



# ST. GEORGE

## LUTHERAN CHURCH

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*Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

*Holy Communion*

***Welcome! We are glad you're here!***

**A warm welcome is extended to all!**

**Your presence enriches us at this time of celebration together.**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

Merciful God, we live in a society that focuses on gathering things. We collect, store, gather items, gadgets, even people. We focus our energies on our collections providing adequate room for them and yet we bar the door to the needs of others, of those who have little or nothing, of those for whom life has been a constant struggle. We are sorry for the ways in which we have failed you. Forgive us. Turn us around to look at the ways in which our wealth, both of substance and spirit, can be used for healing and hope. Enable us to be in ministry to those in need and to care for this world. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Children of God, blessings have been poured upon you so that you may use them to help others. God walks with you and guides your steps as you reach out in compassion, mercy and justice to all in need. **Amen.**

(adapted from Confession and Words of Assurance by Nancy C. Townley)

## **Entrance Hymn:**

## ***Praise and Thanksgiving***

**#689**

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would  
offer for all things living, you have made  
good: harvest of sown fields, fruits of the  
orchard, hay from the mown fields,  
blossom and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve  
you, that with our neighbor we may be  
fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work  
with you, harvesting, milling for daily  
bread.

Father, providing food for your children,  
by wisdom's guiding teach us to share  
one with another, so that, rejoicing  
with us, all others may know your care.

Then will your blessing reach ev'ry  
people, freely confessing your gracious  
hand. Where you are reigning, no one  
will hunger; your love sustaining showers  
the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, Gaelic tune

## **Apostolic Greeting**

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy  
Spirit be with you all.      **C** **And also with you.**

## **Kyrie**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living  
word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us  
whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving  
pow'r, create in us new hearts!**

## **Hymn of Praise**

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace,  
goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God  
of all creation, Father of surpassing  
worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we  
lift high our thanks and praise. Saints  
and angels bow before you: here on  
earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of  
God and Lord of love. Son of God and  
gracious Savior, you have come from**

**heav'n above; on the cross you died to  
save us; now you reign at God's right  
hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive  
us; in your promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord  
alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith  
we name you, God most high, yet near  
to all: Jesus Christ, with God the  
Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be  
to God on high!**

**Prayer of the Day: Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Youth Message**

### **First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1: 2, 12-14 2:18-23**

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

**L: The Word of the Lord      All: Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 49:1-12**

Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,  
**both low and high, rich and poor together.**

My mouth shall speak wisdom; the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.  
**I will incline my ear to a proverb; I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

Why should I fear in times of trouble, when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,  
**those who trust in their wealth and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

Truly, no ransom avails for one's life; there is no price one can give to God for it.  
**For the ransom of life is costly and can never suffice, that one should live on forever and never see the Pit.**

When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together and leave their wealth to others.

**Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all generations, though they named lands their own.**

Mortals cannot abide in their pomp; they are like the animals that perish.

## **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11**

So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things—anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free; but Christ is all and in all!

**L: The Word of the Lord    All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**P:**     The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.

**All:    Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

**P: The Gospel of the Lord    All: Praise to You, O Christ**

**Sermon**

**Keith Boyes**

## Hymn of the Day:

## *Son of God, Eternal Savior*

#655

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life  
and truth and grace, Word made flesh,  
whose birth among us hallows all our  
human race, you our head, who, throned  
in glory, for your own will ever plead: fill  
us with your love and pity, heal our  
wrong, and help our need.

Come, O Christ, and reign among us,  
King of love and Prince of peace; hush  
the storm of strife and passion, bid its  
cruel discords cease. By your patient  
years of toiling, by your silent hours of  
pain, quench our fevered thirst of  
pleasure, stem our selfish greed of gain.

As you, Lord, have lived for others, so  
may we for others live. Freely have your  
gifts been granted; freely may your  
servants give. Yours the gold and yours  
the silver, yours the wealth of land and  
sea; we but stewards of your bounty held  
in solemn trust will be.

Son of God, eternal Savior, source of life  
and truth and grace, Word made flesh,  
whose birth among us hallows all our  
human race: by your praying, by your  
willing that your people should be one,  
grant, oh grant, our hope's fruition: here  
on earth your will be done.

Text: Somerset C. Lowry, 1855-1932

## Apostle's Creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\*church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. \*catholic here meaning "universal"**

**Prayers of Intercession:** A Lord, in your mercy.... C

**Hear our Prayer**

## Sharing of the Peace

## Offering

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**Offertory Hymn:**        *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings, Flow*        **#885**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise  
God above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637

**Offering Prayer:**

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is  
plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that  
we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving:**

The Lord be with you

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus  
Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection  
opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the  
church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their  
unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

**Words of Institution**

**The 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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **Lamb of God:**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

## **Holy Communion**

### **Communion Hymn:**

### ***Rock of Ages***

**#623**

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee;  
let the water and the blood,  
from thy riven side which flowed,  
be of sin the double cure;  
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Nothing in my hand I bring;  
simply to thy cross I cling.  
Naked, come to thee for dress;  
helpless, look to thee for grace;  
foul, I to the fountain fly;  
wash me, Savior, or I die.

