



# ST. GEORGE

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Seventeenth 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 Sharing the Peace**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, so let us confess our sins.

**Christ was faithful even to death, seeking only to do the will of his Father in heaven, emptying himself of the glory he had with the Father to one with us; yet we often try to enforce our rights and we resist doing more than we think we should. Christ have mercy.**

**The Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, yet we often allow our spiritual life to be corrupted, losing our sense of the presence of God. Lord have mercy.**

### **Declaration of Forgiveness**

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. -- *1 Timothy 1:15*

Hear then Christ's word of grace to us: Our sins are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Entrance Hymn: When Morning Gilds the Skies**

**#853**

When morning gilds the skies,  
my heart awaking cries:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
When evening shadows fall,  
this rings my curfew call:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

When mirth for music longs,  
this is my song of songs:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
God's holy house of prayer  
has none that can compare  
with "Jesus Christ be praised!"

No lovelier antiphon  
in all high heav'n is known  
than, "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
There to the eternal Word

The eternal psalm is heard:  
Oh, "Jesus Christ be praised!"

Let all of humankind  
in this their concord find:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!  
Let all the earth around  
ring joyous with the sound:  
may Jesus Christ be praised!

Sing, sun and stars of space,  
sing, all who see his face,  
sing, "Jesus Christ be praised!"  
God's whole creation o'er,  
today and evermore,  
shall Jesus Christ be praised!

Text: German hymn, 19th cent.; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt. Music: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

**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.

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

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

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

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

**Prayer of the Day: Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Youth Message**

**First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4**

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,  
and you will not listen?

Or cry to you “Violence!”  
and you will not save?

Why do you make me see wrongdoing  
and look at trouble?

Destruction and violence are before me;  
strife and contention arise.

So the law becomes slack,  
and justice never prevails.

The wicked surround the righteous;  
therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost  
and station myself on the rampart;

I will keep watch to see what he will say to me  
and what he will answer concerning my complaint.

Then the Lord answered me and said:

Write the vision;  
make it plain on tablets,  
so that a runner may read it.

For there is still a vision for the appointed time;  
it speaks of the end and does not lie.

If it seems to tarry, wait for it;  
it will surely come; it will not delay.

Look at the proud!  
Their spirit is not right in them,  
but the righteous live by their faithfulness.

**L** The Word of the Lord

**All** Thanks be to God

## **Psalm 37**

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
**for they will soon fade like the grass, and wither like the green herb.**

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.  
**Take delight in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light, and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

Be still before the LORD, and wait patiently for him; do not fret over those who prosper in their way, over those who carry out evil devices.

**Refrain from anger, and forsake wrath...those who wait for the LORD shall inherit the land.**

## **Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands, for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace, and this grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard the deposit I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

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

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

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

### **Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me; put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

**P** The Gospel of the Lord

**All** Praise to You, O Christ.

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day:**

#### **O Savior, Precious Savior**

**#820**

O Savior, precious Savior,  
whom yet unseen we love;  
O name of might and favor,  
all other names above:  
we worship Thee; we bless Thee;  
to Thee alone we sing;  
we praise Thee and confess Thee,  
our holy Lord and King.

In Thee all fullness dwelleth,  
all grace and pow'r divine;  
the glory that excelleth,  
O Son of God, is Thine.  
We worship Thee; we bless Thee;  
to Thee alone we sing;  
we praise Thee and confess Thee,  
our glorious Lord and King.

O bringer of salvation,  
who wondrously hast wrought,  
Thyself the revelation  
of love beyond our thought:  
we worship Thee; we bless Thee;  
to Thee alone we sing;  
we praise Thee and confess Thee,  
our gracious Lord and King.

Oh, grant the consummation  
of this our song above,  
in endless adoration  
and everlasting love;  
then shall we praise and bless Thee  
where perfect praises ring,  
and evermore confess Thee,  
our Savior and our King!

Frances R. Havergal, Arthur H. Mann

## **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.***

## **Prayers of Intercession:**

**L Lord, in your mercy....**

**C Hear our Prayer**

## **Offertory**

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.**

**Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer. Grace our table with your presence and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

## **Offertory Prayer**

**Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. *Amen.***

## **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: We Are Marching in the Light**

**#866**

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, marching, we are  
marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of, the light  
of God, we are marching in the light of  
God.

We are marching, marching, we are  
marching, marching,  
we are marching in the light of God.

Additional stanzas ad lib:

We are dancing . . .

We are praying . . .

We are singing . . .

Text: South African

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**Take My Life, That I May Be**

**#685**

Take my life, that I may be  
consecrated, Lord, to Thee;  
take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move  
at the impulse of Thy love;  
take my feet and let them be  
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my silver and my gold,  
not a mite would I withhold;  
take my intellect, and use  
ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my voice and let me sing  
always, only, for my King;

**Post Communion Blessing:**

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

C Amen

take my lips and let them be  
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own;  
it shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
at Thy feet its treasure store;  
take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for Thee.

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879, adapt.; Spanish text: Vicente  
Mendoza, 1875-1955.

