



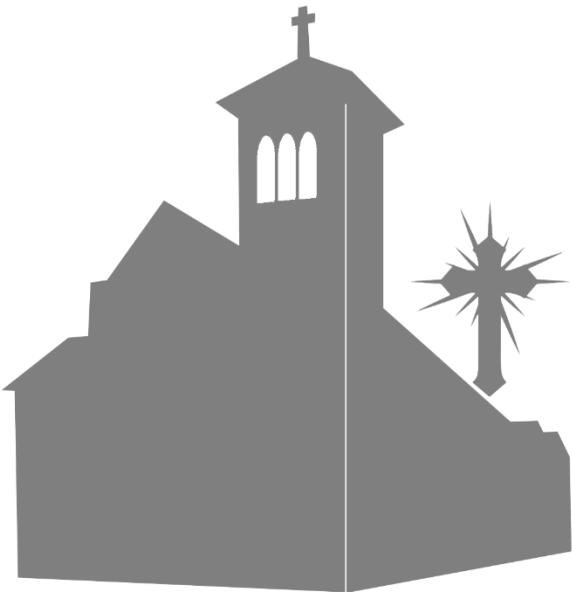
St. James Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, PA

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Holy Communion

July 18, 2021

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



✝ Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves. ✝



1 The church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ, her Lord;
 2 E - lect from ev - 'ry na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op - pressed,
 4 Through toil and trib - u - la - tion and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has u - nion with God, the Three in One,



she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion one Lord, one faith, one birth:
 by schisms . . rent a - sund - er, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more;
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won.



From heav'n he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
 one ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 Oh, bless - ed heav'n - ly cho - rus! Lord, save us by your grace,



with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es with ev - 'ry grace en - dued.
 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 that we, like saints be - fore us, may see you face to face.

*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 *Let us pray:* O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

First Reading: Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want. (Ps. 23:1)

¹The LORD^l is my shepherd;
I shall not ^l be in want.

²**The LORD makes me lie down ^l in green pastures
and leads me be- ^l side still waters.**

³You restore my ^l soul, O LORD,
and guide me along right pathways ^l for your name's sake.

⁴**Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall ^l fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they ^l comfort me.**

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence ^l of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is ^l running over.

⁶**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days ^l of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the ^l LORD forever.**

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14-29

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.

³⁰The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. ³¹He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. ³²And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. ³³Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. ³⁴As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

⁵³When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. ⁵⁴When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, ⁵⁵and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon, followed by a time of silent reflection

*Prayers of Intercession

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

*Sharing God's Peace

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory Hymn: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful* (instrumental or sung by cantor)

*Offering Prayer

P *Let us pray:*

C **Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world. 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.**

Proper Preface

Holy, Holy (spoken)

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosana. Hosana. Hosana in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosana in the highest.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

 Distribution of Elements

Communion Hymn: *Lamb of God* (instrumental or sung by cantor)

*Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

P *Let us pray:* Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

*Blessing

P The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, ☩ be upon you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

 *Sending Hymn: Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

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1 Where cross the crowd-ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch-ed - ness and need, on shad - owed
3 From ten - der child-hood's help - less - ness, from hu - man
4 The cup of wa - ter giv'n for you still holds the



cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
thresh-olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
grief and bur - dened toil, from fam - ished souls, from
fresh - ness of your grace; yet long these mul - ti -



self - ish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of your tears.
sor - row's stress, your heart has nev - er known re - coil.
tudes to view the strong com - pas - sion in your face.

5 O Master, from the mountainside
make haste to heal these hearts of pain;
among these restless throngs abide;
oh, tread the city's streets again;

6 Till all the world shall learn your love,
and follow where your feet have trod;
till glorious from your heav'n above
shall come the city of our God.

*Dismissal

P Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude: Go Light Your World

arr. Allen Pote

Lift up in prayers

<i>Nadine</i>	<i>Muriel</i>	<i>Sam</i>	<i>Dale</i>	<i>Greg</i>
<i>Elinor</i>	<i>Courtney</i>	<i>Danielle</i>	<i>Martha</i>	<i>Jennifer</i>
<i>Harry</i>	<i>Chet</i>	<i>Joyce</i>	<i>Barry</i>	<i>Karen</i>
<i>Bob</i>	<i>Marc</i>	<i>Linda</i>	<i>Nicholas</i>	<i>Paul</i>
<i>Sue</i>	<i>Tom</i>	<i>Terry</i>	<i>Sean</i>	<i>Tina</i>
<i>John Michael</i>	<i>Laura</i>	<i>Jean</i>	<i>Mary</i>	<i>Tommy</i>
<i>Amelia</i>	<i>Bob</i>	<i>Bud</i>	<i>Cindy</i>	<i>Virginia</i>

Flowers

Red rosebuds are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Don Howard's birthday by his wife, Betty, and family.

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving honor of Louise Grazulewicz and in loving memory of Dorothy Williams, by Mark and Beverly Grazulewicz.

Participating in Worship

Presider: The Rev. Michael E. Allwein

Preacher: The Rev. Andrew R. Geib

Readers:

Judy Seilhamer (8:15 a.m.) & Carol Cook (10:45)

Sacristy (8:15 a.m.):

Shirley Sanders & Thomas Vossler

Sacristy (10:45 a.m.):

Judy Seilhamer & Carol Cook

Ushers (8:15 a.m.):

Dee Wells & Sheldon Smith

Ushers (10:45 a.m.):

John Fisher & Taylor Lady

Musician: Dwight Michael

Hammered Dulcimer: Tom Jolin

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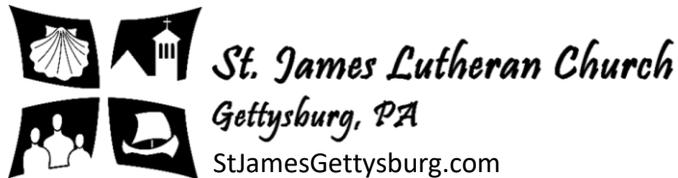
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2021 Installment of Council Members

- Peggy Green (three year term, 2021-2024)
- Sharon Kaya (three year term, 2021-2024)
- Kyle Smith (three year term, 2021-2024)
- Carol Widerman (three year term, 2021-2024)
- Will Lane (fulfilling term previously held by Barbara Neth for remaining two years, 2021-2023)
- Emili Scavitto (Youth Representative term is one year, 2021-2022)



*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.