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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

Sharing the Peace

Centering Prayer

God is with me, but more,

God is within me, giving me existence.

Let me dwell for a moment on God's life-giving presence

in my body, my mind, my heart and in the whole of my life. (silent prayer)

Youth Message

Opening

Holy Spirit

Chorus: Holy Spirit You are welcome
here

Come flood this place and fill the
atmosphere

Your glory God is what our hearts long
for. To be overcome by Your Presence
Lord

Your Presence Lord

There's nothing worth more that will ever
come close. No thing can compare You're
our living hope. Your Presence

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of
loves. Where my heart becomes free and

my shame is undone. In Your Presence
Lord

Chorus

Your Presence Lord

Your Presence Lord. Your Presence
Oh God how we love Your Presence
Lord

Let us become more aware of Your
Presence. Let us experience the glory of
Your goodness (Lord)

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Christ is Enough

Christ is my reward and all of my
devotion. Now there's nothing in this
world That could ever satisfy
Through every trial my soul will sing
No turning back I've been set free

Chorus: Christ is enough for me
Christ is enough for me
Everything I need is in You
Everything I need

Christ my all in all the joy of my
salvation
And this hope will never fail
Heaven is our home
Through every storm my soul will sing
Jesus is here to God be the glory *Chorus*

I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back no turning back
The cross before me the world behind me
No turning back no turning back *Chorus*
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Confession and Forgiveness (inspired by John 13:34-35; 1 John 4:7)

Come with what you have. For you weighed down by too many “should” and “what-ifs”
know that here you may lay down the burdens of guilt and shame.

Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

Come with what you have. For you who grieve this day
know that you are invited to bring the broken pieces of your heart.

Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

Come with what you have. For you who come with gladness
know that your rejoicing is a blessing.

Accepting God's love for us, we are called to love one another.

Come with what you have. For you who come seeking,
know that your questions are safe in the presence of God.

Loved by one another, we discover God's love for us.

**Whatever our situation and state of mind, we ask for forgiveness and mercy, in the
name of Christ our Lord.**

~ adapted from a litany written by Katherine Hawker, and posted on **Outside the Box**. <http://liturgyoutside.net/>

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus said: “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will and it shall be done for you.” Friends, we have asked for forgiveness and correction. It has been truly done for us. It is being done for us. And it will be done for us.

Thanks be to God!

First Lesson: Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

L The Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

Second Lesson: 1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment,

because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Gospel: John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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

Sermon

Song

Eagle's Wings

Here I am waiting
Abide in me I pray
Here I am longing for You
Hide me in Your love
Bring me to my knees
May I know Jesus more and more

Come live in me
All my life take over
Come breathe in me
And I will rise
On eagle's wings

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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 Go now, and love one another, because love is from God.

Proclaim God's salvation to every generation. Remain in Jesus Christ, and like branches of a vine, draw your life from him.

And may God the vine grower tend you and make you fruitful; May Christ Jesus abide in you and give you life; And may the Holy Spirit cast out all fear and fill you with God's love.

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: *Holy Spirit (See Page 1)*

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Announcements

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.

Birthday Celebration: May 19th at 10:00 AM.

Love Inc, Buckets of Blessings: We are asking for scrubbing cleanser for May.



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 19, 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.**