

# *Seventh Sunday of Easter*



WaterLife Family Service  
Sacrament of Holy Communion

May 17, 2026

10:45 a.m.

*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.

**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](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** Loving God, we come to you asking forgiveness for the times we've hurt others.  
*(brief silence)*

**P** For the times we've judged others unfairly.

**C** **We ask your forgiveness.**

**P** For times we've made others suffer.

**C** **We ask your forgiveness.**

**P** For the times we've made fun of others.

**C** **We ask your forgiveness.**

**P** For the times we've laughed at others because we did not understand them.

**C** **We ask your forgiveness.**

**P** For the times we've made a joke about someone because we did not appreciate them.

**C** **We ask your forgiveness.**

**P** For the times we've teased someone because we did not like them.

**C** **We ask your forgiveness.**

**P** Just as Jesus forgave the thief on the cross, we know that Jesus forgives us. Receive the forgiveness of Jesus into your hearts, trusting in God's love for you.

**C** **Amen.**

\*GATHERING SONG

I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord  
I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord  
I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord  
Hallelujah! Glory to the Lord!

*Refrain*

*Hallelu, Hallelujah! Glory to the Lord*  
*Hallelu, Hallelujah! Glory to the Lord*  
*Hallelu, Hallelujah! Glory to the Lord*  
*Hallelujah! Glory to the Lord!*

We will come, we will come as one before the Lord  
We will come, we will come as one before the Lord  
We will come, we will come as one before the Lord  
Hallelujah! Glory to the Lord! (Refrain)

We will shout, we will shout with joy before the Lord  
We will shout, we will shout with joy before the Lord  
We will shout, we will shout with joy before the Lord  
Hallelujah! Glory to the Lord! (Refrain)

\*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:* O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

SONG TIME

Featuring American Sign Language with some congregational participation!

**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  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river  
I've got peace like a river in my soul

*Other verses*

I've got joy like a fountain  
I've got love like an ocean

**Joy, Joy, Joy**

I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart  
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart to stay

*Refrain*

*And I'm so happy  
So very happy  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart  
And I'm so happy  
So very happy  
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart*

I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart  
I've got the love of Jesus, love of Jesus down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart (where?)  
Down in my heart to stay (Refrain)

MESSAGE

\*SONG

Love, love, love  
That's what it's all about  
'Cause God loves us, we love each other  
Mother, father, sister, brother  
Everybody sing and shout  
'Cause that's what it's all about  
It's about love, love, love  
It's about love, love, love

Peace, peace, peace  
That's what it's all about  
'Cause God loves us, we love each other  
Mother, father, sister, brother  
Everybody sing and shout  
'Cause that's what it's all about  
It's about peace, peace, peace  
It's about peace, peace, peace

Joy, joy, joy  
That's what it's all about  
'Cause God loves us, we love each other  
Mother, father, sister, brother  
Everybody sing and shout  
'Cause that's what it's all about  
It's about joy, joy, joy  
It's about joy, joy, joy

\*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: "Merciful God," Our response: "receive our prayer."

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

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*Meal*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*OFFERTORY

**I am thanking Jesus, I am thanking Jesus**

**I am thanking Jesus from my heart**

**I am thanking Jesus, I am thanking Jesus**

**I am thanking Jesus from my heart**

\*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.

\*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 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.*

## COMMUNION SONG 1

### **Refrain**

**The joy of the Lord - is my strength**

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**The joy of the Lord is my strength**

**He gives me living water and I thirst no more**

**He gives me living water and I thirst no more**

**He gives me living water and I thirst no more**

**The joy of the Lord is my strength (Refrain)**

**He fills my heart with joy and I will sing his praise**

**He fills my heart with joy and I will sing his praise**

**He fills my heart with joy and I will sing his praise**

**The joy of the Lord is my strength (Refrain)**

## COMMUNION SONG 2

**We are one in the Spirit**

**We are one in the Lord**

**We are one in the Spirit**

**We are one in the Lord**

**And we pray that all unity may one day be restored**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love**

**We will walk hand in hand**

**We will walk with each other**

**We will walk hand in hand**

**And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land**

**And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love**

**Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love**

We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
We will work with each other  
We will work side by side  
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

All praise to the Father  
From whom all things come  
And all praise to Christ Je-sus, his only Son  
And all praise to the Spir-it which makes us one  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love

\*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.