### **Post Communion Canticle:**

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise, tell everyone what he has done. Let everyone who seeks 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:**

As you go from here, may God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord give you grace, mercy, and peace.

Do not let your faith or your witness grow cold.

God's gift of faith is like a flame.

So remember what you have been taught and live in such a way that all who know you may see the light of God reflected in you.

And may the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ, and the presence of the Holy Spirit be with you and among you in the days ahead. **Amen.**

### **Sending Hymn: Go, My Children, with My Blessing**

**#543**

"Go, my children, with my blessing,  
never alone.

Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are  
my own.

In my love's baptismal river  
I have made you mine forever.

Go, my children, with my blessing, you  
are my own.

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace  
and pure. Here you learned how much I  
love you, what I can cure.

Here you heard my dear Son's story,  
here you touched Him, saw His glory.

Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace  
and pure.

"Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
closer to me.

Grow in love and love by serving, joyful  
and free.

Here my Spirit's power filled you,  
here His tender comfort stilled you.

Go, my children, fed and nourished,  
joyful and free.

Jaroslav J. Vajda; Ralph Vaughan Williams

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace, serve the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**



## **Announcements**

**Love Inc:** For October, we are seeking scrubbing cleanser (Ex. Comet) for our Buckets of Blessings ministry.

**Bible Study:** Thursdays at 10:00 at the Parish House and via Zoom.

**Blessings of the Pets:** Today, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM.

**Friends and Family Breakfast:** Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

**Senior Worship/Luncheon:** Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM.

**Needleworks:** Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM.

Blue and maize or green and white? October 29 is the day of the Michigan/Michigan State football rivalry. VINA, the low-cost dental clinic for the underinsured, is sponsoring a tailgate at Crystal Gardens on October 27. Please consider attending if you can, but if not, please support your favorite team through monetary donations!

There are donation jars on the table in the fellowship area.

All proceeds go to VINA! Who will win this year?

The Tailgate started in 2009 and we have kept track of the winning team each year.

**Michigan: 6**

**Michigan State: 7**

Will the Wolverines tie it up this year after their victory last year?

Or will the Spartans pull ahead and strengthen their lead?

	October 2	October 9	October 16	October 23	October 30
	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Asst. Min			Keith B.	Joan V.	Keith B.
Lay Reader	Elaine		Keith B.	Joan V.	Keith B.
Greeter					
Usher		Michele		Jerry	
Media	Prieskorn	Graenser	Graenser	Prieskorn	Graenser
Fellowship					
Altar Care	Joanne	Linda F.	Linda G.	Cindy	Sally

**Current Budget Report: as of 09/25/2022**

**Last week's giving: \$3,956.25**

**Needed to meet budget: \$5,406.00**

**Year to Date: \$203,706.03**

**Ahead (Behind) Budget: (\$21,293.98)**

## Prayers of Grace & Support

### Please pray for:

- Lisa, friend of Tessa, having heart valve replacement surgery Oct 26.
- Margret Doane, Kristiina H.'s friend, with breast cancer.
- Micah, Alia's nephew, suffering from multiple medical problems.
- Mary Reinke and family following the passing of her husband, David K. Reinke.
- Dr. Laura Tinning Reistar, Douglas and Arlene Turner's niece, is in the care of hospice and her husband.
- Nancy Briggs, Douglas Turner's sister, for healing.
- Dan Lindberg, cousin of Kathy and Keith Boyes, has pancreatic cancer.
- Kathie Wilhelm in rehabilitation following the hospital.
- Carrie Weiland recovering from surgery.
- Renae Behr's daughter, Ashley, recovering from surgery.
- Barb Gienapp with health concerns.
- Noah Taylor, friend of Kathie Wilhem's son, following a bad auto accident.
- Phyllis, Linda, and Tony following a life changing fall for Phyllis.
- Ethan and his mom, Marianne, as they are dealing with major physical and emotional struggles. From Linda Walton.
- Theo Evans treated with leukemia.
- Joan Richardson, dealing with health concerns.
- Cindy Brach with health issues.
- John Brach with health issues.
- Hannah Parish, friend of Kathy Bugaski, recovering from brain surgery.
- Prayers for all those suffering in Ukraine.
- Charlie Davis, Marylou's husband, with cancer.
- Jon Brach and his family with health and life difficulties.
- Pan Norton, Cindy Brach's son's mother-in-law.
- Jackie (Gail's piano student) diagnosed with throat cancer.
- Dwight Matteson.
- Arline Petersburg with medical issues.
- Theresa Pope, fiancé of Michael Knight, for her battle with breast cancer.
- Niece of Elaine McIntyre, Patsy McIntyre Costin, diagnosed with colon cancer.
- Terry Pitt, Collene Hedden's brother -in-law, with auto-immune disease.
- Vicki, Kristiina Herbst's neighbor, with health concerns.
- Beulah & Mark who are having health and life difficulties.
- Megan Lostra, cousin to Barbara Gross, diagnosed with aggressive brain cancer.



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.**