

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Sacrament of Holy Communion

May 10, 2026

8:15 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Jesus does not abandon his followers. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus comes to abide with his disciples of every generation. As Pentecost draws near, we are reminded that the risen Christ dwells in us as the Spirit of truth. We receive this Spirit in baptism and pray that in our gathering around the Lord's table the Spirit will transform us to be the body of the risen Christ in the world.

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.

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

*THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P Alleluia! Christ is risen.

C Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

P Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!

C Amen.

P Let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister continues.

P Merciful God, you are the one who was, who is, and who is to come. You lead us beside still waters. We thank you for the waters of creation: morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us (*local waters may be named*). Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness who accompanies us on our journeys. We give you thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection. We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows. Break down barriers that divide us. Fill us with the breath of peace. Blessed are you.

C You guide us to springs of the water of life.

P Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism, and for making us a new creation. We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise, now and forever.

C Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

ELW 408

*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.

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE

All sing the refrain; the choir sings the verses.

Refrain

Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free - dom;
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - er - more!

Cantor

1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. *Refrain*

2 Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. *Refrain*

3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. *Refrain*

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

L *Let us pray:* Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through 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): *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

K. Lee Scott

¹Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be; help me now thy grace to see, I would be like thee; and, with words that help and heal, thy life would mine reveal; and, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak. ²Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be; help me now thy truth to see, I would be like thee; and with wisdom kind and clear, thy life in mine appear; and, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity. ³Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be; show thy mercy tenderly, make me more like thee; separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be give him who gave me thee. ⁴Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be; help me now thy power to see, I would be like thee; 'gainst all weapons hell can wield be thou my strength and shield. Let thy word my weapon be, Lord, thine the victory. (Thomas Lynch; K. Lee Scott)

(10:45): *All Praise to Christ, Our God and King Divine*

K. Lee Scott

¹All praise to Christ, our God an King divine, whose rightful crown did once for us decline, that in our darkened hearts his grace might shine. Hosanna in the highest! ²He came to us in lowliness of thought; by him the outcast and poor were sought; and by his death was God's salvation wrought. Hosanna in the highest! ³Let us then learn his great humility; he was a servant that we might be free, and gave himself to death on Calvary. Hosanna in the highest! ⁴Lord, by your might new life and strength endow; at God's right hand you are exalted now and given the name to which all knees shall bow. Hosanna in the highest! ⁵Let every tongue confess with one accord in heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord; and God the Father be by all adored. Hosanna in the highest! (F. Bland Tucker)

FIRST READING: Acts 17:22-31

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said,

'For we, too, are his offspring.'

²⁹ "Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

P The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

O bless the Lord now, one and all,
Let songs of praise resound!
For in the midst of our distress,
God's presence can be found.

The ancient law required of me
Burnt off'rings for my part;
But as a nobler sacrifice,
I offer God my heart.

Would that world in ev'ry place
Knew God as I have known;
God shares my joy, and in my grief
Will leave me not alone.

Bless God, all you who would the lies
Of sinful lips disprove;
With truth God shall sustain your way,
Your life with steadfast love.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

P The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Gelobt sei Gott

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord,
the life laid down, the life restored:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*HOLY GOSPEL: John 14:15-21

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Loving Spirit*

ELW 397

*APOSTLES' CREED (8:15)

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.

*HOLY BAPTISM (10:45)

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*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Petitions conclude: “Merciful God,” Our response: “**receive our prayer.**”

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING: *A Mother's Love*

Paul T. Sjolund

*OFFERTORY

Lasst uns erfreuen

Adoring praises now we bring
and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!"

Be to the Father, and our Lord,
to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

*DIALOGUE

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are quarter notes, and the lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff is for 'A' and the second for 'C'. The third and fourth staves are for 'C'.

