



# ST. GEORGE

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9:00 a.m.

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Fourth 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**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence for reflection*

Merciful God,

**in all our celebration, fireworks, parades, and gatherings we have proclaimed liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts are chained by anger, doubt, terror, and fear. We live in those chains, often not knowing that there is really any other way. We have become accustomed to our imprisonment. Forgive us when we turn away from your freeing love. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with others for peace and hope for all. These things we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Reach out! Stretch your Spirits! God's love has freed you from oppression and fear! You have been made whole in God's eternal love. Amen.**

(adapted from liturgy by Nancy C. Townley)

**Entrance Hymn:*****Rise Up, O Saints of God!***

#669

Rise up, O saints of God!  
From vain ambitions turn;  
Christ rose triumphant that your hearts  
with nobler zeal might burn.

Speak out, O saints of God!  
Despair engulfs earth's frame;  
as heirs of God's baptismal grace,  
His word of hope proclaim.

Rise up, O saints of God!  
The kingdom's task embrace;  
redress sin's cruel consequence;

give justice larger place.

Give heed, O saints of God!  
Creation cries in pain;  
stretch forth Your hand of healing now,  
with love the weak sustain.

Commit your hearts to seek  
the paths which Christ has trod  
and quickened by the Spirit's power,  
rise up, O saints of God!

Norman O. Forness, William H. Walter

**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**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer. We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin. Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart. Renew us with your saving pow'r, create in us new hearts!**

**Hymn of Praise**

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace,  
goodwill to all the earth. Mighty God  
of all creation, Father of surpassing  
worth: we exalt you, we adore you, we  
lift high our thanks and praise. Saints  
and angels bow before you: here on  
earth our songs we raise.  
Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of  
God and Lord of love. Son of God and**

**gracious Savior, you have come from  
heav'n above; on the cross you died to  
save us; now you reign at God's right  
hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive  
us; in your promise firm we stand.  
Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord  
alone, to you we call; Holy One in faith  
we name you, God most high, yet near  
to all: Jesus Christ, with God the**

**Spirit, in the Father's splendor bright.  
For the peace that we inherit, glory be  
to God on high!**

**Prayer of the Day: Prayer of the Day: O God, the Father of our Lord Jesus,  
you are the city that shelters us, the mother who comforts us. With your Spirit  
accompany us on our life's journey, that we may spread your peace in all the  
world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## **Youth Message**

### **First Reading: Isaiah 66:10-14**

Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her – that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast, that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the Lord: I will extend prosperity to her like a river and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream, and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm and bounced on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass, and it shall be known that the power of the Lord is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies.

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

### **Psalm 66: 1-9**

**Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name;  
give to him glorious praise.**

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you.

**All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name."**

Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals.

**He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot.**

There we rejoiced in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves.

**Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of his praise be heard, who has kept us  
among the living and has not let our feet slip.**

## **Second Reading: Galatians 6:1-16**

My brothers and sisters, if anyone is detected in a transgression, you who have received the Spirit should restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness. Take care that you yourselves are not tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. For if those who are nothing think they are something, they deceive themselves. All must test their own work; then that work, rather than their neighbor's work, will become a cause for pride. For all must carry their own loads. Those who are taught the word must share in all good things with their teacher. Do not be deceived; God is not mocked, for you reap whatever you sow. If you sow to your own flesh, you will reap corruption from the flesh, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So let us not grow weary in doing what is right, for we will reap at harvest time, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us work for the good of all and especially for those of the family of faith. See what large letters I make when I am writing in my own hand! It is those who want to make a good showing in the flesh who try to compel you to be circumcised—only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. Even the circumcised do not themselves obey the law, but they want you to be circumcised so that they may boast about your flesh. May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

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

**Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred. Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

**P:** The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the tenth chapter.

**All:** Glory to you, O Lord.

## **Gospel: Luke 10: 1-11, 16-20**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way; I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if a person of peace is there, your peace will rest on that person, but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome

you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.’ “Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.” The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!” He said to them, “I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. Indeed, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

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

### **Sermon**

#### **Hymn of the Day:**

#### ***We All Are One Mission***

**#576**

We all are one mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all. A single great commission compels us from above to plan and work together that all may know Christ’s love.

grace, so ev’ry folk and nation may feel God’s warm embrace.

We all are called for service, to witness in God’s name. Our ministries are different; our purpose is the same: to touch the lives of others with God’s surprising

Now let us be united, and let our song be heard. Now let us be a vessel for God’s redeeming Word. We all are one in mission; we all are one in call, our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

#### **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: *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings, Flow* #885

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1637

## Offering Prayer:

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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 power and might, heav’n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, 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:**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now we pray. O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

## **Holy Communion**

### **Communion Hymn:**

### ***Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

**#656**

Blest be the tie that binds  
Our hearts in Christian love;  
The unity of heart and mind  
Is like to that above.

We share our mutual woes,  
our mutual burdens bear,  
and often for each other flows  
the sympathizing tear.

Before our Father's throne  
we pour our ardent prayers;  
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,  
our comforts and our cares.

From sorrow, toil, and pain,  
and sin we shall be free;  
and perfect love and friendship reign  
through all eternity.

*Text: John Fawcett, 1740-1817, alt.*

### ***O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts***

**#658**

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,  
the fount of life, the light of all:  
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts  
we turn, unfilled, to hear Your call.

