



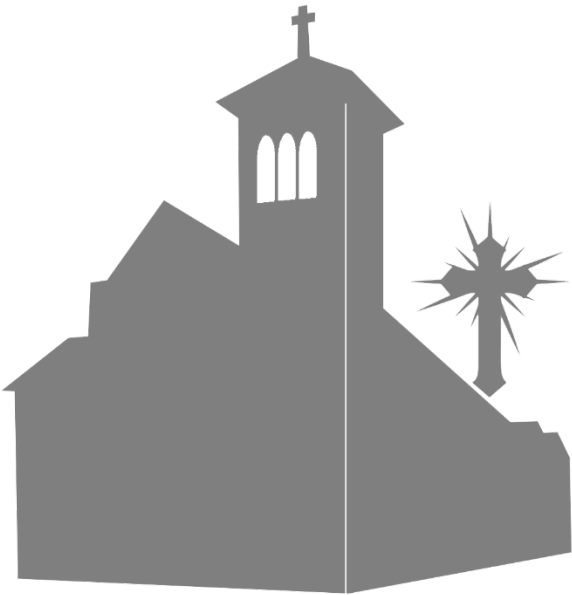
St. James Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, PA

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Holy Communion

September 19, 2021

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




✚ Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly. ✚

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 If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the staff.

Our worship book Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) is divided into two sections:

- Resources related to the church year and different services are in the front of the ELW, with small page numbers at the bottom of the pages. These are referenced as “**ELW Page #**” in our bulletin.
- Hymns (larger numbers at the top of the pages) are in the back half of the book. These are referenced as “**ELW #**” in our bulletin.

Please stand as you are able for parts of the service noted with an asterisk (*). Thank you for silencing your electronic devices. **We respectfully request that you wear a  mask at all times while indoors. We encourage social distancing as suggested by CDC recommendations, to care for each other.*

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Prelude: Partita on “Nettleton”

Charles Callahan

Welcome and Announcements

*Confession and Forgiveness

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

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose teaching is life, whose presence is sure, and whose love is endless.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God, our comforter,

C like lost sheep, we have gone astray. We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity. We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression. We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed. Free us from our sin, gracious God. Listen when we call out to you for help. Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

P All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God. By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous. Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.

C Amen.

*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, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Word

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

First Reading: James 3:13--4:3, 7-8a

The wisdom God gives unites our hearts and minds. Instead of living to satisfy our own wants and desires, we manifest this wisdom in peace, gentleness, mercy, and impartiality toward others.

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.^{4:}

¹Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ²You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ^{8a}Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem (at 10:45 a.m. service): Welcome Table

Mark Hayes

*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 9:30-37

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus' teaching and action in this text are directed to the church whenever it is seduced by the world's definition of greatness: prestige, power, influence, and money. The antidote to such a concern for greatness is servanthood.

³⁰[Jesus and the disciples went on] and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it,³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."

³²But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

³³Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon, followed by a time of silent reflection

*Hymn of the Day: *Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW 781

*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: "Andante" from Sonata No. 6

Felix Mendelssohn

*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: Lord of All Hopefulness

ELW 765

*Dismissal

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

C Thanks be to God.

Postlude: If You But Trust in God to Guide You

Johann Sebastian Bach

Lift up in prayers

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

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 loving honor of the 37th wedding anniversary of Sue & Gary Currens on the 15th, and in loving honor of their daughter Devin's birthday on the 16th.

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Sixeas by her daughter, Janet Rice, and family.

Flower Deliverer: Shirley Armstrong

Participating in Worship

Presider:

The Rev. Andrew R. Geib

Preacher:

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Minister of Music:

Jonathan Noel

8:15 a.m. Worship Service

Assisting Minister:

Janina Kloster

Communion Assistants:

Dan & Lucinda Bringman

Lay Reader: Dan Bringman

Sacristy: Judy Seilhamer & Diane Joiner

Ushers: Dee Wells & David Williams

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Assisting Minister:

Anne Young

Communion Assistant:

Carol Widerman & Andrew Keyser

Lay Reader: Andrew Crouse

Sacristy: Kathy Platzer & Carol Cook

Ushers: Robert Campbell & Leon Pisano

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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.