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*Sending*

*God blesses us in mission to the world*

\*BLESSING FOR TRAVELERS TO EGYPT AND JORDAN

\*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 SONG

Go ye, go ye into the world  
And make disciples of all the nations  
Go ye, go ye into the world  
And I will be with you there

Go ye, go ye into the world  
And take the gospel to all the people  
Go ye, go ye into the world  
And I will be with you there

Go ye, go ye into the world  
And tell the story to all believers  
Go ye, go ye into the world  
And I will be with you there

\*DISMISSAL

**A** Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**C** Thanks be to God.

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## *Lift Up in Prayer*

Taylor Balderas	Patricia Gallian	Charlie	Daniel
Helen Bardell	Ruth Hess	Raffensperger	Dennis
George Bielen	Karen Holtzworth	Anne Rost	Jake
Jim Bixler	Allison Hutchison	Selene Scavitto	Jane
Barbara Braband	Paulette Izydorski	Lisa Sites	Josh & Lindsey
Rick Buck	Diann James	Lou Shuba	Leslie
Jim Caler	Dave Kloster	John Steinberger	Sean
David Chapman	Sam & Ed Main	Michelle	Sue
Judy Coup	Chelli McGlaughlin	Steinberger	Tiffany
Rhea Crowell	Jen Mickelson	Mary Stevenson	Wayne
Joanne Fisher	Becky Nelson	Cheryl Weaver	Wesley
Tim Fleming	Harold & Mindy	Avery	Will
Erin Freeman	Plank	Beverly	
Caleb Freeman		Bill	

We pray for the members of the St. James community who are departing to Egypt & Jordan on Tuesday May 19. May they stay safe in their travels, make memories that last a lifetime, and allow their faith in You to continue to grow.

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

In loving memory of our daughter, Blake Marie Kehr from Matt, Heather, Oliver and Carson Kehr.

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## *Announcements*

**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.



**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).

**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 6/8/26!**

**Council Elections** –This weekend, May 16 & May 17, at all worship services.

**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!



**Weekly Bible Study Updates** – Thurs. at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area. We are covering “The Separation of Church & Hate” by John Fugelsang. **There will be no study on 5/21 or 5/28, as Pr. Andrew will be away. Folks are still invited to meet for fellowship during this time.**



**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!



**End of Year Youth Updates** –The last dates for youth group this year today Sun. May 17

(Middle & High), Mon. May 18 (Gr. 4 & 5), and Wed. May 20 (Gr. K-3). Sunday May 24 is the last date for Youth Sunday School.



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

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## *Participating in Worship*

### **Presider**

Pastor Andrew R. Geib

Pastor Libby Baker-Mikesell

### **Director of Youth & Family Ministry**

Adam Michael

### **Minister of Music**

Jonathan Noel

### **WaterLife Band**

Julie Aha

Alli Crowell

Sherry Waybright

### **WaterLife Choir**

K-5 Youth

### **Assisting Minister**

#### **Acolyte**

Sophia Schade

#### **Bell Ringer**

Burke Waybright

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

Sophia Schade

#### **Communion Assistants**

Jan Keefer, Anne Young

Carol Cook

#### **Flower Deliverer**

Pete Bender

#### **Ushers**

Oliver Kehr, Cole Altemose

Jack Altemose

#### **Greeters**

Tom Uhlig, Becky Brown

#### **Bread Baker**

Greta Englund

#### **Sacristy**

Jean Uhlig, Ann Ketterman

#### **AV Operator**

Gary Smith