



Growing God's Family

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**November 26, 2023
10:45 a.m. Service**

THE LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

**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 Eler 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.

At The Foot Of The Cross

Words and Music by
Tre Sheppard

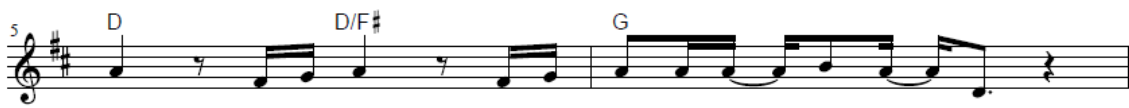
VERSE



1. At the foot of the cross, where I kneel in ad - o - ra - tion, _
 (2. At the) foot of the cross, I give up my vain _ am - bi - tion, _
 (3. At the) foot of the cross, there is heal - ing for _ this na - tion, _
 (4. We will) wait at the cross, a hun - gry gen - er - a - tion, _



and I lay my bur - dens down. _ I ex -
 and I leave my self - ish pride. _ In the
 there is rest for those _ who wait. _ And the
 with our bro - ken hearts _ and lives. _ Will You

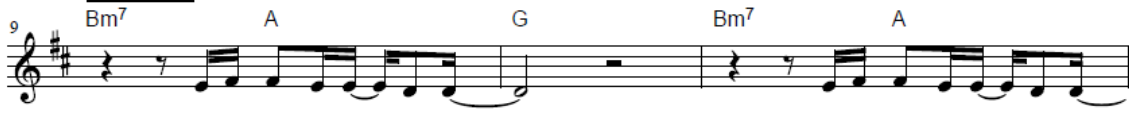


-change all my sin for the prom - ise of _ sal - va - tion,
 peace that is there, would You re - store _ my vi - sion,
 love that we find, is the hope of all _ cre - a - tion,
 hear? Will You come? Will You fill our des - per - a - tion?



and Your name a - cross _ my brow. _
 in all the plac - es I _ am blind. _
 we are stunned by what _ You gave. _
 O God, let this be _ the time. _

CHORUS



I will wait here at _ the cross, _ I will wait here at _ the cross; _
 (We) (We)

12 G Bm7 A G

I will wait here at ___ the cross, ___
(We)

15 Bm7 A

1, 2, 3. G

4. G A D

I will wait here at ___ the cross. ___

2. At the (cross.) ___
3. At the ___
4. We will ___

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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

Resurrection Hymn

Words and Music by
Stuart Townend and Keith Getty

VERSE

D A/D G D/F# A

1. See, ___ what a morn - ing, glo - rious - ly bright, with the
 2. See ___ Ma - ry weep - ing, "Where ___ is He laid?" As in
 3. One ___ with the Fa - ther, An - cient of Days, through the

3 Bm G D/F# G D/A A D A/D

dawn - ing of hope in Je - ru - sa - lem; Fold - ed the grave clothes,
 sor - row she turns from the emp - ty tomb; Hears ___ a voice speak - ing,
 Spir - it who clothes faith with cer - tain - ty, hon - our and bless - ing,

6 G D A/C# Bm G D/F# G D/A A A/G

tomb ___ filled with light, as the an - gels an - nounce Christ is ris - en! ___
 call - ing her name; Its the Mas - ter, the Lord raised to life ___ a - gain! ___
 glo - ry and praise to the King crowned with powr and au - thor - i - ty! ___

9 D/F# A/G G D/F# G D/F# G D/F# G

See Gods sal - va - tion ___ plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, ___ paid in
 The voice that spans the ___ years, speak - ing life, stir - ring hope, ___ bring - ing
 And we are raised with ___ Him, death is dead, love has won, ___ Christ has

12 D/A A A/G D/F# A/G G D/F# G

sa - cri - fice, ___ ful - filled in Christ, the ___ Man, for He
 peace ___ to us, ___ will sound till He ap - pears, for He
 con - quered; ___ And we shall reign with ___ Him, for He

15 D/F# G D/A A D A/D

lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead! ___
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead! ___
 lives: Christ is ris - en from the dead! ___

17

1, 2.	G/D	G	A	3.	D
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Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24

The Lord GOD Will Seek Them Out

¹¹“For thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. ¹²As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. ¹⁶I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them in justice. . . .

