



# ST. GEORGE

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

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

#### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

In the name of ✝ the One who was, who is, and who is to come.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ's death and resurrection, and called to live the baptized life, let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Holy God, we give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that make a people your own, that restore to wholeness, and empower us to be witnesses in your name.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that strengthen believers and give new life to beloved servants of your church; waters that extend your boundless love and cross barriers of our own making.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

We give you thanks for the waters of baptism, waters that open the hearts of believers and give a voice in the night to those in captivity; waters that set your people on a new path, rejoicing in the Spirit's power.

Baptized into you, O Living One,

**make us one as you are one.**

Grant us grace, love, and life, O Living One, that our every day is shaped by these waters that give us our very lives in you. We ask this in the name of Jesus, the Crucified and Risen One.

**Amen.**

**Entrance Hymn:**

***Baptized in Water***

**#456**

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
cleansed by the blood of Christ our king:  
heirs of salvation, trusting his promise,  
faithfully now God's praise we sing.

one with his rising, freed and forgiven,  
thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
dead in the tomb with Christ our king:

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,  
marked with the sign of Christ our king:  
born of the Spirit, we are God's children;  
joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Text: Michael Saward, 1932

**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.**

**Hymn of Praise: *This is the Feast***

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

**Prayer of the Day: O God of peace, you brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep. By the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in everything good that we may do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**Youth Message**

## **First Lesson: Acts 9:36-43**

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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

## **Psalm 23**

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;**

he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.**

## **Second Lesson: Revelation 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them

white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

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

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the tenth chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Gospel: John 10:22-30**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.” Jesus answered, “I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand. The Father and I are one.”

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

## Sermon

### Hymn of the Day:

Children of the heav'nly Father  
safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven  
such a refuge e'er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish,  
in his holy courts they flourish.  
From all evil things he spares them,  
in his mighty arms he bears them.

### *Children of the Heavenly Father*

#781

Neither life nor death shall ever  
from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth,  
and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Though he giveth or he taketh,  
God his children ne'er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely  
to preserve them pure and holy.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; tr. Ernst W. Olson, 1870-1958

## 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: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

#674

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
reaching out with a shout of joy:  
bread is broken, the wine is poured,  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Christ is able to make us one, at the table  
he sets the tone, teaching people to live to  
bless, love in word and deed express.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,  
pass the Word around: loaves abound!  
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Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt

## Offering Prayer:

**God of love, you abide with us; you provide for all our needs and guide us in your ways. Out of gratitude for your care, we bring our gifts before you. Use them for your work of caring, that all may feast at the table of abundance, walk without fear, and drink deeply from the cup of compassion. Amen.**

*(Mary Petrina Boyd)*

## **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 right and good to give you thanks and praise, Eternal Shepherd, for you walk with us each and every day, through green pastures, beside still waters, along the summits of our rejoicing and in the valleys of our uncertainty. Your presence has sustained us from generation to generation, in the wisdom of our mothers and fathers, in the challenges of your prophets, and most of all in our risen Lord Jesus Christ, the great and mighty shepherd of all. So we raise our voices with all our companions on this journey, giving you thanks and praise now and always:

*(Andy James)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord. 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:**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace. Grant us peace.**

## **Holy Communion**

**Communion Hymn:*****Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*****#789**

Savior, like a shepherd lead us;  
 much we need Your tender care.  
 In Your pleasant pastures feed us,  
 for our use Your fold prepare.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 You have bought us; we are Yours.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 You have bought us; we are Yours.

You have promised to receive us,  
 poor and sinful though we be;  
 You have mercy to relieve us,  
 grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 early let us turn to You.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 early let us turn to You.

We are Yours; in love befriend us,  
 be the guardian of our way;  
 keep Your flock, from sin defend us,  
 seek us when we go astray.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 hear us children when we pray.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 hear us children when we pray.

Early let us seek Your favor,  
 early let us do Your will;  
 blessed Lord and only Savior,  
 with your love our spirits fill.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 You have loved us, love us still.  
 Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,  
 You have loved us, love us still.

Text: Dorothy A. Thrupp, William B. Bradbur

***Blessed Assurance*****#638**

Blessed assurance,  
 Jesus is mine!  
 Oh, what a foretaste  
 of glory divine!  
 Heir of salvation,  
 purchase of God,  
 born of his Spirit,  
 washed in his blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
 visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
 angels descending bring from above  
 echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

***Refrain***

*Refrain:* This is my story,  
 this is my song,  
 praising my Savior,  
 all the day long:  
 this is my story,  
 this is my song,  
 praising my Savior  
 all the day long.

Perfect submission,  
 all is at rest;  
 I in my Savior  
 am happy and blest,  
 watching and waiting,  
 looking above,  
 filled with his goodness,  
 lost in his love.

***Refrain***

Text: Fanny J. Crosby 1820

## **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 with your trust in the good shepherd,

and let us love, not just in words, but in truth and action.

Believe in the name of Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, even in valleys of death.

May †Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.

And may the Holy Spirit abide in you and tend you with love and mercy all the days of your life.

