

# *Second Sunday after Epiphany*



Sacrament of Holy Communion  
Sunday, January 19, 2025  
8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

The Sundays after Epiphany continue to celebrate the revelation of God's glory to us as it was made known to the magi and to those on Jordan's banks at Jesus' baptism—today using wedding imagery. Our God rejoices over God's people as those being married rejoice over one another. By the power of the Spirit there are gifts galore for everyone. In Christ Jesus the best wine is saved for last. Taste and see.

*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](https://www.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, our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

**C** Amen.

**P** Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**P** Merciful God,

**C** **you speak blessing and compassion into the world. Forgive us for the ways we act with judgment, cruelty, or indifference. We ignore the needs of our neighbors; we resist your call to oppose injustice; we give in to scarcity and fear; we assume the worst about one another. Cleanse us from our faults and release us from their grasp. Show us your lovingkindness. Restore our hearts and repair your world, that we may live in Christ's ways. Amen.**

## Narrative Bulletin

The Worship and Music Committee recommends occasional use of a narrative bulletin. This sidebar provides helpful information about the service to deepen our understanding of worship.

### Confession and Forgiveness

We acknowledge our sinfulness and receive God's word of forgiveness, giving thanks that God makes us alive together with Christ. (Ephesians 2:5)

**P** God proclaims these words of assurance: “Do not fear, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine.” In † Christ, you are forgiven. In the Spirit, you are made free. Refreshed by the waters of mercy, live anew as beloved children of God.

**C** Amen.

\*GATHERING HYMN: *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* ELW 461

\*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:* Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C** Amen.

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

CHOIR ANTHEM (10:45): *Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether* H. Friedell

<sup>1</sup>Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them. Alleluia! Alleluia! Touch we now your garment's hem. <sup>2</sup>As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giver break the bread and bless the cup, Alleluia! Alleluia! so now bind our friendship up. <sup>3</sup>All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you, that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true. Alleluia! Alleluia! We will serve with faith anew. (Percy Dearmer)

FIRST READING: Isaiah 62:1-5

<sup>1</sup>For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,  
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,  
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,  
and her salvation like a burning torch.

<sup>2</sup>The nations shall see your vindication,  
and all the kings your glory;  
and you shall be called by a new name  
that the mouth of the Lord will give.

### Gathering Hymn

Singing moves us from individual experience into communal worship.

### Greeting & Prayer

The minister and assembly greet each other in the name of the Triune God. The Gathering concludes with a thematic prayer.

### Choir Anthem

This music reflects upon themes of the day and helps to prepare us to hear the scripture readings.

### First Reading

The Old Testament reading recalls God's work among us from days of old.

<sup>3</sup>You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,  
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

<sup>4</sup>You shall no more be termed Forsaken,  
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;  
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,  
and your land Married;  
for the Lord delights in you,  
and your land shall be married.

<sup>5</sup>For as a young man marries a young woman,  
so shall your builder marry you,  
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,  
so shall your God rejoice over you.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 36 (*Please remain seated to sing*)

Tune, Tallis' Canon

Your gifts, O LORD, surpass the heav'ns,  
Your faithfulness, the clouds above;  
How matchless is your righteousness;  
How dear is your redeeming love.

Beneath the shadow of your wings,  
Your people banquet at your board;  
They drink the cup of pure delights  
And taste the pleasure of the LORD.

God is the wellspring of my life,  
And in God's light, I light shall see;  
The pure of heart true favor find,  
And in God's law their liberty.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:1-11

<sup>1</sup> Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. <sup>2</sup> You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. <sup>3</sup> Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says "Let Jesus be cursed!" and no one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

<sup>4</sup> Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; <sup>5</sup> and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; <sup>6</sup> and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. <sup>7</sup> To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. <sup>8</sup> To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same

### Psalm

A selection from the song book of ancient Israel is sung in response to the Old Testament reading.

### Second Reading

The New Testament reading bears the witness of the early church.

Spirit,<sup>9</sup> to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit,<sup>10</sup> to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.<sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

**L** The word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*Martin Luther*

From heav'n a-bove to earth I come to bear good news to ev-'ry home. Glad  
tid-ings of great joy I bring. Let all the world with glad-ness sing.