Not the labors of my hands  
can fulfill thy law's demands;  
could my zeal no respite know,  
could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone;  
thou must save, and thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath,  
when mine eyelids close in death,  
when I soar to worlds unknown,  
see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,  
let me hide myself in thee.

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778

### ***Let Us Break Bread Together***

**#471**

Let us break bread together on our knees;  
let us break bread together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Let us praise God together on our knees;  
let us praise God together on our knees.

Let us drink wine together on our knees;  
let us drink wine together on our knees.

When I fall on my knees,  
with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.

Text: African American spiritual

### **Post Communion Blessing:**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**Amen**

**Post Communion Canticle:** Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell everyone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, Alleluia.

### **Benediction**

Go now as those raised with Christ,  
wondering at God's great love  
and telling the story of your salvation.  
Be on your guard against all kinds of greed  
and set your minds on the ways of heaven.  
And may God reach out to you and nourish you;  
May †Christ Jesus renew you in the image of your creator;  
And may the Holy Spirit lead you with cords of kindness and love.

**Amen.**

(by Nathan Nettleton)

### **Sending Hymn:**

### **For the Fruit of All Creation**

**#679**

For the fruit of all creation,  
thanks be to God.  
For these gifts to ev'ry nation,  
thanks be to God.  
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,  
silent growth while we are sleeping,  
future needs in earth's safe-keeping,  
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,  
God's will is done.  
In the help we give our neighbor,  
God's will is done.

In our world-wide task of caring  
for the hungry and despairing,  
in the harvests we are sharing,  
God's will is done.

For the harvests of the Spirit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the good we all inherit,  
thanks be to God.  
For the wonders that astound us,  
for the truths that still confound us,  
most of all, that love has found us,  
thanks be to God.

Fred Pratt Green, Ralph Vaughan Williams

### **Dismissal**

**A:** Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C:** Thanks be to God



## Announcements

**Needleworks:** August 15th at 10:00 AM

**Friendship Circle Meeting:** August 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

**180<sup>th</sup> Celebration / Pastor Sharon Preaching:** Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

**Birthday Celebration:** August 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

**Book Club:** August 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM

**Photos for Church Directory:** September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. More information to come!

## Bible Study Special Announcement

Jesus used parables from everyday life to effectively convey his message and meaning. Pastor Ken will lead a study of Short Stories by Jesus in which Amy-Jill Levine takes readers back in time to learn more about how the original Jewish audience understood these stories. This six-week study begins on Thursday, September 4 at 9:45 am. The book costs \$11. If you are interested in this study, please sign up by August 17.

A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.

<b>Sunday 8/3</b>	<b>9 AM Traditional Worship, 11 AM Contemporary Worship</b>
<b>Monday 8/4</b>	
<b>Tuesday 8/5</b>	<b>7:30 PM AA</b>
<b>Wednesday 8/6</b>	<b>Men's Group 8 AM / Office Hours 8 AM – 1PM</b>
<b>Thursday 8/7</b>	<b>7:30 PM AA</b>
<b>Friday 8/8</b>	<b>Office Hours 8 AM- 1 PM</b>
<b>Saturday 8/9</b>	

	<b>August 3</b>	<b>August 10</b>	<b>August 17</b>	<b>August 24</b>	<b>August 31</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Asst. Min</b>		<b>Keith</b>	<b>Lorna D</b>	<b>Bob Steeh</b>	<b>Joan V</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Linda Garr</b>	<b>Keith</b>	<b>Joan V</b>	<b>Bob Steeh</b>	<b>Carrie W</b>
<b>Greeter</b>					
<b>Usher</b>	<b>Kathy &amp; Bob</b>		<b>Jerry</b>	<b>Cindy Brach</b>	
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<b>Fellowship</b>	<b>Sally H.</b>		<b>180<sup>th</sup> Celebration</b>	<b>Birthday Celebration</b>	
<b>Altar Care</b>	<b>Linda Fox</b>	<b>Linda Garr</b>	<b>Judy</b>	<b>Sally</b>	<b>Nancy</b>

## **Prayers of Grace and Support**

For Our Church Members, especially:

**Elaine McIntyre**, with health concerns.

**Cindy, John, and Jon Brach**, with health concerns.

**Barb Gienapp** with health concerns.

**Joann Bellmard**, recovering from a fall.

**Sandy Glenn**, for health concerns.

For Friends and Family of our Church Members:

