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Growing God's Family

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10:45 a.m. Service

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

**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 the Rice family in celebration of their daughter Jennifer's birthday.

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.

Shine Jesus Shine

Words and Music by
Graham Kendrick

♩ = 112 **VERSE**

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 -

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

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

CHORUS

me. Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the
 me.

Fa - ther's glo - ry; Blaze Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on

fire. Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with

grace and mer - cy; Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be

INSTRUMENTAL

1, 2.

3.

ENDING

light.

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

Great Things

(based on the recording by Phil Wickham; original key – B)

Words and Music by
Phil Wickham and Jonas Myrin

INTRO

♩ = 102

D Em⁷ Bm⁷ G²

5

D Em⁷ Bm⁷

8

1. G² 2. G²

VERSE

10

D D^{sus} D D^{sus}

1. Come, let _ us wor - ship _ our King. Come, let _ us bow at _ His
(2.) faith - ful through ev - 'ry _ storm. _ You'll be faith - ful _ for - ev - er - more. .

13

D Gmaj⁹

feet. He has _ done great things. And I
_ You have _ done great things.

16

D D^{sus} D D^{sus}

See what _ our Sav - ior _ has done. See how _ His love o - ver -
know You _ will do it _ a - gain for Your prom - ise _ is Yes and _ A -

19

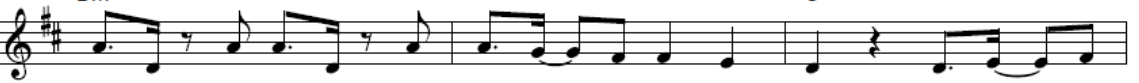
D Gmaj⁹ Bm⁷


-comes. He has _ done great things. He has _ done great things.
-men. You will _ do great things. God, You _ do great things.


CHORUS

23 **A^{sus}** **D**

 O He - ro of Heav - en, You con - quered _ the grave. You

26 **Bm⁷** **G**

 free ev - 'ry cap - tive and break ev - 'ry chain. O God, You have _ done


29 **D**

 great ___ things. We dance in Your free - dom, a - wake and _ a - live. O

32 **Bm⁷** **G**

 Je - sus our Sav - ior, Your name lift - ed high. O God, You have _ done

TURNAROUND

35 **D** **Em⁷**


 1. great ___ things.

38 **Bm⁷** **G²**

 2. You've been great ___ things.

BRIDGE

41 **D** **G²** **A⁽⁴⁾**

 Hal - le - lu - jah, God a - bove it all! _

45 **Bm⁷** **Dmaj⁷/F#** **G²**

 Hal - le - lu - jah, God un - shak - a - ble! _ Hal - le - lu - jah,

48 1.
Bm7 Dmaj7/F#

You have done great things! —

51 2. CHORUS
Bm7 A^{sus}/C# D

— You've done great things! — O He - ro of Heav - en, You

54 Bm7

con - quered _ the grave. You free ev - 'ry cap - tive and break ev - 'ry chain. O

57 G D

God, You have _ done great _ things. We dance in _ Your free - dom, _ a -

60 Bm7

-wake and _ a - live. O Je - sus our Sav - ior, Your name lift - ed high. O

63 ENDING
G A(4) Bm7

God, You have _ done great _ things. You have _ done great _ things. —

67 OUTRO
A(4) G D

— O God, You _ do great _ things!

70 1.
Em7 Bm7 G²

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Old Testament Reading

Exodus 17:1–7

Water from the Rock

¹All the congregation of the people of Israel moved on from the wilderness of Sin by stages, according to the commandment of the LORD, and camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ²Therefore the people quarreled with Moses and said, “Give us water to drink.” And Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?” ³But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?” ⁴So Moses cried to the LORD, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” ⁵And the LORD said to Moses, “Pass on before the people, taking with you some of the elders of Israel, and take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶Behold, I will stand before you there on the rock at Horeb, and you shall strike the rock, and water shall come out of it, and the people will drink.” And Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah, because of the quarreling of the people of Israel, and because they tested the LORD by saying, “Is the LORD among us or not?”

