

Third Sunday of Easter



Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday, April 14, 2024
8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

The gospel for the third Sunday of Easter is always one in which the risen Christ shares food with the disciples, meals that are the Easter template for the meal we share each Sunday. In today's gospel, Jesus both shares the disciples' food and shows them the meaning of his suffering, death, and resurrection through the scriptures, the two main elements of our Sunday worship.

St. James Lutheran Church

109 York Street, Gettysburg, PA
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Welcome to St. James. Here are some tips for worshipping with us.

Large print bulletins and hearing-assist devices can be found on the welcome table in the main hall. Hymns are found in the back half of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* located in the chair rack in front of you and are referenced in this bulletin as ELW#. Please stand as you are able for parts of the service noted with an asterisk (*). Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

P Presider **C** Congregation **A** Assisting Minister **L** Lay Reader

The 8:15 worship service will be livestreamed to our YouTube Channel and made available for public viewing. Please note that you may be recorded during worship. You can visit our YouTube Channel at StJamesGettysburg.org/YouTube. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the staff.

The Paschal 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.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE: *Third Suite for Saxophone Quartet, First Movement*

William R. Higgins

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

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

C Amen.

P Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

C **Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as your children, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.**

P We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

C **To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen!*

ELW 377



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,



glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



Refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God. Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was



slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.



Final refrain

This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L *Let us pray:* Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection 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.**

CHOIR ANTHEM

(8:15): *Touch That Soothes and Heals*

Gregg DeMey

¹Touch that soothes and heals the hurting, hands that break a loaf of bread; steps that walk beside the weary, bearing burdens in their stead: "See my hands and feet," said Jesus, love arisen from the grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Jesus, "live as ones I died to save." ²Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, visit ones in need of care, give the homeless warmth and shelter: Christ will find a welcome there. ³Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least. Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased. ⁴Hands that beckon little children, bind a wound, prepare a meal, feet that rush to share good tidings, Christ arisen, still reveal. (Mary Louise Bringle)

(10:45): *Stay With Us*

Egil Hovland

Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening, and night is falling. Jesus Christ, the world's true light! Shine so the darkness cannot overcome it! Stay with us, Lord Jesus, it soon is evening. Stay with us, Lord Jesus, for night is falling. Let your light pierce the darkness and fill your church with its glory. (Luke 24:29; *Phos hilaron*, tr. Gracia Grindal)

FIRST READING: Acts 3:12-19

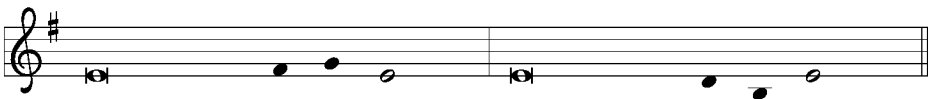
¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?" ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 4



¹Answer me when I call, O God, defender ¹ of my cause;
you set me free when I was in distress; have mercy on me and ¹ hear my prayer.

²**"You mortals, how long will you dishon- ¹ or my glory;
how long will you love illusions and seek ¹ after lies?"**

³Know that the Lord does wonders ¹ for the faithful;

the Lord will hear me ¹ when I call.

**⁴Tremble, then, and ¹ do not sin;
speak to your heart in silence up- ¹ on your bed.**

⁵Offer the appointed ¹ sacrifices,
and put your trust ¹ in the Lord.

**⁶Many are saying, “Who will show us ¹ any good?”
Let the light of your face shine upon ¹ us, O Lord.**

⁷You have put gladness ¹ in my heart,
more than when grain and ¹ wine abound.

**⁸In peace, I will lie ¹ down and sleep;
for you alone, O Lord, make me ¹ rest secure.**

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Cantor: Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. (Luke 24:32)

*HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 24:36b-48

P The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, “Peace be with you.” ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, “Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.” ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, “Have you anything here to eat?” ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he

said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *As We Gather at Your Table*

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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 of grace,” Our response: “Hear our prayer.”

*SHARING GOD’S PEACE

Meal *God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Third Suite for Saxophone Quartet, Second Movement*

William R. Higgins

*OFFERTORY

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

***OFFERING PRAYER**

A Let us pray.

C Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

***GREAT THANKSGIVING**



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

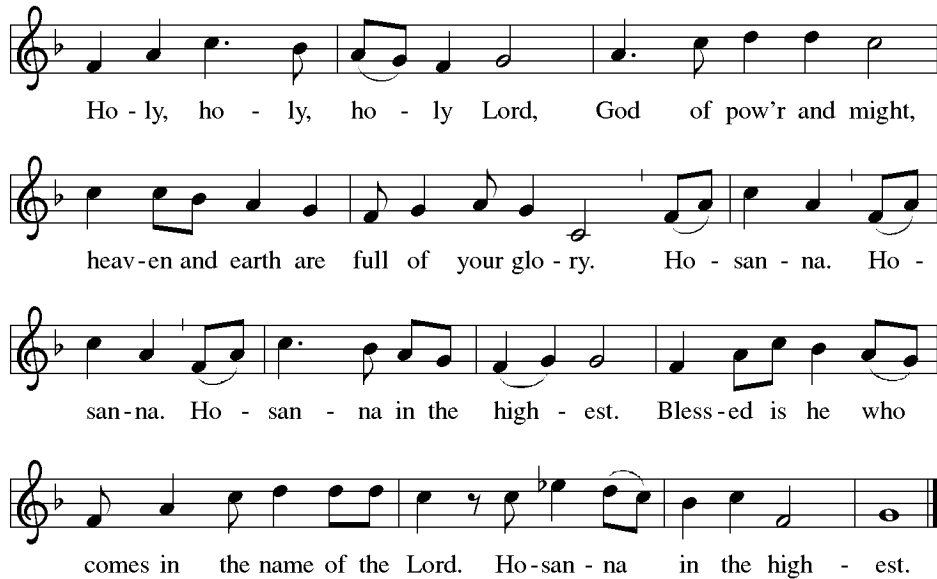


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

*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 is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

