

803 West Main St, Brighton, MI 48116 Website: www.stgeorgelutheran.org Pastor Ken Staib November 2, 2025 9:00 a.m.

Phone 810-229-6670 stgeorgebrighton@gmail.com All Saints 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 and Announcements**

### Thanksgiving for Baptism

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  $\pm$  one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.** 

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth. Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams. Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow. Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you. You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters:

Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well. The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock. Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word that saves us in this sacrament.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.

Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

## Entrance Hymn: Shall We Gather at the River

#423

Shall we gather at the river, We will walk and worship ever, Where bright angel feet have trod; All the happy golden day. [Refrain]

With its crystal tide forever

Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain: Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river,

Washing up its silver spray,

Ere we reach the shining river, Lay we ev'ry burden down; Grace our spirits will deliver,

And provide a robe and crown. [Refrain]

Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease; Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. [Refrain]

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

## **Remembering Those Who Have Died**

When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

O God, we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on earth, who now rest from their labors, especially Emily Olbrich, Helen Lakatos, Cindy Geist, and David Kull.

As we remember those who have gone before us strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

#### Shall We Gather at the River (Verse 4)

Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrimage will cease; Soon our happy hearts will quiver With the melody of peace. Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the river That flows by the throne of God.

## **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.

Prayer of the Day: Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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 Reading: Daniel 7:1-3

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever."

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

#### Psalm 149

Praise the Lord!
Sing to the Lord a new song,
his praise in the assembly of the faithful.

Let Israel be glad in its Maker;

let the children of Zion rejoice in their King.

Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with victory.

Let the faithful exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their couches. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands,

to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples, to bind their kings with fetters and their nobles with chains of iron,

to execute on them the judgment decreed. This is glory for all his faithful ones.

#### **Praise the Lord!**

### **Second Reading: Ephesians 1:11-23**

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he

has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 Luke, the sixth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

### **Gospel: Luke 6:20-31**

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

"But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

"But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

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

#### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day: For All Your Saints, O Lord

#427

For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to live, who followed you, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.

For all your saints, O Lord, who strove in you to die, who counted you their great reward, accept our thankful cry.

They all in life and death, with you, their Lord, in view,

learned from your Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.

For this, your name we bless and humbly pray anew that we like them in holiness may live and die in you.

To God, the Father, Son, and Spirit, ever blest, the One in Three, the Three in One, be endless praise addressed.

#### **Nicene Creed:**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession: A Lord, in your mercy.... C Hear our Prayer

**Sharing of the Peace** 

## **Offering**

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# Offertory Hymn: Now Thank We All Our God (v. 1, 2) #840

Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices, who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms, has blest us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today. Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep us all in grace, and guide us when perplexed, and free us from all harm in this world and the next.

## **Offering Prayer:**

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. 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. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling, and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. 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.

### **Holy Communion**

#### **Communion Hymn** Precious Lord, Take My Hand

#773

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand, I am tired, I am weak, I am worn. Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When my way grows drear, precious Lord, linger near, when my life is almost gone, hear my cry, hear my call,

hold my hand lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

When the darkness appears and the night draws near, and the day is past and gone, at the river I stand, guide my feet, hold my hand. Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home. T. A. Dorsey, 1899-93; G. N. Allen, 1812-1877

### 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 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 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 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

## **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**

May God give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation; May +Christ Jesus count you among his saints for eternity; And may the Holy Spirit mark you for fullness of redemption. Amen.

(adapted from Commission & Benediction by Nathan Nettleton)

### **Sending Hymn:**

#### For All the Saints

#422

For all the saints who from their labors rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

## **Announcements**

**Bible Study:** November 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:45 AM

**Needleworks:** November 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:00 AM

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

**Confirmation Class:** November 9<sup>th</sup> 12:00-2:00 PM **Birthday Celebration:** November 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

**Book Club:** November 20<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> at 5 PM

Annual Meeting: December 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

Sunday 11/2	9 AM Traditional Worship, 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Contemporary Worship
Monday 11/3	
Tuesday 11/4	AA 7:30 PM
Wednesday 11/5	Men's Group 8 AM / Office Hours 8 AM – 1PM Musikgarten 10 AM / Gymnastics 10:45 AM
Thursday 11/6	Bible Study 9:45 AM / AA 7:30 PM
Friday 11/7	Office Hours 8 AM – 1 PM Needleworks 10 AM / Family Yoga 12 PM
Saturday 11/8	

	Nov 2	Nov 9	Nov 16	Nov 23	Nov 30
	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Asst. Min	Jim H	Bob	Keith	Joan V	Lorna
		Steeh			
Lay	Jim H	Bob	Keith	Joan V	Lorna
Reader		Steeh			
Greeter					Kathy
					Schram
Usher		Kathy			Bob
					Schram
Media	Prieskorn	Prieskorn	Prieskorn	Prieskorn	Prieskorn
Fellowship		F&F	Birthday		
		Breakfast	Celebration		
Altar	Linda F	Linda G	Judy	Sally	Nancy
Care					-



## 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, Florida, Jamaica, Cuba, and Haiti

Prayers for peace in Ukraine

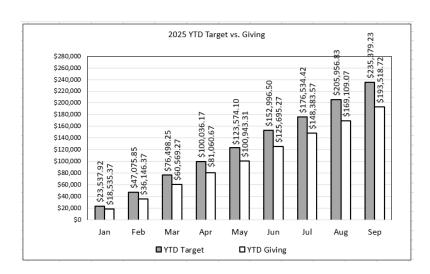
Prayers for peace in the Middle East

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
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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.