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

[O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

the founder and perfecter of our faith,

who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 5:1–8

Peace with God Through Faith

¹Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. ²Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. ³More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, ⁴and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

Holy Gospel

John 4:5–26

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

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

⁵[Jesus] came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the field that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. ⁶Jacob's well was there; so Jesus, wearied as he was from his journey, was sitting beside the well. It was about the sixth hour.

⁷There came a woman of Samaria to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸(For his disciples had gone away into the city to buy food.) ⁹The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask for a drink from me, a woman of Samaria?" (For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.) ¹⁰Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹The woman said to him, "Sir, you have nothing to draw water with, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? ¹²Are you greater than our father Jacob? He gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did his sons and his livestock." ¹³Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty forever. The water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." ¹⁵The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I will not be thirsty or have to come here to draw water."

¹⁶Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come here." ¹⁷The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband. What you have said is true." ¹⁹The woman said to him, "Sir, I perceive that you are a prophet. ²⁰Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, but you say that in Jerusalem is the place where people ought to worship." ²¹Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem will you worship the Father. ²²You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. ²³But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. ²⁴God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." ²⁵The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming (he who is called Christ). When he comes, he will tell us all things." ²⁶Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am 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.**

Please be seated

The Lord Our God

Words and Music by
Kristian Stanfill and Jason Ingram

♩=72

VERSE

1. Prom - ise mak - er, prom-ise keep - er, You fin - ish what _ You be - gin. _
2. In the si - lence, in the wait - ing, still we can know _ You are good. _

4. Our pro - vi - sion through the des - ert, You see it through _ till the end. _
 All Your plans are for Your glo - ry; Yes, we can know _ You are good. _

CHORUS

8. You see it through _ till the end. _ The Lord our God is
 Yes, we can know _ You are good. _

12. ev - er faith - ful, _ nev - er chang - ing _ through the ag - es. _

15. From this dark - ness _ You will lead us, _ and for - ev - er we will _

BRIDGE 1a

18. say, "You're the Lord our God." We won't move with-out _ You. _

22. We won't move with-out _ You. _ You're the light of all _ and all _ that we _ need. _

BRIDGE 1b

25 C Am⁷ F
We won't move with - out _ You _ We won't move with - out _ You _

27 C Am⁷ F D.S. al Coda
_ You're the light of all _ and all _ that we _ need. _

Coda

30 C Am⁷ F
God." And for - ev - er we will _ say, "You're the Lord our

ENDING

32 C Am⁷ F C
God." _ And for - ev - er we will _ say, "You're the Lord our God."

35 Am⁷ F C Am⁷ F C

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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, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Lord's Prayer

- P** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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 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

Your Grace is Enough

Words and Music by
Matt Maher

♩ = 116

VERSE

G G/B C

1. Great is __ Your faith - ful - ness, __ O God; __
2. Great is __ Your love __ and jus - tice, God __ of Ja - cob;

5 Em G/B C

You wres - tle with __ the sin - ners rest - less heart. __
You use __ the weak __ to lead __ the strong. __

9 G G/B C

You lead __ us by __ still wa - ters in - to mer - cy
You lead __ us in __ the song __ of Your __ sal - va - tion,

13 Em G/B C

and noth - ing can __ keep us __ a - part. __ So, re -
and all __ Your peo - ple sing __ a - long. __

PRE-CHORUS

17 Am G/B Cmaj⁷ D

-mem - ber __ Your peo - ple, __ re - mem - ber __ Your chil - dren, __ re -

21 Em D G/B C

-mem - ber __ Your prom - ise __ O __ God. __ Your

25 **CHORUS 1**

G D Em⁷ C

grace is e - nough, — Your grace is e - nough — Your

29 G D C

grace is e - nough, — for _____ me. _____

1.

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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



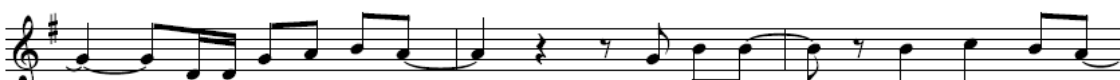
all we _ ask. _ He has done _ great _ things. _ Lift - ed up, _
all we _ hope. _ He has done _ great _ things. _

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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