



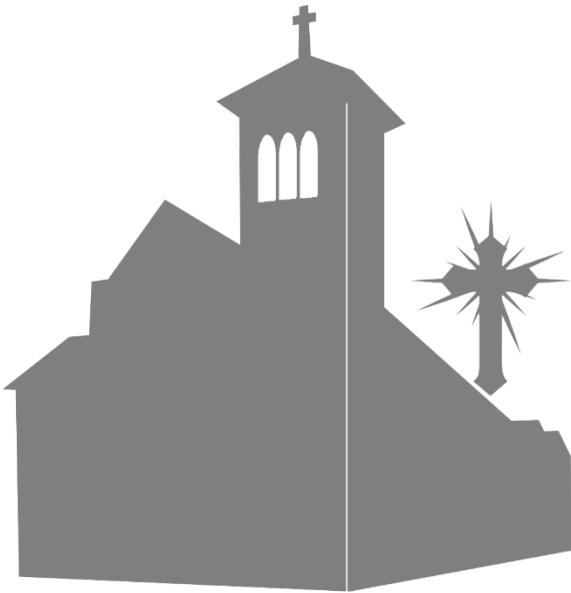
St. James Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, PA

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Holy Communion

May 16, 2021

8: 15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.



The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

The 8:15 a.m. worship service will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel, and will be made available for public viewing. Please be aware that you may be recorded during congregational singing or when you step forward to receive communion. You can visit our YouTube Channel at [StJamesGettysburg.com/YouTube](https://www.stjamesgettysburg.com/YouTube) If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the staff.

Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

** Please stand as you are able for parts of the service noted with an asterisk (*).*

Welcome and Announcements

* Thanksgiving for Baptism

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.

Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.

To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.

C **Amen.**

* Gathering Hymn: *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

ELW 671

* Pastoral 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.**

* Prayer of the Day

P Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song

First Reading: Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Matthias added to the apostles

* Holy Gospel: John 17:6-19

Christ's prayer for his disciples

Sermon, followed by a time of silent reflection

* Hymn of the Day: Rise, O Sun of Righteousness

ELW 657

* Prayers of Intercession

Petitions conclude: "God of mercy." our response: "**Hear our prayer.**"

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Hymn: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

* Offering Prayer

P *Let us pray:*

C God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ .Amen.

* Great Thanksgiving

Preface Dialog

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Invitation

The risen Christ invites us to this table. Come, eat, and be satisfied.

Distribution of Elements

Communion Hymn: *Lamb of God*

* Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

P *Let us pray:* Wellspring of joy, through this meal you have put gladness in our hearts. Satisfy the hunger still around us, and send us as joyful witnesses, that your love may bring joy to the hearts of all people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

* Blessing

P May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus. The God of life, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C Amen.

* Sending Hymn: *For the Beauty of the Earth*

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* Dismissal

P Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!

C Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude: *I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me*

ELW 860

Lift up in prayers

Chet	Muriel	Joyce	Barry	John	Richard
Elinor	Courtney	Linda	Nicholas	Kathleen	Rita
Harry	Marc	Jean	Sean	Katie	Tina
Bob	Jennifer	Bud	Cindy	Mary	Tommy
John	Laura	Dale	Greg	Nancy	Virginia
Michael	Danielle	Martha	Jennifer	Paul	

Flowers

Flowers are given in loving honor of the 12th anniversary of the baptism of William Francis Kreider by his grandparents, John and Judy Seilhamer (yellow rosebud).

Flowers are given in loving memory of my son, David A. Hutchison, by Glorianne Hutchison.

Participating in Worship

Presider: The Rev. Andrew R. Geib

Reader (10:45 a.m.): Anne Young

Preacher: The Rev. Michael E. Allwein

Musicians: Sharon Kaya and Melissa Jacoby
Thomas

Assisting Minister: Janina Kloster

Reader (8:15 a.m.): Kasey Smith

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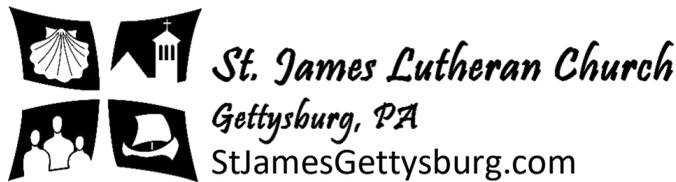
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*We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's house with its doors wide open.
If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us.
We invite guests to join us, but most of all, to return often.*

Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith. Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends. Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socio-economic status, marital status, ability, and challenge. Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers. This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice, and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Come and listen for the Holy Spirit calling you to love your neighbor wholeheartedly, seek justice, create peace, and practice compassion.

As members of the body of Christ, we are called to be ministers of reconciliation both in the church and in the world. Through our baptism we are reconciled to God through the saving grace of Christ Jesus and challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing and love within our church and society. As a community of faith, we proclaim this statement of welcome.