

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday, October 20, 2024
8:15 a.m.

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

St. James Lutheran Church

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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. 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. If you have any questions or concerns, please speak with a member of the staff.

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: *You Servants of God*

ELW 825

*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:* Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C *Amen.*

Word

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

FIRST READING: Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities
and carried our diseases;
yet we accounted him stricken,
struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,
crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have all turned to our own way,
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.
Who could have imagined his future?
For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked
and his tomb with the rich,
although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.
When you make his life an offering for sin,
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;
because he poured out himself to death,
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 91:9-16

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

You have made the LORD your ref - uge, and the
Most High your hab - i - ta - tion.

⁹Because you have made the Lord your refuge,
and the Most High your habitation,

¹⁰no evil will befall you,
nor shall affliction come near your dwelling. **Response**

¹¹For God will give the angels charge over you,
to guard you in all your ways.

¹²Upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you strike your foot against a stone. **Response**

¹³You will tread upon the lion cub and viper;
you will trample down the lion and the serpent.

¹⁴I will deliver those who cling to me;
I will uphold them, because they know my name. **Response**

¹⁵They will call me, and I will answer them;
I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and honor them.

¹⁶With long life will I satisfy them,
and show them my salvation. **Response**

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

L The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. The first staff is in G major and 4/4 time, with a treble clef. It contains the melody for the first two phrases: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,". The second staff is in G major and 4/4 time, with a treble clef. It contains the melody for the last two phrases: "al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The lyrics are written below the notes.

Cantor: The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (Mark 10:45)

HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 10:35-45

P The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

C Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and

whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Making Their Way*

ACS 979

*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: *As Saints of Old*

English Folk Tune

¹As saints of old their firstfruits brought of orchard, flock, and field to God, the giver of all good, the source of bounteous yield; so we today firstfruits would bring, the wealth of this good land, of farm and market, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand. ²A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give; to make our life an offering to God, that all may live. The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true: a world redeemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new. ³In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way. O God, who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son, teach us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done. (Frank von Christierson)

*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: *On Eagle's Wings*

ELW 787

* 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.**

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: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

ELW 551

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

C Thanks be to God.

*POSTLUDE: *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

setting, John Leavitt

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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

We rejoice in the holy baptism of Quenton Leon Rodriguez, son of Kevin and Abigail Rodriguez.

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Welby Snyder by his family.

In loving memory of Mary “Sis” Leedy, by Sam & Joan Leedy.

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 - Join us Thursday mornings at 10 am! We meet in the Gathering Area and are 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.



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

Apple Gleaning - Join us **today at 1 pm**, to pick apples 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 wmshoemaker@comcast.net with any questions. Volunteers can scan the QR code to sign up.



Giving Spree: The St. James Early Learning Center (ELC) is a benefactor of the Giving Spree on November 7. The ELC is #99, so please support the Early Learning Center. Funds received at the Giving Spree support the ELC's Scholarship Fund to help make quality childcare more affordable for families in need.

Save These November Dates:

Sunday November 17 at noon – Annual Congregation Meeting

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

Serving in Worship

Preacher

Pastor Richard Michael

Presider

Pastor Andrew R. Geib
Pastor Libby Baker-Mikesell

Minister of Music

Jonathan Noel

Cantor

(8:15) Lucinda Bringman
(10:45) Sherry Waybright

Musical Offering

Mike Guise

Assisting Minister

Daniel Bringman

8:15 am Worship Service

Acolyte

Jack Altemose

Bell Ringer

Cole Altemose

Prayer of the Day

Findley Waybright

Lay Readers

Ernie Kranias
Lucinda Bringman

Communion Assistants

Shirley Sanders, Judy
Seilhamer
Michael Guise, Kim Guise

Ushers

Eric Smith, Anne Gomer,
Bill Hill, Jim Flanagan

Greeters

Brie Smith
Shirley Sanders

Bread Baker

Peggy Green

Sacristy

Debby Luquette

AV Operator

Denise Wood

10:45 am Worship Service

Acolyte

Thomas Urai - Thang

Bell Ringer

Henry Finkenbinder

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Carol Widerman

Communion Assistants

Carol Widerman, Anne Young
Carol Cook, Jan Keefer

Ushers

Mark Clowney, Gabbi Scavitto,
Katy Clowney, Liam Clowney

Greeters

Ann Ketterman
Becky Brown

Bread Baker

Greta Englund

Sacristy

Dan Kessel
Carol Widerman

Flower Deliverer

Sue Currens

St James Choir