

All Saints Sunday



WaterLife Family Service
Sacrament of Holy Communion

November 3, 2024

10:45 a.m.

St. James Lutheran Church

109 York Street, Gettysburg, PA

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.

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

The 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** Loving God, we come to you asking for guidance and forgiveness for the times we have not been our best selves.
- P** For the times we laughed at others instead of getting to know them,
- C** **Renovate our understanding.**
- P** For the times we've worried if your love is real
- C** **Renovate our faith.**
- P** For the times we have been afraid that something won't work out,
- C** **Renovate our doubt.**
- P** For the times we've let our emotions get in the way of doing what is right
- C** **Renovate our feelings.**
- P** For the times when life has been too busy to see you
- C** **Renovate our awareness.**
- P** For the times when we've judged someone before getting to know them
- C** **Renovate our compassion.**
- P** Just like a house under renovation, our hearts are being made new. Jesus forgives us and helps us grow. Receive the love and forgiveness of Jesus into your hearts, knowing that God is always at work in us.
- C** **Amen.**

*GATHERING SONG: *Praise God in the Morning*

Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia"

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Come into God's presence singing "Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory to God"

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Come into God's presence singing "Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord, Jesus is Lord"

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Praise the Lord together singing "Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia"

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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.

P **And also with you.**

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L Let us pray: Dear God, you love us as we are, but you work with us to make us the best versions of ourselves. Help us as we love one another as you love us and help us to share that love with all we meet. This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Word

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

2024-2025 THEME SONG: *Renovation Song*

I'm fixing up my house now

I'm following God's design

I said I'm fixing up my house now

I'm following God's design

It's gonna be a fine house

Full of love for humankind

I'm laying my foundation

It's got to be good and strong

I said I'm laying my foundation

It's got to be good and strong

For when the house is solid

Everyone can belong

The walls are going up now

They got to be straight and tall

I said the walls are going up now
They got to be straight and tall
Standing up for justice
Peace, goodwill for all

The windows in my house now
Are gonna let the sunshine in
I said the windows in my house now
Are gonna let the sunshine in
For when the sun is shining
Light comes streaming in

My neighbors are invited
They're coming in through my front door
I said my neighbors are invited
They're coming in through my front door
Everybody's welcome
No matter if you're rich or poor

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FIRST READING: *Exodus 3:1-14*

Moses was a shepherd and was leading his flock toward Mount Horeb. An angel appeared in flames of fire blazing out of the middle of a bush. The bush was blazing away but it didn't burn up. Moses said, "What's going on here? I can't believe this! Why doesn't the bush burn up?"

Then God's voice called to Moses from the bush. Moses answered, "I am here!" God said, "Don't come any closer. Remove your sandals because you are standing on holy ground." Then he said, "I am the God of your father: The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." Moses hid his face and was afraid to look.

Then God said, "I see the troubles of my people in Egypt. I see how cruelly they're being treated by the Egyptians. I hear their cries for deliverance from the slave masters; I know their pain. And now I have come to help them, to pry them loose from the grip of Egypt, to get them out of that country and bring them to a good land with wide-open spaces.

It's time for you to go back: I'm sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people out of Egypt." Moses said, "But why me? What makes you think that I could ever go to Pharaoh and lead the children of Israel out of Egypt?"

"I'll be with you," God said. Then Moses said to God, "Suppose I go to the people and tell them that God sent me, and they ask me what your name is? What do I tell them?" God said to Moses, "I-AM-WHO-I-AM. Tell the people of Israel, 'I-AM sent me to you.'"

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING: *John 11:32-44*

Mary came to where Jesus was waiting and fell at his feet, saying, “Master, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died.” When Jesus saw her sobbing and the Jews with her sobbing, a deep anger welled up within him. He said, “Where did you put him?”

“Master, come and see,” they said. Now Jesus wept. The Jews said, “Look how deeply he loved him.” Others among them said, “Well, if he loved him so much, why didn’t he do something to keep him from dying? After all, he opened the eyes of a blind man.”

Then Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. Jesus said, “Remove the stone.” The sister of the dead man, Martha, said, “Master, by this time there’s a stench. He’s been dead four days!”

Jesus looked her in the eye. “Didn’t I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” Then, to the others, “Go ahead, take away the stone.”

They removed the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, “Father, I’m grateful that you have listened to me. I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I’ve spoken so that they might believe that you sent me.”

Then he shouted, “Lazarus, come out!” And he came out, a cadaver, wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him loose.”

P The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE

Adam Michael & Pastor Libby

*THE CONFIDENCE SONG

Chorus

I can be confident because God is with me (3x)

I can be C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T

Luther had to take a stand to justify his place

He spoke the truth in front of folks who did not share his faith

Sometimes I am doubtful and uncertain and afraid

And it helps to know that everybody sometimes feels the same (*chorus*)

Moses was uncertain that he should be in God’s plan

Of leading all the Israelites into the promised land

Sometimes I am doubtful and uncertain and afraid

And it helps to know that everybody sometimes feels the same (*chorus*)

Thomas doubted Jesus Christ had risen from the dead

He said he would not believe despite what others said

Sometimes I am doubtful and uncertain and afraid

And it helps to know that everybody sometimes feels the same (*chorus*)

Jesus praying in the garden knew what he must do
And yet he was not sure he had the strength to carry through
Sometimes I am doubtful and uncertain and afraid
And it helps to know that everybody sometimes feels the same (*chorus*)

Chorus

I can be confident because God is with me (3x)
I can be C-O-N-F-I-D-E-N-T

NAMING OF THE SAINTS

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions conclude: "Merciful God." Our response: "receive our prayer."

