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Reformation Sunday

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

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Silence for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

Entrance Hymn:

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

#504

A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel
oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.
On earth he has no equal.

Though hordes of devils
fill the land
all threat'ning to devour us,
we tremble not,
unmoved we stand;
they cannot overpow'r us.
Let this world's tyrant rage;
in battle we'll engage!
His might is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail!
One little word subdues him.

No strength of ours
can match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion
comes to fight,
whom God himself elected.
You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!
Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.

God's Word forever shall abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear it;
for God himself fights by our side
with weapons of the Spirit.
Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or spouse,
though life be wrenched away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903; Oskar Ahnfelt, 1813-1882

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.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

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: Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through 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 Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant

that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

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

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

The nations are in an uproar; the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice; the earth melts.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord;
see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the shields with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God!
I am exalted among the nations;
I am exalted in the earth.”

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus.

Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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 eighth chapter.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free’?”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day:

Amazing Grace

#779

Amazing grace! --how sweet the sound--
that saved a wretch like me! I once was
lost, but now am found; was blind, but
now I see.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come; 'tis grace has
brought me safe thus far, and grace will
lead me home.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved; how
precious did that grace appear the hour I
first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me; his
word my hope secures; he will my shield
and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand
years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

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: Now Thank We All Our God (v. 1, 2) #840

Now thank we all our God with hearts
and hands and voices, who wondrous
things has done, in whom this world
rejoices; who, from our mothers' arms,
has blest us on our way with countless
gifts of love, and still is ours today.

Oh, may this bounteous God through all
our life be near us, with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us, and keep
us all in grace, and guide us when
perplexed, and free us from all harm in
this world and the next.

Offering Prayer:

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r 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.

Holy Communion

Communion Hymn:

I Come With Joy

#482

I come with joy, a child of God,
Forgiven, loved, and free, The life of
Jesus to recall In love laid down for me,
In love laid down for me.

now are friends, And strangers now are
friends.

The Spirit of the risen Christ, Unseen, but
ever near, Is in such friendship better
known, Alive among us here, Alive
among us here.

I come with Christians far and near To
find, as all are fed, The new community
of love In Christ's communion bread, In
Christ's communion bread.

Together met, together bound By all that
God has done, We'll go with joy, to give
the world The love that makes us one,
The love that makes us one.

As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
Each proud division ends. The love that
made us, makes us one, And strangers

Text: Joseph Scriven, 1820-1886, Charles C. Converse, 1832-1918

Here Is Bread

#483

Here is bread, here is wine, Christ is with
us, he is with us. Break the bread, taste
the wine, Christ is with us here.

Refrain.

Refrain: In this bread there is healing, in
this cup is life forever. In this moment, by
the Spirit, Christ is with us here.

Here we are, joined in one, Christ is with
us, he is with us. We'll proclaim till he
comes Jesus crucified.

Refrain.

Text: Graham Kendrick, b. 1950

Here is grace, here is peace, Christ is
with us, he is with us. Know his grace,
find his peace, feast on Jesus here.

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

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn:

The Church's One Foundation

#654

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is His new creation
by water and the word.

From heav'n He came and sought her
to be His holy bride;
with His own blood He bought her,
and for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,
yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation:
one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder
this world sees her oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distressed,

yet saints their watch are keeping;
their cry goes up: "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union
with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won.
O blessed heav'nly chorus!
Lord, save us by Your grace,
that we, like saints before us,
may see You face to face.

Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839-1900; Music: Samuel S. Wesley, 1810-1876

Dismissal

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Announcements

Bible Study: October 30th at 9:45 AM

Needleworks: November 7th and 21st at 10:00 AM

Friends and Family Breakfast: November 9th at 10:00 AM

Birthday Celebration: November 16th at 10:00 AM

Book Club: November 20th at 11:00 AM

Council Meeting: November 20th at 5:30 PM

Last Day for Seafarer's Collection: November 23rd

Concert at Grace Lutheran in Howell: November 23rd at 5pm

Bible Study Special Announcement: Pastor Ken will lead a study of *On the Way to Bethlehem* in which Rob Fuquay follows a long journey to Christmas, starting with Rome, the seat of worldly power and ending in a town that represents the very opposite of worldly power, Bethlehem. This four-week study begins on Thursday, November 20 at 9:45 am. The book costs \$12. If you are interested in this study, please sign up by October 30.