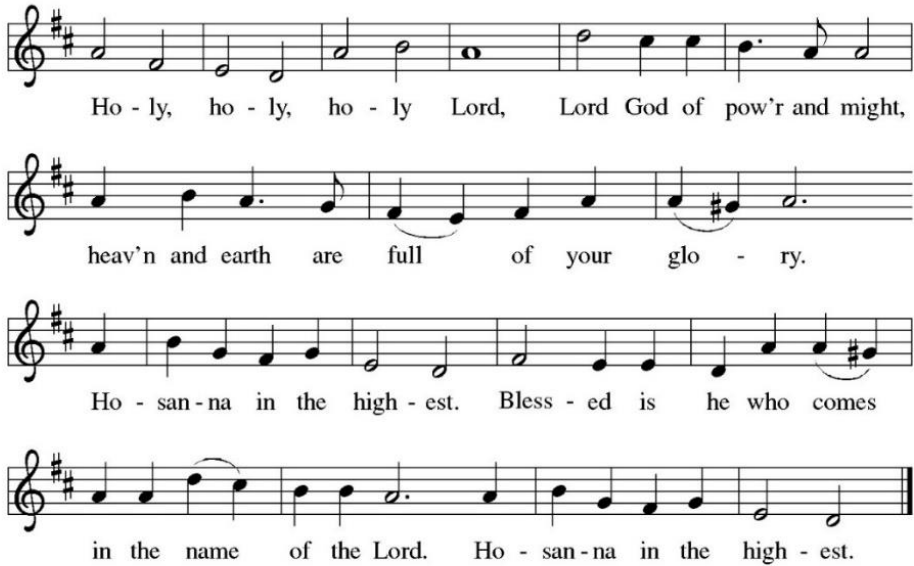
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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.

*PREFACE AND CANTICLE



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n 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.

*EUCHARISTIC PRAYER AND 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.

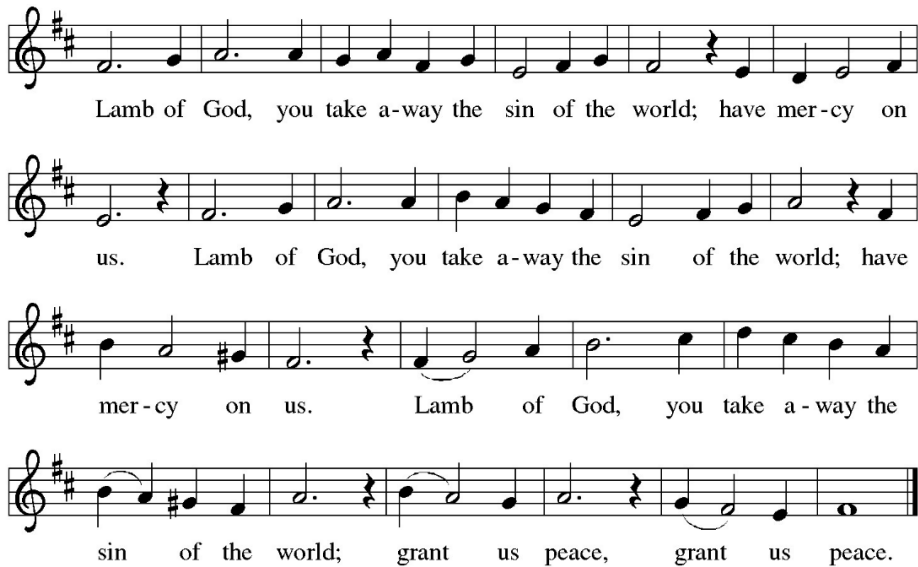
*INVITATION

- P Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.
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, grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN: *Children of the Heavenly Father*

ELW 781

*TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A *Let us pray:* Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus,

C **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

*BLESSING OF QUILTS

*BLESSING

P God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end, Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead, and the Spirit, our advocate and peace, † bless you now and forever.

