



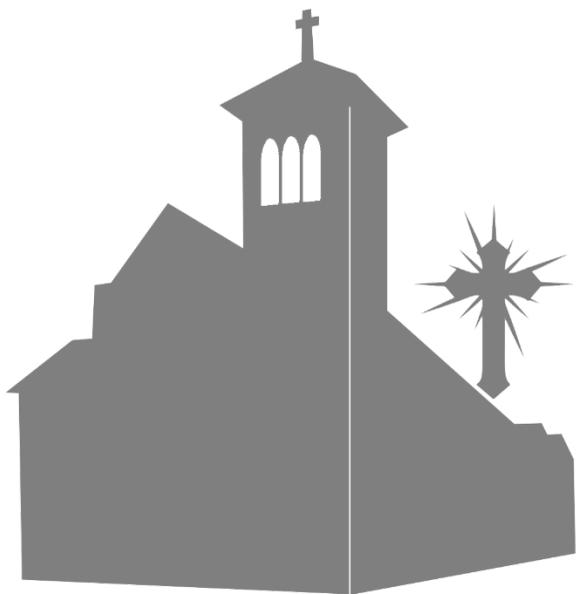
St. James Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, PA

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

Sacrament of Holy Communion

October 24, 2021

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



✠ Can we pray the way Bartimaeus prays? People try to hush him up because by addressing Jesus as “Son of David” he is making a politically dangerous claim that Jesus is the rightful king. Could our prayers ever be heard as a threat to unjust powers that be? Bartimaeus won’t give up or go away quietly, but repeats his call for help more loudly. Do we ask so boldly? And are our prayers an honest answer to Jesus’ question, “What do you want me to do for you?” ✠

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: *God, Whose Almighty Word*

Richard Proulx

*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: *God, Whose Almighty Word*

ELW 673

*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:* Eternal light, shine in our hearts. Eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance. Eternal compassion, have mercy on us. Turn us to seek your face, and enable us to reflect your goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Word

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

READING: Jeremiah 31: 7-9

This passage speaks not only of the southern kingdom, Judah, and its homecoming from exile in Babylon, but also of the northern kingdom (“Israel” or “Ephraim”) and its restoration. The northern tribes of Israel had been lost in exile to Assyria more than a century before Jeremiah prophesied.

⁷Thus says the LORD:

Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob,
and raise shouts for the chief of the nations;
proclaim, give praise, and say,
“Save, O LORD, your people,
the remnant of Israel.”

⁸See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north,
and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth,
among them the blind and the lame,
those with child and those in labor, together;
a great company, they shall return here.

⁹With weeping they shall come,
and with consolations I will lead them back,
I will let them walk by brooks of water,
in a straight path in which they shall not stumble;
for I have become a father to Israel,
and Ephraim is my firstborn.

P The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

*HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:46-52

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**
Bartimaeus comes to Jesus with faith, asking that he might see again. Recognizing Jesus' identity, Bartimaeus is the first person to call him "Son of David" in the Gospel of Mark.

⁴⁶As [Jesus] and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁸Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" ⁴⁹Jesus stood still and said, "Call him here." And they called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." ⁵⁰So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. ⁵¹Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." ⁵²Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

P The Gospel of the Lord. **C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Praise and Thanksgiving*

ELW 689

*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: "Hear us, O God," our response: **"Your mercy is great."**

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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.

*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

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: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

ELW 551

*DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE: *Evening and Morning*

David Cherwien

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LIFT UP IN PRAYERS

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	<i>Joyce Miller</i>		<i>Charlotte</i>	

We pray for the family and friends of Charlotte Swope, Janice Decker, and Freda Foth, 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 my husband, William E. Hutchison, by Glorianne Hutchison.

Rosebuds to the glory of God and in loving memory of Glenna Boyer by her children: Carole Ann, Anna, Kenneth, Peggy, and their families.

Flower Deliverer: Pete Bender

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The Rev. Michael E. Allwein

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St. James Lutheran Church
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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.