

Second Sunday of Easter

Sacrament of Holy Communion

April 24, 2022

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



The Pascal Candle was lit for the first time on Easter Eve and remains lit during the Easter Season to show the presence of the risen Christ among his people. Thereafter, it is lit at baptisms and funerals as a sign of dying and rising with Christ, of our death and his life.

✠ In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the evangelist will provide sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace. ✠

The 8:15 a.m. worship service will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel and made available for public viewing. Please note 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

L Spoken by lay reader

**Please stand as you are able for parts of the service noted with an asterisk (*).*

Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.
Masking is optional. Masking is recommended during singing.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *The Wonderful Cross*

Chris Tomlin

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

P Alleluia. Christ is risen!

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

P In the waters of baptism, we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ, and we are a new creation. For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God, who was, who is, and who is to come.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P We thank you, God, for your river of life, flowing freely from your throne: through the earth, through the city, through every living thing. You rescued Noah and his family from the flood; You opened wide the sea for the Israelites. Now in these waters you flood us with mercy, and our sin is drowned forever. You open the gate of righteousness and we pass safely through. In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters. You nourish us and enclose us in safety. You call us forth and send us out. In lush and barren places, you are with us. You have become our salvation. Now breathe upon this water and awaken your church once more. Claim us again as your beloved and holy people. Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts;

wipe away every tear. To you, our Beginning and our End, our Shepherd and Lamb, be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving, now and forever.

C Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN: *Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

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*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 of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, 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

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:45): *Thou Art Jesus, Savior and Lord*

Heinrich Schütz

Thou art Jesus, Savior and Lord, Redeemer and King. Hear our prayer, Savior and Lord, Redeemer and King. Hear us, O Lord.

READING: Acts 5:27-32

Peter has been arrested for proclaiming the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection. His response to the charges of the high priest summarizes the early church's proclamation of forgiveness of sin through repentance.

²⁷When they had brought [the apostles,] they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, ²⁸saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." ²⁹But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. ³⁰The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. ³¹God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. ³²And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

*HOLY GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

The unprecedented events of the day of resurrection continue as the risen Jesus appears to his fearful disciples. A week later, after Thomas worships Jesus, Jesus pronounces that the blessings of the resurrection are also for those who “have not seen and yet believe.”

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” ²⁸Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” ²⁹Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *The Risen Christ*

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*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 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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Hallelujah*

Leonard Cohen/Rachel Kurtz

*OFFERTORY HYMN: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

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Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C **Living God, you gather the wolf and the lamb to feed together in your peaceable reign, and you welcome us all at your table. Reach out to us through this meal, and show us your wounded and risen body, that we may be nourished and believe in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*GREAT THANKSGIVING

*PREFACE DIALOG

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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

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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

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 The risen Christ dwells with us here. All who are hungry, all who are thirsty, come.

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. Amen.

*TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A *Let us pray:* We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

C **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

*BLESSING

P God, the Author of life, Christ, the living Cornerstone, and the life-giving Spirit of adoption, ☩ bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

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*DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

A Go in peace. Tell what God has done.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*POSTLUDE: *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

Healey Willan

Lift Up in Prayer

Jean Bair	Nita Gross	Patricia Millar	Larry Griffin	Greg
David Cline	Marc Hirsh	Diana Miner	Sean Vora	Jennifer
Susan Conn	Jesse Holt	Linda Mumaugh	Ann	Joe
Monica Doerfler	Laura Khan	Jane Nutter	Beverly	Josh
Glenda Drew	Hilda Koontz	Dale Showers	Bob	Judy
Tim Fleming	Vestal Kottcamp	Colleen Smith	Charlotte	Kaedyn
Rosemary Giancoli	Paige Kriel	Anne Swope	Cindy	Karen
	Danielle Martin	Ken Unger	Diane	Natalie

Mary

Owen

Paul

Serving in Worship

Presider:

The Rev. Andrew R. Geib

Preacher:

The Rev. Mark W.
Oldenberg

Minister of Music:

Jonathan Noel

Soloist:

Sharon Kaya

8:15 a.m. Worship Service

Assisting Minister: Ruth
Topper

Bell Ringer: Shirley Sanders

Lay Reader: Brigid Hazel

Communion Assistants:

Kim McGlaughlin & Holly
Musselman

Ushers: Alan & Cathy Haynes,
Dee Wells, Karen Smith

Sacristy: Debby Luquette &
Dee Wells

10:45 a.m. Worship Service

Assisting Minister: Peggy
Green

Bell Ringer: Thomas Urai-
Thang

Lay Reader: David Langman

Communion Assistants:
Anne Young & Jan Keefer

Ushers: Leon Pisano

Sacristy: Ann Ketterman &
Diane Joiner

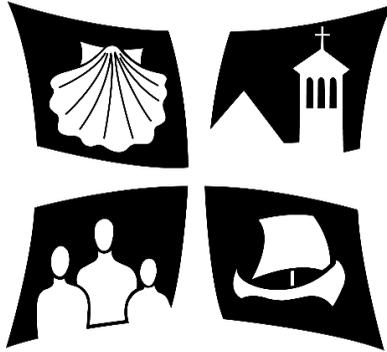
Flower Deliverer: Pete Bender

Adult Choir

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and

In memory of my mother, Mary, by John Doerfler.

In memory of Richard Everhart, by his wife, Susan.



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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