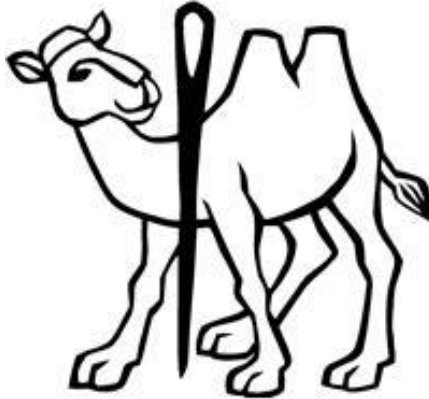


# *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*



Sacrament of Holy Communion

Sunday, October 13, 2024

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.

*St. James Lutheran Church*

109 York Street, Gettysburg, PA

[www.StJamesGettysburg.org](http://www.StJamesGettysburg.org)

## 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. Please stand as you are able for parts of the service noted with an asterisk (\*). Thank you for silencing your electronic devices.

In this bulletin, ELW# refers to hymns in the back half of *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (cranberry color). ACS# refers to hymns in the back half of *All Creation Sings* (purple color). Both books are found in the chair rack in front of you. Other symbols used throughout this bulletin:

**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](http://StJamesGettysburg.org/YouTube). If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the staff.

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## Gathering

*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**P** Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C** Amen.

**P** Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Gracious God,

**C** **have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**P** God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C** Amen.

\*GATHERING HYMN: *Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

ELW 669

#### \*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

**L** *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.

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*Word*

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

FIRST READING: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

<sup>6</sup>Seek the Lord and live,  
or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire,  
and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

<sup>7</sup>Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood,  
and bring righteousness to the ground!

<sup>10</sup>They hate the one who reproves in the gate,  
and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

<sup>11</sup>Therefore because you trample on the poor  
and take from them levies of grain,  
you have built houses of hewn stone,  
but you shall not live in them;  
you have planted pleasant vineyards,  
but you shall not drink their wine.

<sup>12</sup>For I know how many are your transgressions,  
and how great are your sins—  
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,  
and push aside the needy in the gate.

<sup>13</sup>Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time;  
for it is an evil time.

<sup>14</sup>Seek good and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
just as you have said.

<sup>15</sup>Hate evil and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 90:12-17

*The response is sung first by the cantor, then by all; the verses are sung by the cantor, all sing the response as indicated.*

So teach us to num - ber our  
days that we may ap - ply our hearts to wis - dom.

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to number our days  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

<sup>13</sup>Return, O LORD; how long will you tarry?  
Be gracious to your servants. **Response**

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us by your steadfast love in the morning;  
so shall we rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup>Make us glad as many days as you afflicted us  
and as many years as we suffered adversity. **Response**

<sup>16</sup>Show your servants your works,  
and your splendor to their children.

<sup>17</sup>May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork. **Response**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>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.

<sup>14</sup>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. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>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.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Cantor:* Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matt. 5:3)

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:17-31

**P** The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

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

<sup>17</sup>As [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?” <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You 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.’ ” <sup>20</sup>He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” <sup>21</sup>Jesus, 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.” <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It 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.” <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” <sup>29</sup>Jesus 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, <sup>30</sup>who 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. <sup>31</sup>But 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 SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Commonwealth Is God’s Commandment*

ACS 1036

\*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.

\*DEDICATION OF PARAMENTS & STOLES

\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions conclude: "God of grace," Our response: "**hear our prayer.**"

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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*Meal*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHOIR ANTHEM

