



# ST. GEORGE

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Twenty-Fifth 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.**

**Prepare Hearts for Worship    *What Is This Place?*    #524**

**Welcome and announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

God our most holy Friend, although we have tried to serve Christ well, and on occasions have accomplished some loving and beautiful things, much remains undone.

**Around us in the world we see gross evils which appall us, and within our mind and heart we recognize the insipient seeds of it all.**

We cannot atone for our all our own sins nor for those of our fellow human beings, the debt it is far too large and the cause too deep for us.

**We are unable to eradicate all our personal follies or redress all our mistakes, the consequences permeate those around us and, even touch those far away.**

We are incapable of properly recognizing, cleansing and forgiving ourselves, for our own hands are too soiled and our store of grace is too meager.

**You alone God, by your universal Presence, can discern the cause and effect within the tangled web of our existence, and deal with it for our salvation.**

**With your priceless grace, forgive us our sins and deliver us from evil.**

**Through Christ Jesus, whom you have appointed our Savior and Lord. Amen!**

## **TRUSTING THE GOOD NEWS**

My friends, the good news is meant for the likes of you and me. For us Christ came, for us he taught, for us he suffered and died, and for us he arose to be the permanent remedy for the infection of our sins. Trust in him and you shall be free, freer than the wind and rain, the moon and stars, more free than anything else in all creation, for you are now the very children of God. **Thanks be to God!**

**Entrance Hymn:**                      *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.

George Croly 1780-1860; Frederick C. Atkinson, 1841-1897

## **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.**

## **Kyrie**

**A** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C** **Lord, have mercy.**

**A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C** **Amen.**

## **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, you show forth your almighty power chiefly by reaching out to us in mercy. Grant us the fullness of your grace, strengthen our trust in your promises, and bring all the world to share in the treasures that come through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Youth Message**

### **First Reading: 1 Kings 17:8-16**

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there, for I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink." As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." But she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." Elijah said to her, "Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said, but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth." She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

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

## **Psalm 146**

Praise the Lord!

**Praise the Lord, O my soul!**

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

**I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortals, in whom there is no help.

**When their breath departs, they return to the earth; on that very day their plans perish.**

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the Lord their God,

**who made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them;**

who keeps faith forever;

**who executes justice for the oppressed; who gives food to the hungry.**

### **Second Reading: Hebrews 9:24-28**

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the holy place year after year with blood that is not his own, for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

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

## **Gospel: Mark 12:38-44**

As he taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

## **Sermon**

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

### **Spirit of Gentleness**

**#396**

Refrain: Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow  
through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from  
placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved the waters, you called to the  
deep, then you coaxed up the mountains  
from the valleys of sleep; and over the  
eons you called to each thing: “Awake  
from your slumbers and rise on your  
wings.” Refrain

You swept through the desert, you stung  
with the sand, and you goaded your  
people with a law and a land; and when  
they were blinded with idols and lies,

then you spoke through your prophets to  
open their eyes. Refrain

You sang in a stable, you cried from a  
hill, then you whispered in silence when  
the whole world was still; and down in  
the city you called once again, when you  
blew through your people on the rush of  
the wind. Refrain

You call from tomorrow, you break  
ancient schemes. From the bondage of  
sorrow all the captives dream dreams; our  
women see visions, our men clear their  
eyes. With bold new decisions your  
people arise. Refrain

James K. Manley

**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

**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:**

**God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. 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

## *This Is My Fathers World*

#824

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres. This is my Father's world; I rest me in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world; the birds their carols raise; the morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise. This is my Father's world; he shines in all

that's fair. In the rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev'rywhere.

This is my Father's world; oh, let me not forget that, though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet. This is my Father's world; why should my heart be sad? The Lord is king, heaven ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Text: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1858-1901

## *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (old hymnal tune) #611*

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest; lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast." I came to Jesus as I was so weary, worn, and sad; I found him in a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give the living water, thirsty one; stoop down and drink and live." I came

Text: Horatus Bonar, 1808-1889

to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream; my thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light; look unto me, your morn shall rise; and all your day be bright." I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

## **Post Communion Blessing:**

**P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.  
**C 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** If the God who raised Jesus from the dead is for us, who dare be against us? We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us. Step out into the world in humble confidence: there is no situation where Christ will not be there ahead of you, preparing a place and an opportunity for you.