HOLY GOSPEL: John 2:1-11

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

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

<sup>1</sup> On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. <sup>2</sup> Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." <sup>4</sup> And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." <sup>6</sup> Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. <sup>9</sup> When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom <sup>10</sup> and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." <sup>11</sup> Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** Praise to you, O Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

We acclaim the presence of Christ as he comes to us in the reading of the Holy Gospel.

### Holy Gospel & Sermon

The four Gospels contain the life and teachings of Jesus. The Gospel reading leads directly to preaching which brings the good news into our time and place to awaken and nourish our faith.

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* ELW 310

\*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

**P** The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C** And also with you.

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

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING: *Canon in D*

Johann Pachelbel

\*OFFERTORY

Tune, Greensleeves

**What feast of love is offered here,  
What banquet come from heaven?  
What food of everlasting life,  
What gracious gift is given?  
This, this is Christ the king,  
The bread come down from heaven.  
Oh, taste and see and sing!  
How sweet the manna given!**

### Hymn of the Day

The people sing their response to the reading and preaching of God's Word.

### Apostles' Creed

The ancient trinitarian statement of faith is professed by the whole church.

### The Prayers of Intercession

Supplications, intercessions, and thanksgiving are to be made for everyone (1 Tim. 2:1)

### Peace

These words by which Jesus greets his disciples are a sign of God's reconciliation with us and with one another.

### Tithes & Offerings

With thanksgiving, we offer ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Bread and wine for the feast are also brought to the table.

\*OFFERING PRAYER

**A** Let us pray.

**C** God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. Amen.

\*DIALOG



\*PREFACE

\*HOLY, HOLY

Tune, Regent Square

**Holy, holy, Lord most holy,  
God of pow'r and God of might:  
Heav'n and earth reveal your glory.  
Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!  
Blessed be the coming Savior.  
Hail, hosanna, Lord of light!**

\*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 joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.

**C** Thanks be to God.

**Great Thanksgiving**

Before the Lord's Supper is shared, we give thanks for the gifts of creation and redemption.

We join our voices with all of creation and sing the angels' song. (Isaiah 6:3)

We hear again the words Jesus spoke at the Last Supper.

We praise God for acts of creation and faithfulness, for the saving work of Jesus Christ, and for the presence of the Holy Spirit in this meal.

We conclude with the prayer that Jesus taught us.

## 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: *Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness* ELW 488

### \*TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**A** *Let us pray:* Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

**C** **Amen.**

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## *Sending*

*God blesses us in mission to the world*

### \*BLESSING

**P** The Spirit of the triune God † bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

**C** **Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN: *We All Are One in Mission* ELW 576

### \*DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Live in hope.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

\*POSTLUDE: *We All Are One in Mission* setting, Robert A. Hobby

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## Communion

In this meal we are forgiven and given new life. We recognize the presence of the risen Christ who is made known in the breaking of bread (Luke 24:30). We are united with one another in the body of Christ. We receive the body of Christ to live as the body of Christ in the world.

## Blessing & Dismissal

Receiving God's blessing, we are sent from the table into daily baptismal living, proclaiming the good news, living in service to others, caring for all in need, and continuing our participation in God's mission.



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## *Lift Up in Prayer*

Sandy Alleman	Hazel & Frank	Lou Shuba	Diane
Taylor Balderas	George	Rob Simmons	Hilda
Helen Bardell	Richard Henry	Deborah Smith	Jane
James Bixler	Tom Hobbs	Nick Smeal	Marilyn
Katee Brown	Nancy Hopf	Jeff Snyder	Michael & Ali
Andy Crouse	Deb Litten	Irelyn Sprengle	Mike
Susan Conn	Diego Martinez	John Steinberger	Mike
Shawn Dooley	Chelli McGlaughlin	Michelle Steinberger	Miriam
Joanne Fisher	Jen Mickelson	Ken Unger	Ramona
Tim Fleming	Holly Musselman	Cheryl Weaver	Sean
Caleb Freeman	Steve Myers	Avery	Tiffany
Erin Freeman	Barbara Sanders	Beverly	Wayne
	William Scott IV	Bill	Will
	Lisa Sheads	Dennis	

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## *Flowers are given to the Glory of God and*

In loving memory of Helen Shreiner by her daughter, Judy Seilhamer.

To honor my husband, Frank B. Williams, for the joy of music and his love for St. James. Given by Sue, Laurel, Chris and grandchildren (Will, Wesley, Chloe, Benjamin and Quentin).