(8:15) *Soli Deo Gloria*

Marty Haugen

<sup>1</sup>O God of blessings, all praise to you! Your love surrounds us our whole life through. You are the freedom of those oppressed; you are the comfort of all distressed. Come now, O holy and welcome guest: Soli Deo gloria! <sup>2</sup>All praise for prophets, through grace inspired to preach and witness with hearts on fire. Your Spirit chooses the weak and small to sing the new reign where mighty fall; with them may we live your gospel call: Soli Deo gloria! <sup>3</sup>All praise for music, deep gift profound, through hands and voices in holy sound; the psalms of David, and Mary's praise, in wordless splendor and lyric phrase, with all creation one song we raise: Soli Deo gloria! <sup>4</sup>All praise for Jesus, best gift divine through word and witness, in bread and wine; incarnate love song of boundless grace, priest, teacher, prophet in time and space, your steadfast kindness with human face: Soli Deo gloria! <sup>5</sup>A billion voices in one great song, now soft and gentle, now deep and strong, in ev'ry culture and style and key, from hill and valley, with sky and sea, with Christ we praise you eternally: Soli Deo gloria!

(10:45) *Feast after Feast*

Carson P. Cooman

<sup>1</sup>This is the hour of banquet and of song; this is the heavenly table spread for me; here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong the brief, bright hour of fellowship with thee. <sup>2</sup>Too soon we rise; we go our several ways; the feast, though not the love, is past and gone, the Bread and Wine consumed: yet all our days thou still art here with us—our Shield and Sun. <sup>3</sup>Feast after feast thus comes and passes by, yet, passing, points to the glad feast above, giving us foretaste of the festal joy, the Lamb's great marriage feast of bliss and love. (Horatius Bonar)

\*OFFERTORY

Bread of life, our host and meal, Je - sus, feed us.  
Christ, by faith, to see and feel, feed us with your love.

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

**C** Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.

*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-er and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. 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. 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** Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come for all is now ready.

**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.*

COMMUNION HYMN: *We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW 479

\* TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** *Let us pray:* Holy God, you have welcomed us to this meal and fed us with dignity at your table. Send us now to welcome others and to be at peace with one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C** **Amen.**



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## Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

\*BLESSING

**P** God all mighty, God most merciful † bless you, keep you, and give you peace.

**C** Amen.

\*SENDING HYMN: *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*

ELW 678

\*DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C** Thanks be to God.

\*POSTLUDE: *I Surrender All (with Beethoven's Adagio Cantabile)*

setting, Cindy Berry

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## Lift Up in Prayer

Sandy Alleman	Erin Freeman	Michelle	Hilda
Taylor Balderas	Hazel and Frank	Steinberger	Janet
Helen Bardell	George	Ken Unger	Karen
Shirley Biser	Nita Gross	Cheryl Weaver	Luke
James Bixler	Jen Mickelson	Angie	Marilyn
Katee Brown	Andrew Miles	Avery	Michael & Ali
Shawn Dooley	Barbara Sanders	Beverly	Miriam
Ryan Dunlop	William Scott IV	Bill	Ramona
Dr. Douglas Eyer	William Scott	Cindalee	Sue D.
Joanne Fisher	Jeff Snyder	Darryl	Ted
Tim Fleming	Irelyn Sprenkle	Dennis	Tiffany
Caleb Freeman	John Steinberger	Herb	Wayne

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## Flowers are given to the Glory of God and

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

In loving memory of Margaret Thomas Nutter, by Jane Nutter

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## *Announcements*

**Fall Quilting** – Quilters meet on Mondays until Oct. 28 in Rm. 303, from 9:30 am – 11 am. We are working towards a goal of completing 40 quilts and have a task for everyone!

**Bible Study with Pastor Andrew** - There will be no Bible Study this Thursday 10/17. Study to resume on Thursday 10/24 at 10 a.m. We are still in the Gathering Area and still studying Genesis. All are welcome!

**Fall Book Club** - Join Pastor Libby on Mondays at 3 pm at Paradise Cove Pavilion, Lake Heritage for a book study of “Jesus and John Wayne.” On cold, windy, or rainy days, we will meet in the Gathering Area at St. James. See Pastor Libby for more details.

**Fall Yoga** - Gentle yoga classes, accessible for all abilities and levels of experience, continue on Fridays through November 22 at 1:15 pm, in Room 300.

