _____

62 C² D Em⁷

___ Oh, _____ oh. _____

64

1. C²

Oh, _____

2. C²

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Please stand

Post-Communion Collect

P Let us pray.

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 in 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

P 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.

God Is Able

Words and Music by
Ben Fielding and Reuben Morgan

♩ = 79

INTRO

G

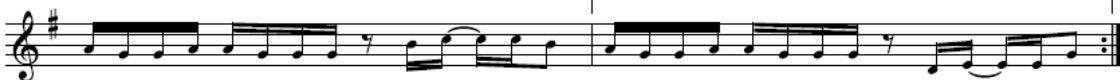
D



3 Em

1.

C



5

2.

C

VERSE

G

D



1. God is a - ble, _ He will nev - er _ fail. _
(2. God is) with _ us, _ God is on our _ side. _

8 Em

C

G



He is Al - might - y _ God. _ Great - er than all we _ seek. _ Great - er than
He will _ make _ a way. _ Far _ a - bove all we _ know. _ Far _ a - bove

11

D

Em

C

D



all we _ ask. _ He has done _ great _ things. _ Lift - ed up, _
all we _ hope. _ He has done _ great _ things. _

CHORUS

14

G

D

Em



_____ He de - feat - ed the grave. _ Raised to life, _ our God is a -

17


C

G/B




- ble. In His Name, _ we o - ver - come, _

19 D Em D



for the Lord _____ our God is a -

21 **INSTRUMENTAL 1** C G D



- ble. _____

24 Em C




2. God is - ble. _____

INSTRUMENTAL 2 G/B D Em D




BRIDGE C G/B D



God is with us, _ He will go be - fore. _ He will nev - er

33 Em D C G/B



leave us. _ He will nev - er leave us. _ God is for us. _ He has

36 D Em D C **D.S. al Coda**



o - pen _ arms. _ He will nev - er fail us. _ He will nev - er fail us. _ Lift - ed up,

♩ Coda

CHORUS

39

C

G

D



- ble. ___ Lift - ed up, ___ He de - feat - ed the grave. ___ Raised to life, ..

42

Em

C

G/B



___ our God is a - ble. In His Name, ___ we o - ver - come, ..

ENDING

45

D

Em

D

C

Em

D



___ for the Lord ___ our God is a - ble. For the Lord ___ our God is a -

49

C

Em

D

C

G



- ble. For the Lord ___ our God is a - ble.

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