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*OFFERING SONG: We are an Offering

We lift our voices, we lift our hands
We lift our lives up to you
We are an offering

Lord, use our voice, Lord, use our hands
Lord, use our lives they are yours
We are on offering

All that we have
All that we are
All that we hope to be
We give to you, we give to you

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.

*THANKSGIVING 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.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*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 Come to the table, 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 SONG: *I've Got Peace Like a River*

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river in my soul. (2x)

I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. (2x)

I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean in my soul. (2x)

COMMUNION SONG: *Shall We Gather at the River*

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?

Chorus

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (*chorus*)

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (*chorus*)

Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (*chorus*)

*TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A *Let us pray:* Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

*BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face shine upon you, the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. †

C **Amen.**

*SENDING SONG: *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*

Children are invited to join in the parade while we sing.

Oh, when the saints go marching in, oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the Lord in glory comes, oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the Lord in glory comes.

Oh, when the new world is revealed, oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when the new world is revealed.

Oh, when they gather round the throne, oh, when they gather round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number when they gather round the throne.

And on that hallelujah day, and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number on that hallelujah day.

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Love like Jesus.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Upcoming WaterLife Services - December 15, February 16, March 30, May 18

Participating in Worship

Preacher

Pastor Libby Baker-Mikesell

Presider

Pastor Andrew R. Geib

Minister of Music

Jonathan Noel

Director of Youth & Family Ministry

Adam Michael

WaterLife Choir

K-5 Youth

WaterLife Band

Alli Crowell

Julie Aha

Sharon Kaya

Sherry Waybright

Assisting Minister

Gabbi Scavitto

Acolyte

Thomas Urai-Thang

Bell Ringer

Kaia Haller

Prayer of the Day

Findley Waybright

Lay Reader

Savannah Munsee

Ushers

Jeremiah Sawmtheen

Morgan Smith

Noah Puckett

Communion Assistants

Anne Young, Jan Keefer,

Gloria Unger, Peggy Green

Bread Baker

Greta Englund

Sacristy

Carol Widerman

Anne Young

Greeters

Savannah Munsee

Glenn Munsee

Flower Deliverer

Pete Bender

AV Operator

Gary Smith

Lift Up in Prayer

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

Flowers are given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of Edith Baker Shriver and Harry E., Patricia E., Robert E., and Carol Baker by Bonita Baker Baltzley.

In honor of our mother, Norma Schweitzer Wood, by Denise, Scott and Jenny Wood.

In loving memory of the Saints who have passed:

Jenny Woolf Frederick	Patrick McMaster	Harry Borger
George E. Carey	Bob Shuba	Janet Rice
Carl Allen Carey	Joan E. Bryce	Connie Hutchinson
Carolyn Wicke	Jane Williams	Pat Crowner
Marion J. Peters	Joan C. Wise	Carol Christianson
Nina Mae Scott	Charlene E. Felton	John Seilhamer
Donna Straka	Sarah Scott-Mullen	Trudy Gobbel
Jack Chambers	Nicholas Casale	Glorianne Hutchinson
John "Jack" Straka	Glenn Heller	Carey Armstrong Moore
Dorothy Johnson	Shirley DeHaas	William Scott Jr.
Randy N. Smith	Charlie Bender	Nita Gross
Don Allen Bair	Benjamin J. Zimmerer	
June K. Garretson	Mary Alice Nutter	

Announcements

Hurricane Relief Efforts- Two ways to help!! Now through November 10 we will have a special collection for Hurricane Relief. If you wish to donate, make your check out to St. James Lutheran Church, memo line: Hurricane Relief. Funds will be distributed to the ELCA's Lutheran Disaster Response, and Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Asheville, NC who is greatly assisting with supplies and clean up. St. James will match members' contributions using Good for Church Funds from the Endowment. Also, St. James is also sponsoring a cleaning bucket project for the flood cleanup efforts. Pick up a bucket in the gathering area, along with the supply packing list for fill-up. Filled buckets need to be returned to church by November 8. They will be taken to Church World Services in New Windsor, and then distributed to North Carolina and Florida flood sites by CWS.

Poinsettia Orders - It's time to order poinsettias to honor or memorialize a loved one and to decorate the worship space for Christmas. Order deadline is 11/28 (Thanksgiving Day). Flowers are \$10.25. Orders can be placed at stjamesgettysburg.org/worship/seasons/christmas-flowers/

Bible Study with Pastor Andrew - Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area. We are studying Genesis. All are welcome!

Fall Book Club - Join Pastor Libby on Mondays at 3pm 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.



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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, for new volunteers, will be held on Nov. 6 at 10 am, at the Youth House. Contact Bill Shoemaker at 717-451-6549 or at wmschoemaker@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 (5:30 pm)

& Worship featuring Bluegrass Liturgy (7 pm)