**Giving to St. James** - Your financial gift allows St. James to do great things! Our mission is to live & love like Jesus. We serve and support our community – both locally & globally. Your gift and support make a difference in our community & world. Thank you! Scan the QR code or visit [StJamesGettysburg.org/give](https://StJamesGettysburg.org/give).



**Sign-up for our weekly eBlast to always know what’s happening at St. James!**

**Community Movie** – The film “Common Ground” will be shown on Tuesday, October 15 in the auditorium at Valentine Hall, United Lutheran Seminary (Gettysburg). Doors open at 6:30 pm, and the film begins at 7 pm. Admission is free! The film is an urgent call to action and a plan for how we can save the future, heal our climate, and fix our broken food system. This event is hosted by the Creation Care Taskforce, the Gettysburg Green Gathering, and the Green Gettysburg Book Club.

**Apple Gleaning** - Join us to pick apples on October 20 at 1 pm, at Adams County Nursery in Aspers. Apples gleaned from the orchard are donated to local charities that provide food for those in need. Sign up at <https://stjamesgettysburg.org/event/apple-gleaning-2024/>

**Family Halloween Party** - Join us on October 22 from 5-6:45 pm. There will be games, youth activities, snacks, and \$1 pizza and hot dogs!

**Hymn Festival** - Sunday October 27 at 4 pm at Christ Lutheran Church, Gettysburg. Hear the choirs from Christ Lutheran and St. James perform in a free community concert.

**Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S.** – St. James will once again host Gettysburg C.A.R.E.S. guests overnight beginning on November 4. Breakfast will be served in the Youth House daily. St. James' members are serving breakfast from Nov. 19 through Dec. 2. Volunteers are needed on each of these dates to cook and clean up. A volunteer orientation will be held prior to Nov. 19. Contact Bill Shoemaker at 717-451-6549 or at [wmschoemaker@comcast.net](mailto:wmschoemaker@comcast.net) with any questions. Volunteers can scan the QR code to sign up.



**Save These November Dates:**

**Sunday November 17 at noon** – Annual Congregation Meeting

**Wednesday November 27** – Thanksgiving Eve Meal & Worship featuring Bluegrass Liturgy

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## *Serving in Worship*

### **Preacher**

Pastor Andrew R. Geib

### **Presider**

Pastor Libby Baker -Mikesell

### **Guest Musician**

Suzanne Hubbard

### **Cantor**

(8:15) Ernie Kranias

(10:45) Sue Currens

### **Assisting Minister**

Lucinda Bringman

### **8:15 am Worship Service**

#### **Acolyte**

#### **Bell Ringer**

Emma Schneider

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Emma Schneider

#### **Lay Readers**

Ila Verdirame

Barbara Schmitthenner

#### **Communion Assistants**

Paula Shoemaker,  
Catharine Senft Geib,  
Karen Smith, John Doerfler

#### **Ushers**

Cindy Zepp, Alan Zepp,  
Bill Hill, Dave Williams

#### **Greeters**

Barbara Nicks  
Kathy Felix

#### **Bread Baker**

Cindy Zepp

#### **Sacristy**

Dee Wells  
Judy Seilhamer

#### **AV Operator**

Katy Clowney

#### **Martin Luther Choir**

### **10:45 am Worship Service**

#### **Acolyte**

Sam Dunlop

#### **Bell Ringer**

Owen Austin

#### **Prayer of the Day**

Owen Austin

#### **Lay Readers**

James Dunlop

Debra Baker

#### **Communion Assistants**

Anne Young,  
Catharine Senft Geib,  
Peggy Green, Sonja Withrow

#### **Ushers**

Jan Keefer, John Fisher,  
Gabbi Scavitto, Mark Withrow

#### **Greeters**

Becky Brown

#### **Bread Baker**

Addy Dunlop

#### **Sacristy**

Ann Ketterman  
Kathy Platzer

#### **Flower Deliverer**

Sue Currens

#### **St James Choir**