Sunday 10/26	9 AM Traditional Worship, 10 AM Sunday School 11 AM Contemporary Worship
Monday 10/27	
Tuesday 10/28	AA 7:30 PM
Wednesday 10/29	Men's Group 8 AM / Office Hours 8 AM – 1PM Musikgarten 10 AM / Gymnastics 10:45 AM
Thursday 10/30	Bible Study 9:45 AM / AA 7:30 PM
Friday 10/31	Office Hours 8 AM – 1 PM Family Yoga 12 PM
Saturday 11/1	

	Oct 26
	9:00 AM
Asst. Min	Joan V
Lay Reader	Joan V
Greeter	
Usher	
Media	Prieskorn
Fellowship	
Altar Care	Sharon



Christmas-At-Sea 2025

- One sweatshirt (size M-L-XL)
- 1 T-shirt (size M-L-XL)
- 3 pairs of socks (thermal or gym)
- A large chocolate bar, a can of nuts, or Health Snack bar
- A Christmas card from you
- A knitted hat and scarf set (these have been created by Needleworks)

There will be a collection area in the Fellowship Hall for these items. Please leave them in their store packaging.

Sunday, November 23 will be the last day for collection!

Prayers of Grace and Support

For Our Church Members, especially:

Elaine McIntyre, with health concerns.

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

Barb Gienapp with health concerns.

Sandy Glenn, for health concerns.

For Friends and Family of our Church Members:

Harper, Paul & Francine Ash's friend's granddaughter, hospitalized with unknown illness.

Bill Staib, father of Pastor Ken, recovering from a fall.

Lauren McGee, sister of Susan Gottfried, with major health concerns.

Susan, teacher friend of Gail Boyd, with recurring kidney cancer

Jessica, friend and neighbor of Linda Walton, with health issues.

Mike, neighbor of Sharon Prieskorn.

Laura, daughter-in-law of Susan and Greg Gottfried, with breast cancer.

Josie Doucette, undergoing treatment for bone cancer.

Friends and family of Amy Gromek, after her passing.

Karen, Teacher friend of Gail Boyd, with brain cancer.

Kevin J, good friend of Keith Boyes, with lung cancer.

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.

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.

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.

Jackie, Gail's piano student, diagnosed with throat cancer.

For Our Community and Beyond:

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints – Grand Blanc

Help for disaster relief in the Southeast US and Florida

Prayers for peace in Ukraine

Prayers for peace in the Middle East

We ask you to keep these people and events in your prayers, and we appreciate your help in making sure our prayer list is up-to-date and accurate. If you have any additions, updates, corrections, or questions, please let us know by email stgeorgebrighton@gmail.com or by phone 810-229-6670. Thank you!

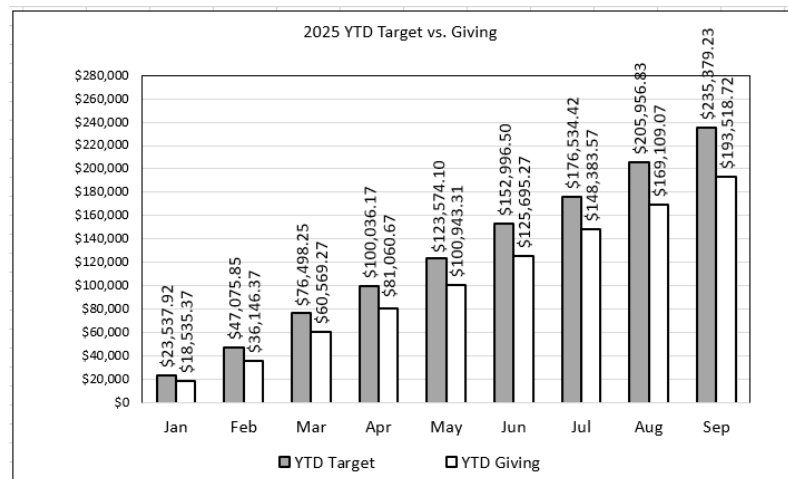
September 2025 Donation Summary

September Deposits: \$28,083.60

September Target: \$29,422.40

Y-T-D Deposits: \$193,518.72

Y-T-D Target: \$235,379.23



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.**