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Sixth 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

Call to Worship

Those who love Jesus keep his words;

Those who love Christ will have a home with God.

Those who know Jesus will know his peace;

Those who know Jesus will be taught in the ways of peace.

Come, follow and love Jesus our Lord, who has come to be among us.

Come, worship God, who lives among us, loves us, and makes a home with us.

Amen.

(adapted from Call to Worship by Rev. Mindi Welton-Mitchell)

Entrance Hymn:

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

#520

Dearest Jesus, at Your word
we have come again to hear You;
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
and in glowing faith be near You
as the promises here given
draw us wholly up to heaven.

Radiance of God's glory bright,
Light of light from God proceeding,
Jesus, send Your blessed light;
help our hearing, speaking, heeding,
that our prayers and songs may please You,
as with grateful hearts we praise You.

All our knowledge, sense, and sight
lie in deepest darkness shrouded
till your Spirit breaks the night,
filling us with light unclouded.
All good thoughts and all good living
come but by Your gracious giving.

Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
praise to You and adoration!
Grant us what we need the most:
All your gospel's consolation,
while we here on earth await you,
till in heav'n with praise we greet You.

Tobias Clausnitzer, 1619-1684, Catherine Winkworth, Johann r. Ahle

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: Bountiful God, you gather your people into your realm, and you promise us food from your tree of life. Nourish us with your word, that empowered by your Spirit we may love one another and the world you have made, 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 16:9-15

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them.

We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

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

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us; let all the ends of the earth revere him.

Second Lesson: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

And in the spirit [one of the angels] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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 fourteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 14:23-29

Jesus answered [Judas (not Iscariot)] “Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I leave with you, my

peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.”

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: ***Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling*** **#582**

Holy Spirit, ever dwelling in the holiest
realms of light;

Holy Spirit, ever brooding o'er a world of
gloom and night;

Holy Spirit, ever raising those of earth to
thrones on high;

living, life-imparting Spirit;
you we praise and magnify.

Holy Spirit, ever living as the church's
very life;

Holy Spirit, ever striving through us in a
ceaseless strife;

Holy Spirit, ever forming in the church

the mind of Christ:

you we praise with endless worship,
for your gifts and fruits unpriced.

Holy Spirit, ever working through the
church's ministry;
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,
setting captive sinners free;

Holy Spirit, ever binding age to age and
soul to soul

in communion never ending,
you we worship and extol.

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

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:

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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, for the glorious resurrection

of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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: *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

#597

My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
no merit of my own I claim,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

His oath, his covenant, his blood
sustain me in the raging flood;
when all supports are washed away,
he then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

Refrain

When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in ev'ry high and stormy gale
my anchor holds within the veil.

When he shall come with trumpet sound,
oh, may I then in him be found,
clothed in his righteousness alone,
redeemed to stand before the throne!

Refrain

Refrain

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

#800

Spirit of God,
descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth,
through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness,
strength to me impart,
and make me love you
as I ought to love.

Have you not bid me love you, God
and King;
all, all your own,
soul, heart, and strength,
and mind?
I see your cross;
there teach my heart to cling.
Oh, let me seek you and,
oh, let me find!

I ask no dream,
no prophet ecstasies,
no sudden rending
of the veil of clay,
no angel visitant,
no op'ning skies;
but take the dimness
of my soul away.

Teach me to love you
as your angels love,
one holy passion
filling all my frame:
the baptism of the heav'n-descended
dove,
my heart an altar,
and your love the flame.

Text: George Croly, 1780-1860

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 and walk in the light of God's glory.
Love Christ and keep his word.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, but lead others to the waters of life.

And may God's face shine on you with favor;
May ✚ Christ Jesus call you his own;
And may the Holy Spirit lead you into all truth and peace.

Amen.

(adapted from Commission and Benediction by Rev. Nathan Nettleton)

Sending Hymn:

O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise You for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.

The church from You, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass

O Word of God Incarnate

#514

that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to You.

Oh, make Your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
Your true light, as of old;
oh, teach Your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see You face to face.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897 Music: Neuvermehrtes Gesangbuch, Meiningen, 1693

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Announcements

Memorial Day Service: 9:00 AM at St. George Cemetery

New Creations Dinners: June 26th and July 24th at 4:30 PM

Sunday 5/125	9 AM Traditional Worship 11 AM Contemporary Worship
Monday 5/26	Memorial Day Service 9:00 AM
Tuesday 5/27	7:30 PM AA
Wednesday 5/28	Men's Group 8 AM / Office Hours 8 AM – 1PM
Thursday 5/29	7:30 PM AA
Friday 5/30	Office Hours 8 AM – 1 PM
Saturday 5/31	

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.

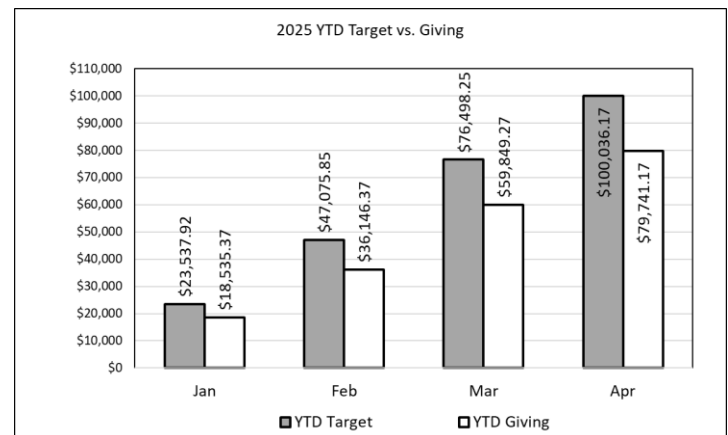
Kayden, Gail's student, recovering from brain surgery.

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 Alofalter, 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

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





We would like to heartfully thank X-Treme Steam Clean for doing an excellent job cleaning our pews and carpeting within the church. 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.**