The peace of God, which goes beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus Christ, God's Son. And the blessing of God all-loving, the Creator, Redeemer, and Counselor, will be with you now and always.

*Amen!*

**Sending Hymn:**      *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*      #631

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us thy humble dwelling all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find thy promised rest. Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then the new creation, pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee! Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise! Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

**Dismissal**      A: Go in peace, serve the Lord,      C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Announcements**

**Men's Group:** Wednesdays at 8 AM.

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

**Friendship Circle Meeting:** Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM.

**Birthday Celebration:** Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM.

**Friendship Circle Book Club:** Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 PM.

**Needleworks:** Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

**Thanksgiving Combined Service at Grace Lutheran Church:** Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM. Rehearsal for those who want to sing, is Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 PM at GLC.

**Annual Meeting:** Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> at Noon.



<b>Sunday 11/10</b>	<b>9 AM Traditional Worship, 10 AM Sunday School/ Friends &amp; Family Breakfast 11 AM Contemporary Worship 2 PM GLC Rehearsal</b>
<b>Monday 11/11</b>	
<b>Tuesday 11/12</b>	<b>9:30 AM Friendship Circle; 7:30 PM AA</b>
<b>Wednesday 11/13</b>	<b>Office Hours 8 AM-1 PM; 8 AM Men's Club</b>
<b>Thursday 11/14</b>	<b>7:30 PM AA</b>
<b>Friday 11/15</b>	<b>10 AM Needleworks; Office Hours 8 AM – 1 PM</b>
<b>Saturday 11/16</b>	

	November 10	November 17	November 24
	9:00 AM	9:00 AM	9:00 AM
Asst. Min	Lorna D.	Keith B.	Joan V.
Lay Reader	Lorna D.	Keith B.	Joan V.
Greeter			Kathy S
Usher			Bob S
Media	Graenser	Graenser	Prieskorn
Fellowship	Friends & Family Breakfast	Birthday Celebration	
Altar Care	Linda F.	Linda G.	Sharon

### **Prayers of Grace & Support**

For Our Church Members, especially:

**Kathy Schenk**, after a serious fall, pelvis surgery and extended hospitalization.

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

**Barb Gienapp** with health concerns.

**Theo Evans** being treated for leukemia.

For Friends and Family of our Church Members:

**Bill**, Susan Gottfried's brother, having quadruple bypass.

**Dwight**, Susan Gottfried's son, recovering from surgery.

**Carrie Weiland's sister's family** in West North Carolina and everyone 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.

**Frank Lewis**, Kathie Wilhelm's friend & neighbor, battling cancer.

**Carol Pacheco**, in hospice.

**Karla Shaffer**, best friend of the Petersburg's daughter, diagnosed with stage 4 lung and brain cancer.

**Keegan**, 18-year-old with recurring cancer.

**Karin**, heart valve replacement surgery.

**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 Hodgin**, 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.

**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:

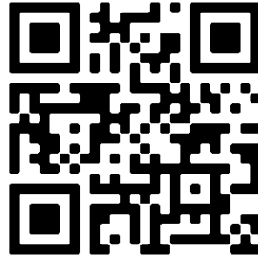
Help for disaster relief in the Southeast US and Florida

Prayers for peace in Ukraine

Prayers for peace in the Middle East

**Scan the QR code to give today.**

**By giving to Lutheran Disaster Response, you make it possible for the ELCA to act quickly after disasters such as Hurricanes Helene and Milton and remain for as long as the recovery takes.**



### **Calling All Cooks... and All who like to eat!**

The St. George cookbooks are here, and they are beautiful. Beside containing 180 recipes from past and present St. George friends, the books include bonus, blank pages for additional recipes.

We will be selling them between services.

They are \$10.00 each.

We hope these books will become keepsakes for many family members, friends and neighbors.

### **Christmas-at-Sea**

Our ELCA port mission serves seafarers from around the world when they are at ports on the Eastern seaboard, offering them chaplain services as well as various kinds of help with medical appointments, shopping, phone cards, etc. These men have often been working under difficult shipboard conditions away from home for many months, and they are very appreciative. Please include them in your Christmas shopping!

The satchels that we assemble and send out right after Thanksgiving each include the following items:

**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 24 will be the last day for collection!**

**The kindness and generosity of St. George Lutherans can make difference in the lives of these often overworked and lonely workers. Please share the love and warmth of Christmas with them.**



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.**