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## *Announcements*

**Sunday School is offered between church services. We have the following classes available.**

Adult Discussion Group - Religion and Outreach (Library)

Exploring Faith- Theology and Social Issues (Room 300)

The Seekers - Bible Study (Room 204)

Movers and Shapers- Young Adult Fellowship (Room 301)

Faith and Fellowship- Coffee and Discussion (Room 309)

Pre-School-5th Grade Sunday School- (Room 305)

Confirmation (Grades 6-8) – Youth House

Ask an usher if you are unsure about which class is right for you.

**National Week of Prayer** – the Gettysburg Ministerium’s National Week of Prayer will be observed from Jan. 20- Jan. 24. Join one of these area services to participate.

Monday, Jan. 20 @ 6:30 p.m., Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration at  
Christ Chapel, Gettysburg College

Tuesday, Jan. 21 @ 12:00 p.m.: Prayer Service at St. James Lutheran Church, Gettysburg

Wednesday, Jan. 22 @ 7:00 pm at Intersection Church

Thursday, Jan. 23 @ 12:00 p.m. Prayer service at Gettysburg Presbyterian Church

Friday, Jan. 24 @ 12:30 p.m.: 30 Minute Prayer service at Christ Lutheran

**Bible Study with Pastor Andrew** – Bible Study has resumed on Thursday mornings at 10 am in the Gathering area. We are still studying Genesis.

**Winter Book Study with Pastor Libby** – This group will begin on Monday 2/3 at 3 pm. The group will meet in the Gathering Area and will be studying “The Lion, The Witch & The Wardrobe” by C.S. Lewis.

**First Communion Lessons** – Interested in having your child receive their first communion? See Pastor Libby to set up a lesson. These lessons are also appropriate for children who already receive communion but may benefit from understanding the significance of communion.

**Common Ground Recovery Ministry** – This will begin on Monday February 3 @ 6:30 pm and continue on the first Monday of each month.

**Meal Train** - Are you able to provide a meal for other church members in a time of need? MealTrain.org will be used to organize and schedule meal deliveries. If you can help, contact Joe MacDowell at 717-253-3903 or joekaym65@gmail.com to be added to the list of volunteers.

**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](http://StJamesGettysburg.org/give).





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

**Fastnachts** – It's hard to believe but fastnacht time is right around the corner (March 1-4)!!! Are you able to volunteer with the preparation or do you want to order fastnachts? Sign up to help or order here: [stjamesgettysburg.org/event/fastnachts-2025/](http://stjamesgettysburg.org/event/fastnachts-2025/)

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## *Serving in Worship*

### **Preacher**

Pastor Fritz Foltz

### **Presider**

Pastor Libby Baker-Mikesell

Pastor Andrew R. Geib

### **Minister of Music**

Jonathan Noel

### **Musical Offering**

Henry Finkenbinder

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

#### **Assisting Minister**

Daniel Bringman

#### **Acolyte**

Peyton Smith

#### **Bell Ringer**

Morgan Smith

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

Findley Waybright

#### **Lay Readers**

Barbara Schmitthenner

Kim McGlaughlin

#### **Communion Assistants**

Kasey Smith, Michael Guise

Kim Guise, Adam Michael

Lucinda Bringman

#### **Ushers**

Kyle Smith, Karen Smith,

Brent Smith, Jim Flanagan

#### **Greeters**

Kim McGlaughlin

Kathy Felix

#### **Bread Baker**

Debby Luquette

#### **Sacristy**

Shirley Sanders

Paula Shoemaker

#### **AV Operator**

Denise Wood

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

#### **Assisting Minister**

Debra Baker

#### **Acolyte**

Thomas Urai-Thang

#### **Bell Ringer**

Briah Russo

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

#### **Lay Readers**

Sue Currens, Glenn Munsee

#### **Communion Assistants**

Kathy Felix, Sharon Kaya,

Sonja Withrow, Anne Young,

Carol Widerman

#### **Ushers**

John Fisher, Jan Keefer

Catharine Senft-Geib,

Liam Clowney

#### **Greeters**

Savannah Munsee

Becky Brown

#### **Bread Baker**

Pr. Libby Baker-Mikesell

#### **Sacristy**

Anne Young

Ann Ketterman

#### **Flower Deliverer**

Pete Bender

#### **St. James Choir**