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St. James Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, PA

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.



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Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Holy Communion

October 10, 2021

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




✠ The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our assemblies counter this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other. ✠

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. If you prefer to not be recorded on YouTube, you may choose to sit under the projector screen or along the back wall by the baptismal font. 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.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*

Mark Sedio

*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.

*ENTRANCE HYMN: *Lord of Light*

ELW 688

*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:* Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us your gift of faith, that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what lies ahead, we may follow the way of your commandments and receive the crown of everlasting joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Word

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

READING: HEBREWS 1:1-4; 4:12-16 (NSRV)

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

P The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:45 A.M.): *What Shall I Render to My God?*

Austin C. Lovelace

*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 10:17-31

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

Jesus has been teaching his disciples about what is most valued in God's eyes. Now, a conversation with a rich man brings his message home to the disciples in a way that is surprising but unforgettable.

¹⁷As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ¹⁸Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. ¹⁹You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" ²⁰He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." ²¹Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." ²²When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

²³Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" ²⁴And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! ²⁵It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." ²⁶They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" ²⁷Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

²⁸Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." ²⁹Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, ³⁰who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. ³¹But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Take My Life, That I May Be*

ELW 685

AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM, RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (10:45 A.M.)

ELW Page 234

*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

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.

*EUCCHARISTIC 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: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

ELW 705

*DISMISSAL

P Go in peace. The living Word dwells in you. **C** Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Paul Manz

LIFT UP IN PRAYERS

<i>Jean Bair</i>	<i>Kimberly</i>	<i>Bill</i>	<i>Terry Null</i>	<i>Andy</i>
<i>Elinor Bender</i>	<i>Garrett</i>	<i>McNaughten</i>	<i>Jean Odom</i>	<i>Beverly</i>
<i>Petey Bender</i>	<i>Michael Geesy</i>	<i>Darlene</i>	<i>Craig Oyler</i>	<i>Charlotte</i>
<i>Harry Borger</i>	<i>Marc Hirsh</i>	<i>McNaughten</i>	<i>Dale Showers</i>	<i>Cindy</i>
<i>Bob Brown</i>	<i>Laura Khan</i>	<i>Joyce Miller</i>	<i>Sean Vora</i>	<i>Greg</i>
<i>John Michael</i>	<i>Sam Main</i>	<i>Linda</i>	<i>Bryon White</i>	<i>Karen</i>
<i>Demchak</i>	<i>Danielle Martin</i>	<i>Mumaugh</i>	<i>Alli</i>	<i>Paul</i>
<i>Amelia Dolbow</i>		<i>Paul Myers</i>		

We rejoice in this weekend's new membership of Deanna Ambrose and Juli Ann Ambrose.

We pray for the family and friends of Elizabeth Kraus who recently died.

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 memory of Richard Everhart by his wife, Susan.

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Seth J. and Catherine Marie Chrismer's wedding anniversary by her parents, George and Yu Cha Helfrick.

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:

Sharon Kaya

Communion Assistants:

Kenneth Shafer

Lay Readers: Ashly Miller

Sacristy: Charlie Gomer &
Anne Gomer

Ushers: Sheldon Smith &
Ronald Sollenberger

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Assisting Minister:

Sharon Kaya

Communion Assistant:

Carol Widerman

Lay Reader: Samuel Dunlop

Sacristy: Anne Young &
Carol Widerman

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Jan Keefer

Adult Choir