



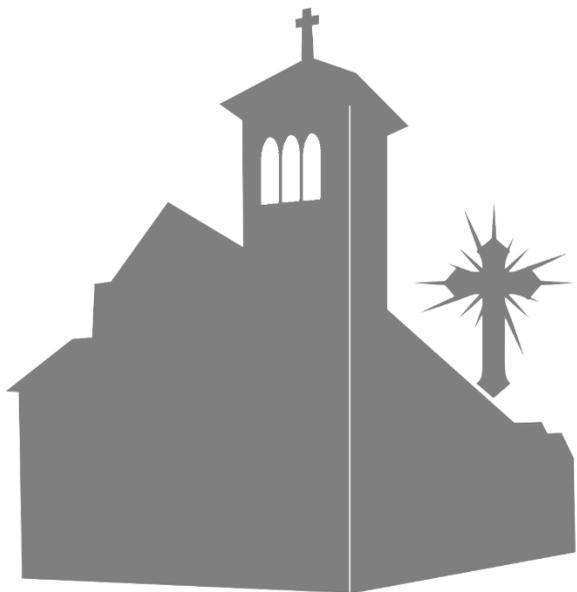
St. James Lutheran Church
Gettysburg, PA

Christ the King Sunday

Sacrament of Holy Communion

November 21, 2021

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



✠ Even after Israel had experienced the vagaries of kings, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the king's title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the "one like a human being" (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel's vision. Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love. ✠

The 8:15 a.m. worship service will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel and made available for public viewing. Please be aware that you may be recorded during worship. 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.

P Spoken by presider

C Congregation response

A Spoken by assisting minister

**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 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Robert J. Powell

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

P In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Have mercy on us, O God.

C **We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

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:* Almighty and ever-living God, you anointed your beloved Son to be priest and sovereign forever. Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united by the glorious and gentle rule of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Word

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

READING: Daniel 7: 9-10, 13-14

To the community for whom this passage was written, it seemed as though the oppression they were experiencing would never end. Daniel's message is: It shall end. The Ancient One, who is judge, will call all nations to account and will give dominion to "one like a human being," the Messiah.

⁹As I watched,
thrones were set in place,
and an Ancient One took his throne,
his clothing was white as snow,
and the hair of his head like pure wool;
his throne was fiery flames,
and its wheels were burning fire.

¹⁰A stream of fire issued
and flowed out from his presence.
A thousand thousands served him,
and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him.
The court sat in judgment,
and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One

and was presented before him.

¹⁴To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

CHOIR ANTHEM (8:15 A.M.): *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*
(10:45 A.M.): *Christ Is the King*

Hal Hopson
Donald Busarow

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:4b-8

The book of Revelation begins by celebrating the Almighty God, who spans all of time. Similarly, Jesus is celebrated as the firstborn from the dead who rules over the world's rulers. He is the one whose return we eagerly await.

^{4b}Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, ⁶and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him,
even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.

So it is to be. Amen.

⁸"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

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: John 18:33-37

P The Holy Gospel according to John. **C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In John's gospel, the story of Jesus and Pilate presents two different ways of exercising power: through force or with love.

³³Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

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

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us*

ELW 431

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTER AND STEPHEN LEADER (10:45 A.M.)

See Bulletin Insert

*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: *Thine the Amen (Stanza 1)*

for music: ELW 826

Thine the amen, thine the praise, alleluias angels raise. Thine the everlasting head, thine the breaking of the bread. Thine the glory, thine the story, thine the harvest, then the cup. Thine the vineyard, then the cup is lifted up, lifted up.

*OFFERING PRAYER

P *Let us pray:*

C **Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our 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 A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

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

A *Let us pray:* Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

C **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

BLESSING OF THE GIFTS FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

*BLESSING

P God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life, ✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

C **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: : *Rejoice, for Christ Is King!*

ELW 430

*DISMISSAL

A Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Prelude in Classic Style*

Gordon Young

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FLOWERS

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Phyllis Kitzmiller by her family.

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and in loving honor of the wedding anniversary of George and Yu Cha Helfrick by their daughter Catherine Marie Chrismer.

LIFT UP IN PRAYERS

Jean Bair	Amelia Dolbow	Jean Odom	Bryon White	Jennifer
Elinor Bender	Alexis Hause	Candy Rule	Marty Young	Joshua
Petey Bender	Marc Hirsh	Dale Showers	Alli	Karen
Harry Borger	Laura Khan	Gloria Unger	Beverly	Kathy
Matthew Coffin	Danielle Martin	Ken Unger	Charlotte	Paul
Susan Conn	Joyce Miller	Sean Vora	Cindy	Robert
John Michael Demchak	Linda Mumaugh	Shawn Waybrant	Greg	Sam

We pray for the family and friends of Heather Reider, who recently died.

We pray for the safety and faith formation of our middle school youth who are participating in a weekend retreat at Nawakwa.

We rejoice in the commissioning of a new Stephen Minister and Stephen Ministry leader this morning.

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

PARTICIPATING IN WORSHIP

Preacher:

The Rev. Michael E. Allwein

Minister of Music:

Jonathan Noel

8:15 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Assisting Minister:

James Dunlop

Communion Assistant:

Karen Smith

Lay Reader: Shirley Sanders &

Kasey Smith

Sacristy: Brienna Smith &

Judith Seilhamer

Ushers: Brent Smith &

David Williams

Martin Luther Choir

10:45 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Assisting Minister:

James Dunlop

Flower Deliverer:

Pete Bender

Lay Reader: Anne Young &

Katharine Beckman

Sacristy: Anne Young &

Katy Clowney

Usher: John Fisher &

Leon Pisano

Adult Choir



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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.