²⁰“Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: Behold, I, I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. ²¹Because you push with side and shoulder, and thrust at all the weak with your horns, till you have scattered them abroad, ²²I will rescue my flock; they shall no longer be a prey. And I will judge between sheep and sheep. ²³And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. ²⁴And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the LORD; I have spoken.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

G Thanks be to God.

Gradual

These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:20–28

²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. ²¹For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. ²²For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. ²³But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. ²⁴Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ²⁷For "God has put all things in subjection under his feet." But when it says, "all things are put in subjection," it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. ²⁸When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

The Final Judgment

³¹[Jesus said:] “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. ³²Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. ³³And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. ³⁴Then the King will say to those on his right, ‘Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. ³⁵For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.’ ³⁷Then the righteous will answer him, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? ³⁸And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? ³⁹And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?’ ⁴⁰And the King will answer them, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.’

⁴¹“Then he will say to those on his left, ‘Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. ⁴²For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, ⁴³I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ ⁴⁴Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’ ⁴⁵Then he will answer them, saying, ‘Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.’ ⁴⁶And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.”

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

Gratitude

Words and Music by
 Brandon Lake, Dante Bowe and Benjamin Hastings

VERSE

♩ = 52

1. All my words fall short, I got noth - ing new. How could
 (2. I could) sing these songs, as I oft - en do, but ev - 'ry
 (3. I've got) one re - sponse, I've got just one move: with my

5

I ex - press all my gra - ti - tude? 2. I could So I
 song must end and You nev - er do.
 arms stretched wide I will wor - ship You.

CHORUS 1a

throw up my hands and praise You a - gain and a - gain, 'cause all that I have is a hal - le -

15

lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. And I know it's not much, but I've noth - ing else fit for a king

20

ex - cept for a heart sing - ing, "Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu -

| 2 ————— INSTRUMENTAL 1

26 G D(4) G
D.C.

jah." 3. I've got lu - jah."

BRIDGE 1a

G

Come on, my soul, oh, don't you get shy on me. Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a li - on in -

BRIDGE 1b

37 G

side of those lungs. Get up and praise the Lord. Come on, my soul, oh,

42 D(4) C2

don't you get shy on me. Lift up your song, 'cause you've got a li - on in - side of those lungs.

46 1 2
G D(4) Em7 D(4)

Get up and praise the Lord. Get up and praise the Lord.

INSTRUMENTAL 2

C2 Em7 D(4) C2(no3)
(rpt. as desired)

CHORUS 1b

59 G Dm

So I throw up my hands and praise You a - gain and a - gain, 'cause

63 C2 Cm6

all that I have is a hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah. And I

68 G Dm
know it's not much, but I've noth - ing else fit for a king ex - cept for a heart sing - ing,

72 C2 Cm6 G
"Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah."

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.

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

- © 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

Holy is The Lord

Words and Music by
Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio

♩ = 84 VERSE

A

D²

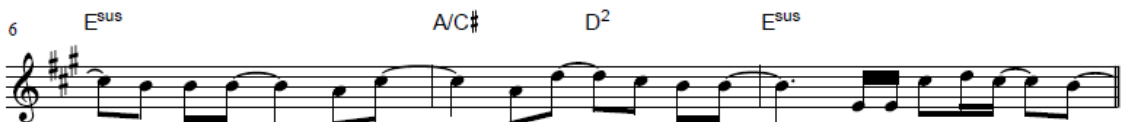
E^{sus}



We stand and lift up our hands, — for the joy —

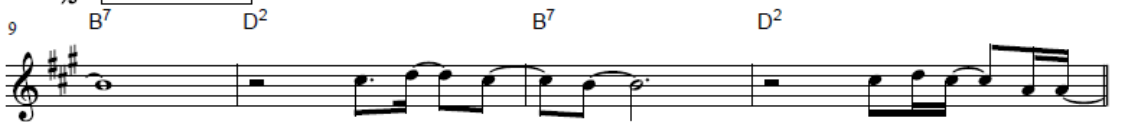


— of the Lord — is our strength. — We bow down — and wor-



- ship Him now. — How great, — how awe - some is He. — And to- geth - er we — sing. —