C **Thanks be to God.**

DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS

All are welcome at Christ's table. Come one, come all, the feast is spread! An usher will give you a cup and guide you toward the platform. During the continuous flow, please fill in spaces starting at the front of the platform completing the circle. We offer a chalice with grape juice first, followed by a chalice of wine. Please indicate your preference by extending your glass at the appropriate time. Rice crackers are available for those with gluten allergies. If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher and you will receive the sacrament while seated.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*COMMUNION MEDITATION: *Evening Prayer (from Hansel and Gretel)*

Engelbert Humperdinck

*TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A *Let us pray:* Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.

C **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

*BLESSING

P Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

P The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope ✠ bless you now and always.

C **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: *With High Delight Let Us Unite*

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*DISMISSAL

A Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

C **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

POSTLUDE: *Fourth Irish Suite for Saxophone Quartet, First Movement*

William R. Higgins

Lift Up in Prayer

Taylor Balderas	Justin Griest	Donna Shipe	Beverly
Helen Bardell	Nita Gross	Lisa Sites	Bill
Bob Campbell	Billy Jones	Nicholas Smeal	Darryl
Daniel Dulisse	Ricky Hernberger	Colleen Smith	Herb
Dr. Douglas Eyer	Jean Hobbs	John Steinberger	Karen
Joanne Fisher	Jack Lally	Michelle Steinberger	Lisa
Tim Fleming	Jen Mickelson	Jeff Snyder	Luke
Chrissy Freed	Mary Alice Nutter	Ken Unger	Marilyn
Jim Gallagher	Mindy & Harold Plank	Sean Vora	Tim
Hazel and Frank	Barbara Sanders	Amy	Wayne
George	John Seilhamer	Angie	

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Charles Shreiner, by his daughter & son-in-law, John & Judy Seilhamer.

In loving memory of Anna Mae Sensening, by her granddaughter, Janina Kloster and family.

Rosebud given in loving honor of the 9th anniversary of the baptism of Gavin Michael Seilhamer, by his grandparents, John and Judy

Announcements

Springtime Book Club: Mondays at 4 pm at The Upper Crust. Reading & discussing *Holy People, Holy Lives: Law & Gospel in Bioethics*, by Richard Eyer. See Vicar Libby with questions.

Habitat for Humanity Blitz Build: Remaining build dates are 4/18-4/20. Contact Shirley Sanders (sandersds@comcast.net) to sign up to help build or provide food items.

Court of Honor Celebration: All are invited to attend the Eagle Scout Court of Honor for Christian DiCampli today at 1 pm. It will be held downstairs in the church.

Creation Care Concert and Conversation: April 21 @ 4 pm in the worship space. Original songs and conversation about upcoming Creation Care activities. Light refreshments will be provided.

CROP Hunger Walk: Sunday April 28 at the YWCA. You can participate as a team or individual walker. Contact Jesse Holt or Suzanne Hubbard with questions.

Serving in Worship

Preacher

The Rev. Andrew R. Geib

Presider

Vicar Libby Baker-Mikesell

Minister of Music

Jonathan Noel

Gettysburg College

Saxophone Quartet

Jacqui Morin

Justin Morgan

Adam Noel

David Grant

8:15 am Worship Service

Assisting Minister

Kay MacDowell

Acolyte

Cole Altemose

Bell Ringer

Jack Altemose

Prayer of the Day

Lay Readers

John Hartzell

Kim McGlaughlin

Communion Assistants

Judy Seilhamer, Adam Michael,

Dee Wells, Shirley Sanders

Ushers

Brad Smith, John Doerfler,

Bill Shoemaker

Greeters

Anne Gomer, Peggy Green

Bread Baker

Peggy Green

Sacristy

Shirley Sanders, Brie Smith

AV Operator

Denise Wood

Cantor

Mike Guise

Martin Luther Choir

10:45 am Worship Service

Assisting Minister

Wayne Hill

Acolyte

Jeremiah Sawmtheen

Bell Ringer

Thomas Urai-Thang

Prayer of the Day

Owen Austin

Lay Readers

David Langman, Jan Keefer

Communion Assistants

Anne Young, Kathy Smith

Sharon Kaya, Jan Keefer

Ushers

Mark Withrow, John Fisher,

Gabbi Scavitto

Greeters

Tom Uhlig, Glenn Munsee

Bread Baker

Greta Englund

Sacristy

Jean Uhlig

Flower Deliverer

Pete Bender

Cantor

Tom Bender

St. James Choir