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Reformation Sunday

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, Announcements, and Sharing the Peace

Call to Worship

Each day is a gift from God,
**each moment is that opportunity to reach out
in service to all creation.**

Each day is a reminder of the new covenant:
**not written on stone tablets easily broken,
but inscribed on our hearts filled with joy and hope.**

Each day we draw closer to God:
**who has forgotten more than we ever learn;
who has forgiven us more than we ever acknowledge.**

(Call to Worship by Thom Shuman)

Opening Song:

This is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and
darkness
Whose love is mighty and so much
stronger
The King of Glory the King above all
kings

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Chorus: This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh Jesus I sing for all that You've done
for me

Who shakes the whole earth with holy
thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and
wonder

Who brings our chaos back into order
Who makes the orphan a son and
daughter

The King of Glory the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and
justice

Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance

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The King of Glory the King above all
kings *Chorus*

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Worthy is the King who conquered the
grave (repeat)

Worthy worthy worthy *Chorus*

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe
Does seek to work us woe
His craft and power are great,
And armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our
own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side
The man of God's own choosing
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He
Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

The name of the Lord,
is our strong tower
The righteous run to Him
And they are safe

And though this world
with devils filled
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear,
for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us,
The prince of darkness grim,
We tremble not for him
His rage we can endure,
for lo his doom is sure;
One little word shall fell him.

That word above
all earthly powers,
No thanks to them, abideth,
The Spirit and the gifts are ours
Through Him who with us sideth
Let goods and kindred go,
This mortal life also
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still:
His kingdom is forever.

Martin Luther, Fred Girard

Youth Message

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

Sermon

Song: *Broken Vessels (Amazing Grace)*

All these pieces
Broken and scattered
In mercy gathered
Mended and whole
Empty handed
But not forsaken
I've been set free
I've been set free

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
Oh I once was lost
But now I am found
Was blind but now I see

Oh I can see You now
Oh I can see the love in Your eyes

Laying Yourself down
Raising up the broken to life

You take our failure
You take our weakness
You set Your treasure
In jars of clay
So take this heart Lord
I'll be Your vessel
The world to see Your life in me

Amazing grace
How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
Oh I once was lost
But now I am found
Was blind but now I see

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Prayers of the Church

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Offering 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.

Holy Communion

Post Communion Blessing:

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

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

Sing: ***This is Amazing Grace – See Page 1 & 2***

P Go in peace, serve the Lord

C Thanks be to God

Announcements

Bible Study: October 30th at 9:45 AM

Needleworks: November 7th and 21st at 10:00 AM

Friends and Family Breakfast: November 9th at 10:00 AM

Birthday Celebration: November 16th at 10:00 AM

Book Club: November 20th at 11:00 AM

Council Meeting: November 20th at 5:30 PM

Last Day for Seafarer's Collection: November 23rd

Concert at Grace Lutheran in Howell: November 23rd at 5pm

Bible Study Special Announcement: Pastor Ken will lead a study of *On the Way to Bethlehem* in which Rob Fuquay follows a long journey to Christmas, starting with Rome, the seat of worldly power and ending in a town that represents the very opposite of worldly power, Bethlehem. This four-week study begins on Thursday, November 20 at 9:45 am. The book costs \$12. If you are interested in this study, please sign up by October 30.

Sunday 10/26	9 AM Traditional Worship, 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Contemporary Worship
Monday 10/27	
Tuesday 10/28	AA 7:30 PM
Wednesday 10/29	Men's Group 8 AM / Office Hours 8 AM – 1PM Musikgarten 10 AM / Gymnastics 10:45 AM
Thursday 10/30	Bible Study 9:45 AM / AA 7:30 PM
Friday 10/31	Office Hours 8 AM – 1 PM Family Yoga 12 PM
Saturday 11/1	

Christmas-At-Sea 2025



- One sweatshirt (size M-L-XL)
- 1 T-shirt (size M-L-XL)
- 3 pairs of socks (thermal or gym)
- A large chocolate bar, a can of nuts, or Health Snack bar
- A Christmas card from you
- A knitted hat and scarf set (these have been created by Needleworks)

There will be a collection area in the Fellowship Hall for these items. Please leave them in their store packaging.

Sunday, November 23 will be the last day for collection!

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.

Sandy Glenn, for health concerns.

For Friends and Family of our Church Members:

Harper, Paul & Francine Ash's friend's granddaughter, hospitalized with unknown illness.

Bill Staib, father of Pastor Ken, recovering from a fall.

Lauren McGee, sister of Susan Gottfried, with major health concerns.

Susan, teacher friend of Gail Boyd, with recurring kidney cancer

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.

Friends and family of Amy Gromek, after her passing.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

For Our Community and Beyond:

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints – Grand Blanc

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 or by phone 810-229-6670. Thank you!

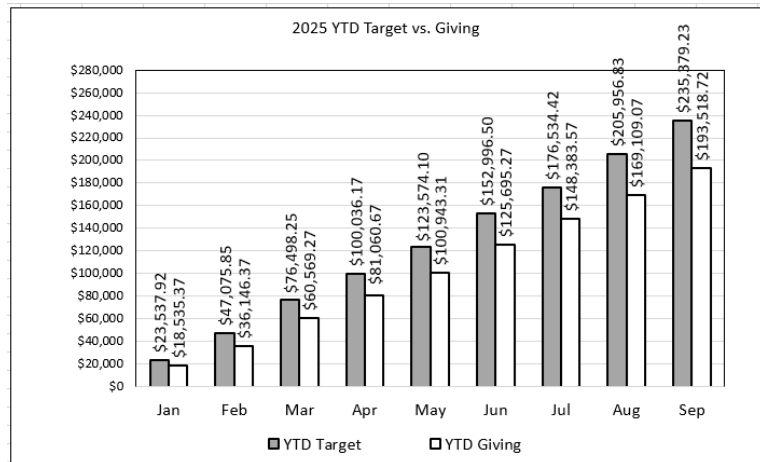
September 2025 Donation Summary

September Deposits: \$28,083.60

September Target: \$29,422.40

Y-T-D Deposits: \$193,518.72

Y-T-D Target: \$235,379.23



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.**