C **Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: *O Zion, Haste*

ELW 668

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

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

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in G minor*

J.S. Bach

Lift Up in Prayer

Taylor Balderas	Linda Golden &	Harold & Mindy	Al
Helen Bardell	Family	Plank	Avery
Rodger Benner	Elaine Hess Strite	Charlie	Beverly
George Bielen	Ruth Hess	Raffensperger	Bill
Jim Bixler	Karen Holtzworth	Brantley Roser	Daniel
Barbara Braband	Allison Hutchison	Anne Rost	Dennis
Debby Brown	Paulette Izydorski	Selene Scavitto	Jake
Rick Buck	William Kessler	Lisa Sites	Jane
Jim Caler	Dave Kloster	Lou Shuba	Josh & Lindsey
David Chapman	Grace Kreider	Ian Shoop	Leslie
Judy Coup	Sam & Ed Main	John Steinberger	Scott
Rhea Crowell	Chelli McGlaughlin	Michelle	Sean
Joanne Fisher	Raymond	Steinberger	Sue
Tim Fleming	McMaster	Mary Stevenson	Tiffany
Erin Freeman	Jim McMaster	Gretchen Walker	Wayne
Caleb Freeman	Jen Mickelson	Cheryl Weaver	Wesley
Patricia Gallian	Becky Nelson	Aimee	Will

We rejoice in the holy baptism of Simone Sumser, daughter of Heidi Sumser.

We pray for the family and friends of Sue Krick, who recently died. May they find comfort and peace in the promise of your eternal kingdom.

Announcements

Common Ground Recovery Ministry – All are welcome to join us @ 6:30 p.m. in the Music Room on the 1st Monday of each month. **Our next service is Monday 6/1/26!**



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Save-the-Date for VBS - June 8-12 from 9AM - 11:45AM, at St. James Lutheran Church in partnership with Christ Lutheran. Use the QR codes to register your youth for VBS today, or to sign up as a volunteer!



Relay for Life Bingo - May 17 at St. Paul's Lutheran in Biglerville. Doors open at 12pm, and Bingo begins at 1pm. Proceeds benefit the Relay for Life event. Speak with Shirley Sanders if you are interested in attending.

Council Elections – **These will take place next weekend, May 16 & May 17, at all worship services.** We are grateful for Debra Baker, Kristine Scott, Mark Withrow, and Denise Wood for running for council.

Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Andrew – Thurs. at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area. We are covering “The Separation of Church & Hate” by John Fugelsang. Please obtain a copy of the book for yourself. If obtaining a book is difficult, please speak with Pastor Andrew.

Camp Nawakwa Sign Ups – It’s once again time to sign-up for camp. Many St. James youth participate in camps at Nawakwa (or Kirkenwald). Tiered registration fees and financial discounts are available! Please reach out to Mr. Adam or the staff at Nawakwa with any questions about camp.

Gettysburg PRIDE Festival - St. James will be participating in Gettysburg PRIDE - Friday 5/29 & Saturday 5/30. We will have a group in the PRIDE Walk on Friday evening and a booth at the Gettysburg Rec Park on Saturday. Volunteers are needed on Saturday 5/30 to set up, welcome festival visitors, share info. with visitors about St. James, and tear down. Use the QR code to sign up to volunteer!



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Preacher

Rev. Libby Baker-Mikesell

Presider

Rev. Andrew Geib

Minister of Music

Jonathan Noel

Cantor

(8:15) Ernie Kranias

(10:45) Jim Hawkins

Choir

(8:15) Martin Luther Choir

(10:45) St. James Choir

Musical Offering

Jim Hawkins

Assisting Minister

Lucinda Bringman

8:15 am Worship Service

Acolyte

Cole Altemose

Bell Ringer

Shirley Sanders

Prayer of the Day

Oliver Kehr

Lay Readers

Anne Gomer

Charlie Gomer

Communion Assistants

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Karen Smith, Julie Aha

Kathy Smith

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Anne Gomer

Charlie Gomer

Bread Baker

Debby Luquette

Sacristy

Brie Smith

Judy Seilhamer

Coffee Host

Kathleen Sachse

AV Operator

Gary Smith

10:45 am Worship Service

Acolyte

Thomas Urai-Thang

Bell Ringer

Henry Finkenbinder

Prayer of the Day

Gabbi Geib

Lay Readers

Jeremiah Sawmtheen

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