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Sixteenth 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.

Welcome and Announcements

Sharing the Peace

Centering Prayer (based on Psalm 146)

Now that we are here, in a house dedicated to the Most High, we pause and consider where our faith and hope are really fixed.

Do not put your trust in politicians, not in any authority who is a human creature like you. The breath of every human being will cease.

God's realm will last forever, beyond all generations. Till earth and moon and stars are no more.

I will praise you alone, Lord of my souls! I will praise you as long as live. I will sing to you as long as I my soul has being. ~ Bruce Prewer, on Bruce Prewer's Home Page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>

(Silent prayer)

Youth Message

Opening Song:

Your love has captured me
Your grace has set me free
Your life the air I breathe
Be glorified in me

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Be Glorified

You set my feet to dancing, you set my
heart on fire
In the presence of a thousand kings, you
are my one desire
And I stand before you now with
trembling hands lifted high
Be glorified

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Your life the air I breathe

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Be glorified

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Child of Love

I was walking the wayside
Lost on a lonely road
I was chasing the high life
Try'n to satisfy my soul

All the lies I believed in
Left me crying like the rain
Then I saw lightning from heaven
And I've never been the same

I'm gonna climb a mountain
I'm gonna shout about it
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I found a friend in Jesus
I am a child of love

I've felt the sting of the fire
But I saw You in the flames
Just when I thought it was over
You broke me out of the grave

Yeah yeah oh
I am a child of love
Yeah oh
I am a child of love

Nothing can change the way You love
me
Nothing can change the way I belong to
You
Yes I do
Nothing can separate

I'm gonna climb a mountain
I am a child of love
I found a world of freedom
I am a child of love

Oh yeah oh
I am a child of love
I am a child of love
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Prayer of Confession (inspired by James 2:1-17)

We know we shouldn't do it, but we play favorites, preferring the wealthy to the ragged.

We find you at the side of the poor, while we cozy up to the rich and famous. You stand behind the counter serving the hungry at the soup kitchen, while we are stocking our freezers and pantries till they overflow.

We look down at those whose hands are dirty, but your hand of mercy pulls them into your embracing love. Forgive us, O Lord, and surround us with your grace.

Assurance of Pardon (John 7:37-38)

Be strong, do not fear! God comes, to fill your parched souls with living water, to open your eyes to the grace which is yours.

God comes, for no other reason than to save us.

This is indeed good news.

Thanks be to God. Amen. ~ written by Thom Shuman, and posted on Lectionary Liturgies. <http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.ca/>

First Lesson: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

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

Second Lesson: James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Gospel: Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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

Sermon

Song of the Day

You hold my every moment
You calm my raging seas
You walk with me through fire
And heal all my disease

I trust in You
I trust in You

I believe You're my healer
I believe You are all I need
I believe You're my portion
I believe You're more than enough for me
Jesus You're all I need

You hold my every moment
You calm my raging seas
You walk with me through fire
And heal all my disease

I trust in You
I trust in You

Healer

Nothing is impossible for You
Nothing is impossible
Nothing is impossible for You
You hold my world in Your hands
(REPEAT x3)
I believe You're my healer
I believe You are all I need
I believe You're my portion
I believe You're more than enough for me
Jesus You're all I need

I believe You're my healer
I believe You are all I need
I believe You're my portion
I believe You're more than enough for me
Jesus You're all I need

Jesus You're all I need
You're more than enough for me
Jesus You're all I need
You're more than enough for me

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Prayers of the Church Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**

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

Go now, and invest your lives in the works of faith.

Make a name for yourselves for generosity and compassion.

Fulfill God's holy law by putting love into action as eagerly for others as you would for yourselves.

And may God be your defender and provider;

May Christ Jesus dispel all that disturbs or disables you;

and may the Holy Spirit make you rich in faith

and loving and merciful in action.

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.

Be Glorified (See Pages 1&2)

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Announcements

Men's Group: Wednesdays at 8 AM.

Needleworks: Friday, September 6th and 20th at 10:00 AM. All are welcome!

Birthday Celebration: September 8th at 10:00 AM.

Friendship Circle Meeting: Tuesday, September 17th at 9:30 AM.

Friends and Family Breakfast: Sunday, September 15th at 10 AM.

Friendship Circle Book Club: Thursday, September 19th at 3:00 PM.



For Our Church Members, especially:

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:

Jamie and her family, Cindy and John's daughter, for health and life issues.

Davian, Gail's student, as he auditions for American Idol on August 29th.

John, Gail's friend, recovering from a heart attack.

Mary, Gail's friend, recovering from a fall.

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.

Kimberlie Gilbertson, Jeanie Petersburg's cousin, who had a cornea transplant on May 1, which was a huge success! She is doing great!

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.

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

Norma Topp, Michele Hirschman's friend, for healing. Thank you for answered prayers.

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.

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 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



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.**

LEGACY GIVING

Dear St. George Lutheran Church member,

Would you consider a gift to our church in your estate plans?

Please contact Ken Hartford, Financial Secretary for more details @ 810-522-5243 or khartford12@gmail.com