



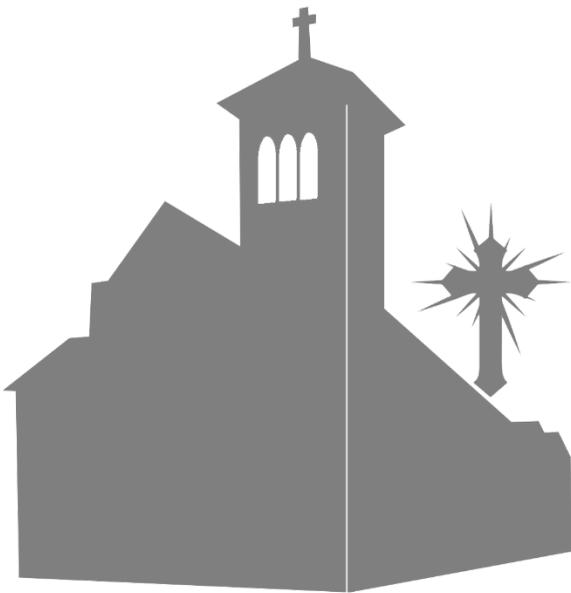
St. James Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, PA

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Holy Communion

September 12, 2021

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



✝ Three weeks ago we heard Peter's confession of faith as told in John's gospel. This week we hear Mark's version, when Peter says, "You are the Messiah." In John, the stumbling block is Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh, given for the life of the world. In Mark too the scandal has to do with Jesus' words about his own coming death, and here Peter himself stumbles over Jesus' words. But Jesus is anointed (the meaning of messiah) in Mark only on the way to the cross (14:3); so we are anointed in baptism with the sign of the cross. ✝

C Amen.

*Holy Baptism (10:45 a.m. service only)

ELW Page 227

 *Entrance Hymn: *Lift High the Cross*

ELW 660

*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, through suffering and rejection you bring forth our salvation, and by the glory of the cross you transform our lives. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may turn from the lure of evil, take up our cross, and follow your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Word

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

Presentation of Bibles to 4th & 5th graders

First Reading: Psalm 116:1-9

I will walk in the presence of the LORD. (Ps. 116:9)

¹I love the LORD, who has ¹heard my voice,
and listened to my ¹supplication,

²for the LORD has given ¹ear to me
whenev- ¹er I called.

³The cords of death entangled me; the
anguish of the grave ¹came upon me;
I came to ¹grief and sorrow.

⁴Then I called upon the name ¹of
the LORD:

“O LORD, I pray you, ¹save my life.”

⁵Gracious is the ¹LORD and righteous;

our God is full ¹of compassion.

⁶The LORD watches o- ¹ver the innocent;
I was brought low, ¹and God saved me.

⁷Turn again to your rest, ¹O my soul.
for the LORD has dealt ¹well with you.

⁸For you have rescued my ¹life from
death,
my eyes from tears, and my ¹feet from
stumbling;

⁹I will walk in the presence ¹of the LORD
in the land ¹of the living.

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

 Gospel Acclamation

for music: ELW Page 142

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

*Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27-38

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This story provides the turning point in Mark's gospel. Peter is the first human being in the narrative to acknowledge Jesus as the Messiah, but he cannot accept that as the Messiah Jesus will have to suffer. Moreover, Jesus issues a strong challenge to all by connecting discipleship and the cross.

²⁷Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" ²⁸And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." ²⁹He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." ³⁰And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon, followed by a time of silent reflection

 * Hymn of the Day: Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

*Apostles Creed

C **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 power of 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, he 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

*Prayers of Intercession

Petitions conclude: "God, in your mercy," our response: "**Hear our prayer.**"

*Sharing God's Peace

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Tithes and Offerings

Musical Offering: *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

Wilbur Held

 *Offertory Hymn: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

ELW 182

*Offering Prayer

P *Let us pray:*

C **God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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, Holy

for music: ELW Page 144

**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.**

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

P All who hunger and thirst, come. The table is ready.

Distribution of Elements

 Communion Hymn: Lamb of God

for music: ELW Page 146

**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.**

*Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

P *Let us pray:* Lord of life, in the gift of your body and blood you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation. Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy, bearing witness to the abundance of your love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

*Blessing

P People of God, you are Christ's body, bringing new life to a suffering world. The holy Trinity, ☩ one God, bless you now and forever. **C** Amen.

 *Sending Hymn: Lead On, O King Eternal!

ELW 805

*Dismissal

P Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you.

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Lead On, O King Eternal

Jonathan Noel

Lift up in prayers

<i>Jean Bair</i>	<i>Muriel Dunlop</i>	<i>Linda Mumaugh</i>	<i>Nicholas Smeal</i>	<i>Charlotte</i>
<i>Elinor Bender</i>	<i>Marc Hirsh</i>	<i>Terry Null</i>	<i>Brad Smith</i>	<i>Cindy</i>
<i>Harry Borger</i>	<i>Laura Khan</i>	<i>Jean Odom</i>	<i>Sean Vora</i>	<i>Greg</i>
<i>Bob Brown</i>	<i>Sue Kline</i>	<i>Nancy Sacchitella</i>	<i>Shawn Waybrant</i>	<i>Greg</i>
<i>Susan Conn</i>	<i>Sam Main</i>	<i>Dale Showers</i>	<i>Alli</i>	<i>Karen</i>
<i>John Michael Demchak</i>	<i>Danielle Martin</i>	<i>Martha Showers</i>	<i>Andy</i>	<i>Paul</i>
<i>Amelia Dolbow</i>	<i>Joyce Miller</i>		<i>Beverly</i>	<i>Sarah</i>
				<i>Virginia</i>

We rejoice in this morning's baptisms of Kian Yves Ballough, son of Denny & Alyssa Ballough, and Valentino Richard Xavier Ballough, son of Dorian & Devon Ballough.

We rejoice in this weekend's wedding of Paulette Smith & Bill Stewart.

We encourage you to get the COVID-19 vaccine to protect yourself, our congregation, and our youth who are unable to get vaccinated.

Flowers

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of all first responders and in memory of all those who lost their lives in 9-11.

Participating in Worship

Presider:

The Rev. Andrew R. Geib

Preacher:

The Rev. Michael E. Allwein

Minister of Music:

Jonathan Noel

8:15 a.m. Worship Service

Assisting Minister:

Lucinda Bringman

Communion Assistant:

Karen Smith

Lay Reader: Kathleen Avery

Sacristy: Brienna Smith & Diane Joiner

Ushers: Charley Gomer & Anne Gomer

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Assisting Minister:

Lucinda Bringman

Communion Assistant:

Sharon Kaya

Lay Reader: Sue Currens

Sacristy: Anne Young & Katy Clowney

Ushers: Robert Cook & John Fisher

Flower Deliverer: Kathy Platzer

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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.