**Pastor Paul Walters**, a pastor from our synod, recovering from a heart attack.

**Ernie Gifford**, friend of Jan and Anne Pitzer, with health concerns.

**Lauren McGee**, sister of Susan Gottfried, for healing.

**Jessica**, friend and neighbor of Linda Walton, with health issues.

**Mike**, neighbor of Sharon Prieskorn.

**Laura**, daughter-in-law of Susan and Greg Gottfried, with breast cancer.

**Josie Doucette**, undergoing treatment for bone cancer.

**Amy Gromek**, Friend of the Schrams, undergoing treatment for brain cancer.

**Karen**, Teacher friend of Gail Boyd, with brain cancer.

**Judy**, Adult student of Gail Boyd recovering from hip surgery.

**Kevin J**, good friend of Keith Boyes, with lung cancer.

**Jerry**, Friend of the Gottfried's, having hip surgery.

**Ross Wilson**, grandson of Diane and Bob Steeh.

**Kayden**, Gail's student, recovering from brain surgery.

**Brian Barry**, friend of Cindy Brach, for cardiac health concerns.

**Jamie and her family**, Cindy and John's daughter, for health and life issues.

**John**, Gail's friend, recovering from a heart attack.

**Mary**, friend of Martha Boyd, while she recovers from a stroke.

**Keegan**, 18-year-old with recurring cancer.

**Juanita Fox**, George's mom, for healing.

**Hudson Bennett**, George Fox's nephew, for healing.

**Dian Kolis**, friend of Linda Fox, with Parkinson's and scheduled for brain surgery.

**Nick Hodgins**, Jim Hartman's friend's 12-year-old son, following brain cancer surgery.

**Lydia**, Gail's adult piano student, recovering from brain surgery.

**Trey Martin**, cousin of Bryan Rush, in Europe in the military. Pray for his safety.

**John D**, friend of Bryan Rush, suffering from Diabetes Type II.

**Melissa Alofalter**, Angela Martin's friend, battling an unknown medical issue.

**Jackie**, Gail's piano student, diagnosed with throat cancer.

**Theresa Knight**, spouse of Michael Knight, for her battle with breast cancer.

For Our Community and Beyond:

Help for disaster relief in the Southeast US and Florida

Prayers for peace in Ukraine

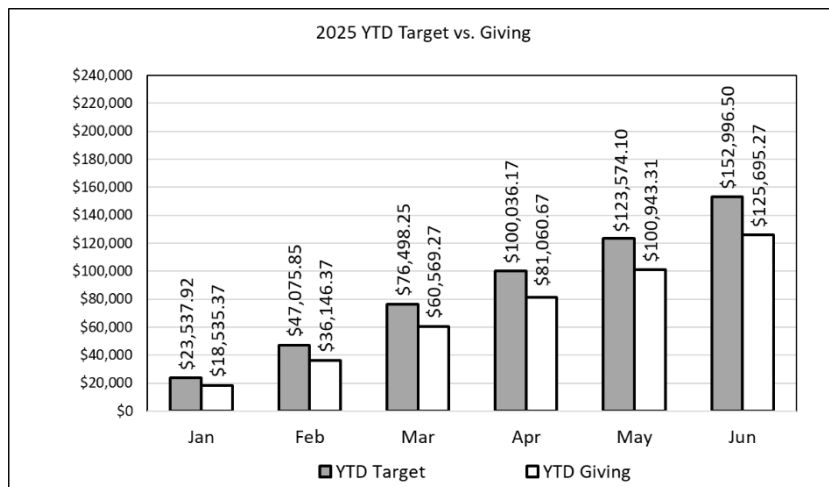
## Prayers for peace in the Middle East

We ask you to keep these people and events in your prayers, and we appreciate your help in making sure our prayer list is up-to-date and accurate. If you have any additions, updates, corrections, or questions, please let us know by email [stgeorgebrighton@gmail.com](mailto:stgeorgebrighton@gmail.com) or by phone 810-229-6670. Thank you!

### Bulletin Report:

#### June 2025 Donation Summary

June Deposits:	\$24,751.96
June Target:	\$29,422.40
Y-T-D Deposits:	\$125,695.27
Y-T-D Target:	\$152,996.50
Y-T-D Ahead/Behind Target:	(\$27,301.23)



We would like to thank Handyman Connection for refurbishing and refinishing our church's wooden doors and hardware. Not only are they more beautiful now, but are sealed better and more secure and will be in great shape for the next years to come. Please consider Handyman Connection (734-390-4898) for any personal construction needs for your home, they are safe, reliable and very professional.



St. George is a warm, friendly, spirit-filled congregation that has been blessed throughout many years. Most Christian denominations develop a distinct emphasis of the Christian faith and practice, and this is also true for Lutherans.

**The Lutheran emphasis, in a word, is God's grace.**

We emphasize the grace of God which forgives us, makes us God's children, and empowers us to serve others. **We welcome, include, and value all people.**