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Third Sunday after Epiphany

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

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves:

That it is not we who chose Christ,

but Christ who chose us,

That we are not here because of our goodness

but because of Christ's grace,

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we have not come to be entertained

but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.

(silent prayer)

Youth Message

Opening Song:

Overcomer

Staring at the stop sign Watching people
drive by T-Mac on the radio
Got so much on your mind Nothing's really
going right
Looking for a ray of hope
Whatever it is you may be going through
I know He's not gonna let it get the best of
you

Chorus: You're an overcomer Stay in the
fight 'til the final round You're not going
under
'Cause God is holding you right now
You might be down for a moment Feeling
like it's hopeless That's when He reminds
You That you're an overcomer You're an
overcomer

Everybody's been down Hit the bottom hit
the ground Oh you're not alone
Just take a breath don't forget Hang on to
His promises He wants You to know *Chorus*

The same Man the Great I Am The One who
overcame death
He's living inside of You
So just hold tight fix your eyes On the One
who holds your life There's nothing He can't
do He's telling you *Chorus*
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Friend of God

Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me
How You love me it's amazing

How You love me it's amazing
(It's amazing it's amazing) *Chorus*

Chorus: I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
He calls me friend
(REPEAT)

God Almighty Lord of Glory
You have called me friend

I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
I am a friend of God
You call me friend
(REPEAT)

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Who am I that You are mindful of me
That You hear me when I call
Is it true that You are thinking of me

Confession and Forgiveness

Let us pray. Author of all living things, **have mercy on our vulnerable lives.**

Friend of outcasts and sinners, **have mercy on our faults, which are many.**

Fountain of forgiveness, **have mercy on our recalcitrant ways.**

Giver of peace which surpasses all understanding, **have mercy on our fretting and worry.**

Wellspring of everlasting joy, **have mercy on our fears and sorrows.**

Holy Friend, by your saving grace in Christ Jesus, lift us from wherever we have fallen, wash our soiled souls, tend our wounds, restore our spirits, and stir up our love for all that is good, true, loving and beautiful in your sight. For your name's sake. Amen!

Words of Assurance

It is written: “God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself.” Accept this gift, forgive one another, and become agents of reconciliation in your world.

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

You have multiplied exultation; you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you but that you be knit together in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been made clear to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel—and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gospel: Matthew 4:12-23

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,

on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the gentiles—
the people who sat in darkness

have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death
light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishers. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Jesus went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

Song

My Hope Is You

To You oh Lord I lift my soul
In You oh God I place my trust
And do not let me be put to shame
Don't let my enemies
Triumph over me

My hope is You
Show me Your ways
Guide me in truth
In all my days
My hope is You

I am oh Lord filled with Your love
You are oh God my salvation
Well guard my life and rescue me
My broken spirit shouts
My mended heart cries out

My hope is You
Show me Your ways
Guide me in truth
In all my days
My hope is You

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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:

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but because of Christ's grace,

That we were not here to enlighten ourselves,
but to allow Christ to enlighten us,

That we do not go our separate ways alone,
**but in the company of the Spirit
who has great things in store for us.**

Grace, mercy and peace, from God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be with you today and always.

Amen!

Song: *Overcomer (See Pages 1 & 2)*

Go in peace, serve the Lord

Thanks be to God

Announcements

Bible Study: Thursdays at 10:00 at the Parish House and via Zoom.

Senior Worship/Luncheon: Tuesday, February 21st at 11:00 AM.

Needleworks: Thursday, February 16th at 11:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Friends and Family Breakfast: Sunday, February 12th at 10:00 AM.

Friday Night Cabaret: Friday, February 3rd at 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

Love Inc: We are collecting disinfectant spray for this month's Buckets of Blessings.

BHS Musical Theater: You are invited to a St. George group outing on Sunday, March 19th for the 6:30 PM performance of Guys and Dolls. If interested, please sign up on the list in the Fellowship area by February 12th. Tickets are \$22.00. Speak with Cindi Brach for more info.

Current Budget Report: as of 01/15/2023

Last week's giving: \$1,283.25

Needed to meet budget: \$5,357.69

Year to Date: \$7,612.75

Ahead (Behind) Budget: (\$8,460.33)

Prayers of Grace & Support

Please pray for:

- Karen Hedden, Colene's daughter-in-law, recovering from surgery.
- Susan Zaske recovering from a liver transplant.
- Bryan Rush for a successful court date coming soon.
- Bill Foster in assisted living.
- Kathy Boyes recovering.
- Melissa Alofalter, Angela Martin's friend, battling an unknown medical issue, beginning with MS and COVID.
- Bob Lusky, father of Bob and Lorna's son-in-law David, who has cancer.
- Ray, Alia's older brother, who has COVID along with severe RA and heart problems.
- Dottie Woodman, recovering.
- Arlene, Alia's friend, suffering persistent pain in her neck, shoulder and arm.
- Margaret Doane, Kristiina H.'s friend, with breast cancer.
- Micah, Alia's nephew, with a chronic infection and declining health.
- Dr. Laura Tinning Reistar, Douglas and Arlene Turner's niece, is in the care of hospice and her husband.
- Nancy Briggs, Douglas Turner's sister, for healing.
- Dan Lindberg, cousin of Kathy and Keith Boyes, has pancreatic cancer.
- Family and friends of Dr. Laura Tinning Reister, Douglas and Arlene Turner's niece, following her passing on January 8th.
- Barb Gienapp with health concerns.
- Ethan and his mom, Marianne, as they are dealing with major physical and emotional struggles. From Linda Walton.
- Theo Evans being treated for leukemia.
- Joan Richardson, dealing with health concerns.
- Cindy Brach with health issues.
- John Brach with health issues.
- Prayers for all those suffering in Ukraine.
- Charlie Davis, Marylou's husband, with cancer.
- Jon Brach and his family with health and life difficulties.
- Pan Norton, Cindy Brach's son's mother-in-law.
- Jackie (Gail's piano student) diagnosed with throat cancer.
- Theresa Pope, fiancé of Michael Knight, for her battle with breast cancer.
- Niece of Elaine McIntyre, Patsy McIntyre Costin, diagnosed with colon 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.



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.**