**Amen.**

*(Nathan Nettleton)*

## **Sending Hymn:**

### *Faith of our Fathers*

**#813**

Faith of our fathers, living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword.  
Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
whene'er we hear that glorious word.  
Faith of our fathers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our sisters, brothers too,  
who still might bear oppression's might,  
raising on high, in prisons dark,  
the cross of Christ still burning bright.  
Faith for today, O living faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

Faith of our mothers, daring faith,  
your work for Christ is love revealed,  
spreading God's word from pole to pole,  
making love known and freedom real.  
Faith of our mothers, holy faith,  
we will be true to you till death.

Faith born of God, oh, call us yet, bind us  
with all who follow you, sharing the  
struggle of your cross until the world is  
made anew. Faith born of God, O living  
faith, we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814-1863; Music: Henri F. Hemy, 1818-1888; James G. Walton, 1821-1905

## **Dismissal**

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

**C:** Thanks be to God



## Announcements

**Mother's Day Brunch:** Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

**Friendship Circle Meeting:** Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM

**Book Club:** Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

**Needleworks:** Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

**New Creations Dinners:** June 26<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM

<b>Sunday 5/11</b>	<b>9 AM Traditional Worship, 10 AM Mother's Day Brunch 11 AM Contemporary Worship</b>
<b>Monday 5/12</b>	
<b>Tuesday 5/13</b>	<b>7:30 PM AA</b>
<b>Wednesday 5/14</b>	<b>Men's Group 8 AM / Office Hours 8 AM – 1PM</b>
<b>Thursday 5/15</b>	<b>Book Club 3:00 PM</b>
<b>Friday 5/16</b>	<b>Needleworks 10:00 AM Office Hours 8 AM – 1 PM</b>
<b>Saturday 5/17</b>	

## Prayers of Grace and Support

For Our Church Members, especially:

**The family of Emily Olbrich**, following her passing.

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

**Barb Gienapp** with health concerns.

**Theo Evans** being treated for leukemia.

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

**Sandy Glenn**, for health concerns.

**Carolyn Salvatore**, following cancer diagnosis and beginning treatment.

For Friends and Family of our Church Members:

**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.

**Lyla**, 6 year old student of Gail Boyd who broke her arm.

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

**Matt, Amber, and Emma**, family of the Pitzer's, welcoming the birth of a new baby.

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

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

**Carrie Weiland's sister's family** in West North Carolina & all affected by the hurricane.

**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.

**Carol Pacheco**, in hospice.  
**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.  
**Matt B.**, Linda Walton’s son’s best friend, diagnosed with stage 4 liver disease.  
**Lydia**, Gail’s adult piano student, recovering from brain surgery.  
**Davian**, Gail’s student, for ankle surgery.  
**Olivia and family**, for health and wholeness.  
**Alicia Gardner**, Linda Walton’s niece, awaiting a liver transplant.  
**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 Aloffalter**, Angela Martin’s friend, battling an unknown medical issue.  
**Micah**, Alia’s nephew, with a chronic infection and declining health.  
**Ethan and his mom, Marianne**, friends of Linda Walton, as they are dealing with major physical and emotional struggles.

**Jackie**, Gail’s piano student, diagnosed with throat cancer.  
**Theresa Knight**, spouse of Michael Knight, for her battle with breast cancer.  
**Terry Pitt**, Collene Hedden’s brother-in-law, with auto-immune disease.  
**Beulah & Mark** who are having health and life difficulties.

For Our Community and Beyond:

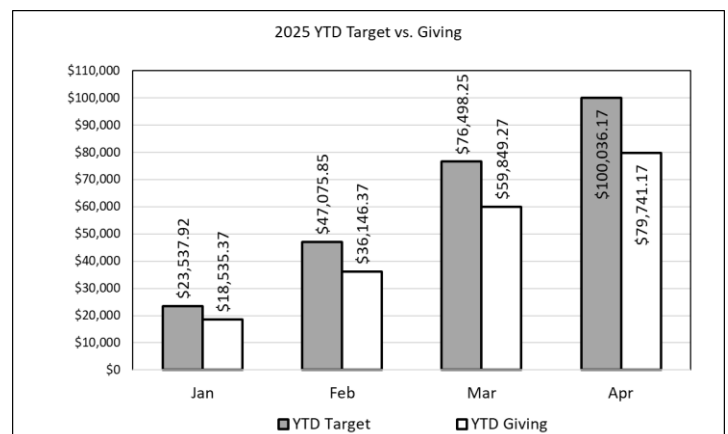
Help for disaster relief in the Southeast US and Florida

Prayers for peace in Ukraine

Prayers for peace in the Middle East

**April 2025 Donation Summary**

<b>April Deposits:</b>	<b>\$20,491.40</b>
<b>April Target:</b>	<b>\$23,537.92</b>
<b>Y-T-D Deposits:</b>	<b>\$81,060.67</b>
<b>Y-T-D Target:</b>	<b>\$100,036.17</b>
<b>Y-T-D Ahead/Behind Target:</b>	<b>(\$18,975.50)</b>





We would like to heartfully thank X-Treme Steam Clean for doing an excellent job cleaning our pews and carpeting within the church this week. If anyone is in need of any cleaning, please call 248-912-2740 and speak to Carlos for fantastic professional services at a great price.



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.**