



## ***St. George Lutheran Church***

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***May 18, 2025 11:00 a.m.***

***Fifth 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, Announcements, and Sharing the Peace**

### **Call to Worship**

Speak to us, Giver of Life, and make us new.

**We thirst for the waters of eternal life,  
we yearn to know ourselves as**

**Resurrection people.**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us this day,  
**and create in us your new heaven and new earth.**

Speak to us words of comfort and hope,  
**words of challenge and courage.**

**Come, move among us, we pray.**

(by Mary Nelson Abbott)

### **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 in me

You set my feet to dancing, you set my  
heart on fire

### ***Be Glorified***

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 grace has set me free  
Your life the air I breathe  
Be glorified in me  
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heart on fire

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I stand before you now with trembling  
hands lifted high  
Be glorified

Be glorified in me, be glorified in me  
Be glorified in me, be glorified  
Be glorified in me, be glorified in me  
Be glorified in me, be glorified

You set my feet to dancing, you set my  
heart on fire  
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trembling hands lifted high  
Be glorified, be glorified  
Be glorified, be glorified  
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### ***Spoken For***

Take this world from me  
I don't need it anymore  
I am finally free  
My heart is spoken for

Oh and I praise You  
Oh and I worship You

Chorus: Covered by a love divine  
Child of the risen Lord  
To hear you say, "This one's mine"  
My heart is spoken for

Now I have peace  
That I've never known before  
I find myself complete  
My heart is spoken for

Oh and I praise You  
Oh and I worship You

Chorus

By the power of the cross  
You've taken what was lost  
And made it fully Yours  
And I have been redeemed  
By You who spoke to me  
Now I am spoken for

Chorus X2

Take this world from me  
I don't need it anymore  
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## **Youth Message**

### **First Lesson: Acts 11:1-18**

Now the apostles and the brothers and sisters who were in Judea heard that the gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised

believers criticized him, saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, “I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners, and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord, for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

L: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

## **Second Lesson: Revelation 21:1-6**

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them and be their God;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will

give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

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

### **Gospel: John 13:31-35**

When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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

### **Sermon**

#### **Song**

#### ***Hymn of Heaven***

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven  
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the  
streets. To look upon the One who bled to  
save me, and walk with Him for all  
eternity

And on that day, we join the resurrection  
And stand beside the heroes of the faith  
With one voice, a thousand generations  
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was  
slain" "Forever He shall reign"

There will be a day when all will bow  
before Him. There will be a day when  
death will be no more. Standing face to  
face with He who died and rose again  
Holy, holy is the Lord

So let it be today we shout the hymn of  
Heaven. With angels and the saints, we  
raise a mighty roar. Glory to our God  
who gave us life beyond the grave  
Holy, holy is the Lord

And every prayer we prayed in  
desperation. The songs of faith we sang  
through doubt and fear. In the end, we'll  
see that it was worth it, when He returns  
to wipe away our tears

Holy, holy is the Lord  
Holy, holy is the Lord

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## Prayers of the Church

### Offering

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### Offering Prayer:

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. 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

God invites us into the future, where the one who makes all things new has made his home among us. We are called and chosen, together embraced by the God in whom tears, mourning, crying, pain and even death will be no more. Remember God’s future, for this is our story. Our Lord says, “See, I am coming soon!” and we respond, **“Come, Lord Jesus!” Amen.**

May the blessing of God, Father, ☩Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.  
**Amen.**

*(Adapted from "Closing Commission" from the Mennonite Church Canada)*

**Sing:** ***Be Glorified – See Page 1 & 2***

**P** Go in peace, serve the Lord

**C** Thanks be to God

### **Announcements**

**Birthday Celebration:** Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

**New Creations Dinners:** June 26<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM

<b>Sunday 5/18</b>	<b>9 AM Traditional Worship, 10 AM Birthday Celebration 11 AM Contemporary Worship</b>
<b>Monday 5/19</b>	
<b>Tuesday 5/20</b>	<b>7:30 PM AA</b>
<b>Wednesday 5/21</b>	<b>Men's Group 8 AM / Office Hours 8 AM – 1PM</b>
<b>Thursday 5/22</b>	<b>7:30 PM AA</b>
<b>Friday 5/23</b>	<b>Office Hours 8 AM – 1 PM</b>
<b>Saturday 5/24</b>	

### **Prayers of Grace and Support**

For Our Church Members, especially:

**The family of Emily Olbrich**, following her passing.

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

**Barb Gienapp** with health concerns.

**Theo Evans** being treated for leukemia.

**Joann Bellmard**, recovering from a fall.

**Sandy Glenn**, for health concerns.

**Carolyn Salvatore**, following cancer diagnosis and beginning treatment.

For Friends and Family of our Church Members:

**Josie Doucette**, undergoing treatment for bone cancer.

**Amy Gromek**, Friend of the Schrams, undergoing treatment for brain cancer.

**Karen**, Teacher friend of Gail Boyd, with brain cancer.  
**Judy**, Adult student of Gail Boyd recovering from hip surgery.  
**Lyla**, 6 year old student of Gail Boyd who broke her arm.  
**Kevin J**, good friend of Keith Boyes, with lung cancer.  
**Matt, Amber, and Emma**, family of the Pitzer's, welcoming the birth of a new baby.  
**Jerry**, Friend of the Gottfried's, having hip surgery.  
**Ross Wilson**, grandson of Diane and Bob Steeh.  
**Carrie Weiland's sister's family** in West North Carolina & all 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.  
**Carol Pacheco**, in hospice.  
**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.  
**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.  
**Davian**, Gail's student, for ankle surgery.  
**Olivia and family**, for health and wholeness.  
**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 Alofalter**, 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

## April 2025 Donation Summary

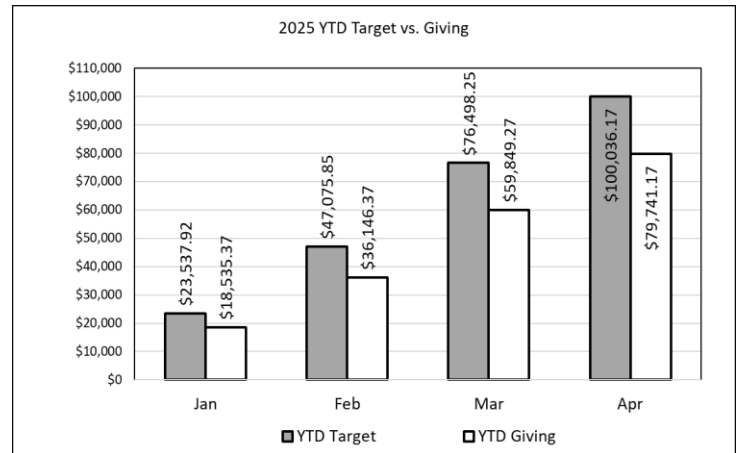
**April Deposits: \$20,491.40**

**April Target: \$23,537.92**

**Y-T-D Deposits: \$81,060.67**

**Y-T-D Target: \$100,036.17**

**Y-T-D Ahead/Behind Target: (\$18,975.50)**



We would like to heartfully thank X-Treme Steam Clean for doing an excellent job cleaning our pews and carpeting within the church. If anyone is in need of any cleaning, please call 248-912-2740 and speak to Carlos for fantastic professional services at a great price.



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.**