For You our restless spirits yearn,  
where'er our changing lot is cast;  
glad, when Your smile on us You turn,  
blest, when by faith we hold You fast.

We taste You, ever-living bread,  
and long to feast upon You still;  
we drink of You, the fountainhead;  
our thirsting souls from You we fill.

O Jesus, ever with us stay!  
Make all our moments fair and bright!  
Oh, chase the night of sin away!  
Shed o'er the world Your holy light.

*Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153; Ray Palmer 1808-1887*

### **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**

Now, let us go in God's love,

**to comfort others with God's life and wonder.**

Now, let us go in the grace of Jesus,

**to carry all who have been tripped up by life, to share the burdens of those around us.**

Now, let us go as the community of the Spirit,

**to plant the seeds of peace, to water them with the water of life.**

With the blessing of God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

(adapted from liturgy by Thom Shuman)

### **Sending Hymn:**

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, If you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them.

### **Here I Am, Lord**

They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?  
*Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

*Refrain*

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946, Music: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946, arr. Michael Pope S.J., arr. Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946, arr. John Weissrock

**#574**



## **Dismissal**

A: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Announcements**

**Fellowship Meeting:** July 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

**Ukulele Camp:** July 14-17 from 10:00-11:30 AM

**Book Club:** July 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

**Needleworks:** July 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

**Birthday Celebration:** July 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

**New Creations Dinner:** July 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM

<b>Sunday 7/6</b>	<b>9 AM Traditional Worship, 11 AM Contemporary Worship</b>
<b>Monday 7/7</b>	
<b>Tuesday 7/8</b>	<b>7:30 PM AA</b>
<b>Wednesday 7/9</b>	<b>Men's Group 8 AM / Office Hours 8 AM – 1PM</b>
<b>Thursday 7/10</b>	<b>7:30 PM AA</b>
<b>Friday 7/11</b>	<b>Office Hours 8 AM- 1 PM</b>
<b>Saturday 7/12</b>	

	<b>July 6</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>July 20</b>	<b>July 27</b>
	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>
<b>Asst. Min</b>	<b>Keith B</b>	<b>Lorna</b>	<b>Bob Steeh</b>	<b>Joan V</b>
<b>Lay Reader</b>	<b>Carrie W</b>	<b>Lorna</b>	<b>Bob Steeh</b>	<b>Joan V</b>
<b>Greeter</b>				
<b>Usher</b>				
<b>Media</b>	<b>Prieskorn</b>	<b>Prieskorn</b>	<b>Prieskorn</b>	<b>Prieskorn</b>
<b>Fellowship</b>			<b>Birthday Celebration</b>	
<b>Altar Care</b>	<b>Judy</b>	<b>Sally</b>	<b>Nancy</b>	<b>Sharon</b>

## **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.

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

**Sandy Glenn**, for health concerns.

For Friends and Family of our Church Members:

**The family of Helen Lakatos**, after her passing.

**The family of Cindy Geist**, after her passing.

**Mike**, neighbor of Sharon Prieskorn.

**All graduates for 2025!**

**The Family of John Hutcherson**, after his passing.

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

**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.

**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.

**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 Hodgins**, 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.

**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.

**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.

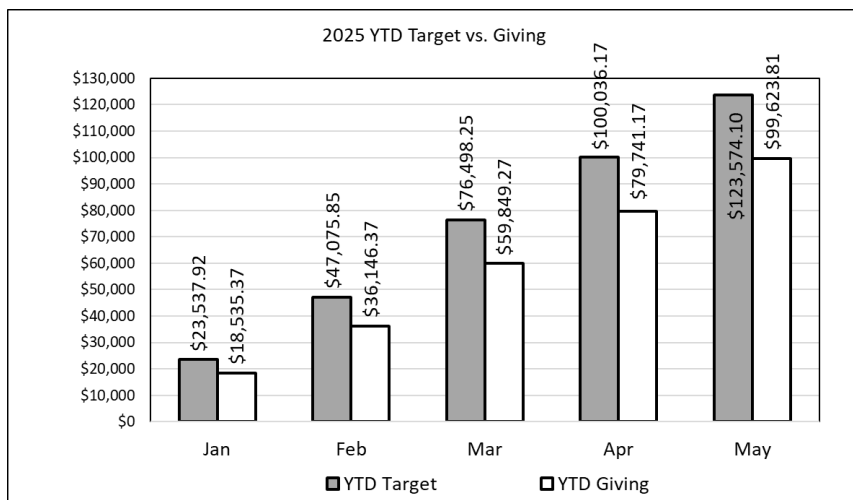
For Our Community and Beyond:

Help for disaster relief in the Southeast US and Florida  
 Prayers for peace in Ukraine  
 Prayers for peace in the Middle East

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](mailto:stgeorgebrighton@gmail.com) or by phone 810-229-6670. Thank you!

#### May 2025 Donation Summary

May Deposits:	\$19,882.64
May Target:	\$23,537.92
Y-T-D Deposits:	\$100,943.31
Y-T-D Target:	\$123,574.10
Y-T-D Ahead/Behind Target:	(\$22,630.79)



We would like to heartfully thank Dr. Sweep for repair and tuck-pointing around the limestone by the front door. If anyone needs any masonry work, please call 248-292-3798.



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.**