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Fourth 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

Sharing the Peace

Christ is Risen! He is risen indeed!

Centering Prayer

I try to let go of any prejudices and narrow-mindedness

that may be clouding my vision at this present moment.

I hand them over to God's merciful care, so I can pray in freedom, truth and clarity.

(Silent Prayer)

Youth Message

Opening

Staring at the stop sign Watching people
drive by T-Mac on the radio
Got so much on your mind Nothing's really
going right
Looking for a ray of hope
Whatever it is you may be going through
I know He's not gonna let it get the best of
you

Chorus: You're an overcomer Stay in the
fight 'til the final round You're not going
under 'Cause God is holding you right now
You might be down for a moment Feeling
like it's hopeless That's when He reminds

Overcomer

You That you're an overcomer You're an
overcomer

Everybody's been down Hit the bottom hit
the ground Oh you're not alone
Just take a breath don't forget Hang on to
His promises He wants You to know *Chorus*

The same Man the Great I Am The One who
overcame death

He's living inside of You

So just hold tight fix your eyes On the One
who holds your life There's nothing He can't
do He's telling you *Chorus*

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I'm Going Free (Jailbreak)

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Go on and speak against my borrowed
innocence

The judge is my defense

I'm going free

Right when the gavel fell

I heard the freedom bell

Ring through the heart of hell

I'm going free

I'm going free

Glory glory hallelujah

You threw my shackles in the sea

Glory glory hallelujah

Jesus is my liberty

(I'm going free)

I won't go back again that's just not who I
am Lord I'm a brand new man

I'm going free

I'm on a narrow road

It's paved with grace and hope

It's gonna lead me home

I'm going free

I'm going free yeah

I am free I am free indeed

I am free I am free indeed

We are free free indeed

We are free free indeed

Whoa we are free free indeed

Someday I'll fly away on Your amazing
grace Your love is my jailbreak

I'm going free One two three sing

Confession and Forgiveness

Saving Lord...

We often love in what we say, but not in truth and action.

We often take instead of give,

and we try to fill our physical and spiritual needs

instead of the needs of others.

Often, our living is not centered on you.

Our Lord Jesus gives us the greatest gift:

he lays down his life for us, and takes it up again,

but we desire lesser gifts

and we are unwilling followers of our Shepherd, Jesus.

Lord you know the truth in our hearts, better than we do,

Forgive us for the sins we can name, save us from the sins we hide.

Assurance of Forgiveness

God reassure our hearts: The Lord is risen!

He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Jesus Christ lays down his life for us, and takes it up again.

For Christ's sake our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

First Lesson: Acts 4:5-12

The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, “By what power or by what name did you do this?” Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, “Rulers of the people and elders, if we are being questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are being asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is ‘the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.’ There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.”

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

Second Lesson: 1 John 3:16-24

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters. How does God’s love abide in anyone who has the world’s goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in deed and. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gospel: John 10:11-18

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command

from my Father.”

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

Sermon

Song

Hold us Together

It don't have a job
It don't pay your bills
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life
In five easy steps
Ain't the law of the land or the government
But it's all you need

And love will hold us together
Make us a shelter to weather the storm
And I'll be my brother's keeper
So the whole world will know that we're not
alone

It's waiting for you
Knocking at your door
In the moment of truth
When your heart hits the floor
And you're on your knees

This is the first day of the rest of your life
This is the first day of the rest of your life
'Cause even in the dark you can still see the
light

It's gonna be alright it's gonna be alright
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Prayers of the Church

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

Benediction (based on Psalm 23, John 10, 1 John 3:16-24)

Go now with your trust in the Good Shepherd,
and let us love, not just in words,
but in truth and action.

Believe in the name of Jesus Christ,
and love one another, just as he has commanded us.

And may God be at your side, through dark valleys and mountain peaks.
May Christ Jesus be the cornerstone of your life.
And may the Holy Spirit abide in you and tend you with love and mercy all the days of
your life.

We go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the
beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.**

Song: *Overcomer (See Page 1)*

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Announcements

Birthday Celebration: Today at 10:00 AM.

Farewell to Pastor Sharon: Today at 4:00 PM.

Adult Sunday School: Today at 10 AM.

Bible Study: Thursdays at 10 AM.

Needleworks: Friday, May 3rd & 17th at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

Mother's Day Brunch: Tuesday, May 7th at 11:00 AM in the lower level. This free,
flower-arranging event is open to all.

Friends and Family Breakfast: Sunday, May 12th at 10 AM.

Love Inc, Buckets of Blessings: We are asking for mops this month.



For Our Church Members, especially:

The family of Al Voss, following his passing.

Greg Gottfried and family, following the passing of his mother.

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

Kathy Boyes with health challenges.

Barb Gienapp with health concerns.

Theo Evans being treated for leukemia.

For Friends and Family of our Church Members:

Carol Pacheco, in hospice.

Dan Herbst's and Ann Dilloway's, and Linda Fox's sister Karen, who lost her son.

Wyatt, Gail's student who broke his wrist.

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.

Kimberlie Gilbertson, Jeanie Petersburg's cousin, dealing with eye damage/temporary blindness from an interocular lens removal.

Carl Loerwald, friend of Joanne Bellmard, recovering from back surgery and other medical issues.

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.

Nathan, friend of the Petersburg's, paralyzed in a diving accident.

Lydia, Gail's adult piano student, recovering from brain surgery.

Norma Topp, Michele Hirschman's friend, as she prepares for upcoming surgery.

Victor, Gail's 82-year-old student's wife, in hospice.

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.

Margaret Doane, Kristiina H.'s friend, with breast cancer.

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.

Vicki, Kristiina Herbst's neighbor, with health concerns.

Beulah & Mark who are having health and life difficulties.

For Our Community and Beyond:

Help the weak and bold in Jesus' name.

Cats and dogs that do not have a home.

Prayers for peace in Ukraine
Prayers for peace in the Middle East

Calling all cooks!

As part of St. George's 180th anniversary celebration, we are creating a cookbook. It will include recipes from every St. George family member and/or friend who wants to contribute. Share your favorites or honor a loved one with theirs.

There are three options for submitting your recipes. The preferred option involves going to typensave.com and creating a free account. Username: `stgeorge180`. Password: `seasalt454`. Log in and enter your recipes online, please proofread for accuracy.

Choice two involves emailing your recipes to the church office at stgeorgebrighton@gmail.com

The third option is using the pre-printed Recipe Collection Sheet and copying your recipe accurately. Submit to the collection box in the fellowship area.

The first two options ensure that your recipes will be recorded with complete accuracy.

The deadline for submission is May 1, 2024.



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.**

