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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 and Announcements

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)

Entrance Hymn:

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

#836

Joyful, joyful we adore thee,

God of glory, Lord of love!

Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee,

praising thee, their sun above.

Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,

drive the gloom of doubt away.

Giver of immortal gladness,

fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee,
earth and heav'n reflect thy rays,
stars and angels sing around thee,
center of unbroken praise.

Field and forest, vale and mountain,
flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird, and flowing fountain
call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
ever blessing, ever blest,
wellspring of the joy of living,
ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our brother,

all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other,
lift us to the joy divine!

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1922

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.

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 Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through your Son, 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 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

Psalm 148

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; Praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels; Praise him, all his host!

Praise Him, sun and moon; praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!

Let then praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever; he fixed their bonds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,

Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!

Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!

Young men and women alike, old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven.

He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

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 Acclamation: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the thirteenth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

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

Hymn of the Day: *I Know That My Redeemer Lives*

#619

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What comfort this sweet sentence gives!
He lives, he lives,
who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living head!

He lives triumphant
from the grave;
he lives eternally to save;
he lives exalted, throned above;
he lives to rule his church in love.

He lives to silence all my fears;
he lives to wipe away my tears;
he lives to calm
my troubled heart;
he lives all blessings to impart.

He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

He lives and grants
me daily breath;
he lives, and I shall conquer death;
he lives my mansion to prepare;
he lives to bring me safely there.

He lives, all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior,
still the same;
what joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!

Text: Samuel Medley, 1738-1799, alt.

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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Offertory Hymn: Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #674

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Christ is able to make us one, at the table
he sets the tone, teaching people to live to
bless, love in word and deed express.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
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Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt

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.**

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, for the glorious resurrection
of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our
sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with
earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and
seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, 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. Grant us peace.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn: *When Peace like a River* #785

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
when sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
it is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well (it is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials
should come, let this blest assurance
control, that Christ hath regarded my
helpless estate, and hath shed his own
blood for my soul. *Refrain.*

He lives--oh, the bliss of this glorious
thought; my sin, not in part, but the
whole, is nailed to his cross and I bear it
no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
O my soul! *Refrain.*

Lord, hasten the day when our faith shall
be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a
scroll, the trumpet shall sound and the
Lord shall descend; even so it is well
with my soul. *Refrain.*

Horatio G. Spafford, 1828-1888; Philip P. Bliss, 1838-

Lord, Be Glorified

#744

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be
glorified: in my life, Lord, be glorified
today.

In your church, Lord, be glorified, be
glorified: in your church, Lord, be
glorified today.

In our song, Lord, be glorified, be
glorified: in our song, Lord, be glorified
today.

In your world, Lord, be glorified, be
glorified: in your world, Lord, be
glorified today.

Text: Bob Kilpatrick, b. 1952

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

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)

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 thy 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: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748, alt

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God**Announcements****Birthday Celebration:** Sunday, May 18th at 10:00 AM**New Creations Dinners:** June 26th and July 24th at 4:30 PM

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

Prayers of Grace and SupportFor 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

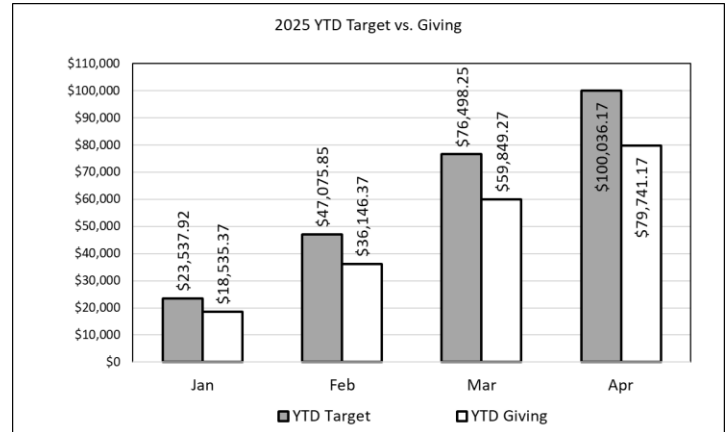
April Deposits: \$20,491.40

April Target: \$23,537.92

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

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

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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.**