§ PRE-CHORUS

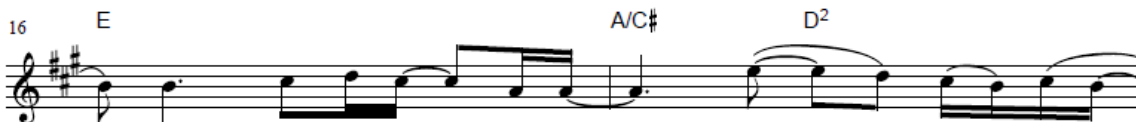


— ev - 'ry - one — sing. — Ho - ly is — the Lord —

CHORUS



— God — Al - might - y. — The earth — is filled — with His glo -



- ry. Ho - ly is — the Lord — God — Al - might -

18 E^{sus} $F\#m7$ D^2 E^{sus}

- y. The earth is filled with His glo - ry. The earth.

21 $F\#m7$ D^2 E^{sus} 1. E 2. E

is filled with His glo - ry. It is ris -

BRIDGE

25 A $E/G\#$ G^2

- ing up all a - round. It's the an - them of the Lord's.

28 1. D 2. D D.S. al Coda

re - nown. It's ris - re - nown. And to-ge-th - er we sing.

\oplus Coda E^{sus}

31 $F\#m7$ D^2 E^{sus}

- ry. The earth is filled with His glo - ry.

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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.

Forever

Words and Music by Chris Tomlin

♩ = 140

VERSE

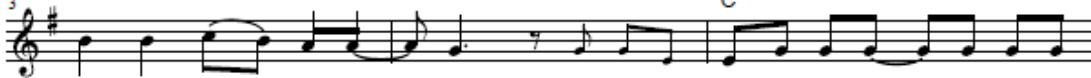
G



1. Give thanks to _____ the _____ Lord _____ our God and _____ King; _____ His
 2. With a might-y hand _____ and out - stretched _____ arm; _____ His
 3. From _____ the _____ ris - ing to the set - ting _____ sun _____ His

3

C



love en - dures _____ for - ev - er. For He is good, _____ He is a -
 love en - dures _____ for - ev - er. For the life _____ that's
 love en - dures _____ for - ev - er. And by the grace _____ of God _____ we will

6

G

D



-bove all _____ things; _____ His love en - dures _____ for - ev - er. _____ Sing praise _____
 been re - born; _____ His love en - dures _____ for - ev - er. _____ Sing praise _____
 car - ry _____ on; _____ His love en - dures _____ for - ev - er. _____ Sing praise _____

1.

2, 3.

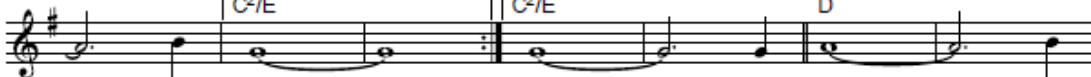
PRE-CHORUS

10

C²/E

C²/E

D



_____ sing praise. _____ praise. _____ Sing praise, _____ sing
 _____ sing
 _____ sing

CHORUS

17

C²/E

G

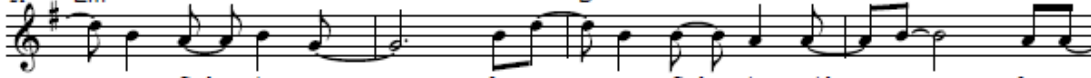


praise. _____ For - ev - er God _____ is faith - ful, _____ for - ev -

21

Em⁷

D



- er God _____ is strong, _____ for - ev - er God _____ is with _____ us, _____ for - ev -

25

C

G

1.

D.S.

2.



- er, _____ for - ev - er, _____

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