

# *Second Sunday after Pentecost*



## Sacrament of Holy Communion

June 7, 2026

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

Though Jesus was a devout Jew who practiced his faith, he was criticized for eating with tax collectors and sinners—the religiously nonobservant. Jesus criticizes the self-righteous and reminds us that mercy is to be at the heart of our religious practices. God continues to be made known in those on the margins of society, like Matthew the tax collector and the hemorrhaging woman. As we gather each Lord's day we receive the healing that makes us well and sends us forth to be signs of God's mercy for the world.

*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](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 Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose compassion endures forever.

**C Amen.**

P Let us confess our sin to God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P Compassionate God,

**C we confess to you all our sins. Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves. In your mercy, call us back to you. Your yoke is easy and your burden is light. Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.**

P Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." In the name of God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Rest in God's love.

**C Amen.**

\*GATHERING HYMN: *Morning Has Broken*

ELW 556

#### \*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, you are the source of life and the ground of our being. By the power of your Spirit bring healing to this wounded world, and raise us to the new life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
- C **Amen.**

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*Word*

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

FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15—6:6

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.

In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup> “Come, let us return to the LORD,  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.”

<sup>4</sup> What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup> For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.

P The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

1 The Mighty One, the Lord of Hosts,  
Speaks and the world obeys;  
From dawn until the setting sun,  
God's wonder earth displays.  
The perfect beauty all around  
From Zion's height shines forth;  
And stars across the firmament  
So brightly beam their worth.

2 God comes, not with a silent form,  
But riding on the winds;  
Before God's face, the raging storm  
Its blasts of thunder sends.  
All hail the Judge, in bold array,  
Who weighs our righteousness  
Against all sin, and with whose grace  
Deigns faithful hearts to bless.

3 The heav'ns declare your justice, Lord,  
As endless as the sky;  
Against the taunts of disbelief,  
Our God will testify,  
Receive my heartfelt gifts of thanks  
As honor to your might;  
Refresh my faith with each new day;  
Protect me through the night.

## SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup> The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup> For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup> For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law, neither is there transgression.

<sup>16</sup> For this reason the promise depends on faith, in order that it may rest on grace, so that it may be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (who is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup> as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations"), in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup> Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So shall your descendants be." <sup>19</sup> He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), and the barrenness of Sarah's womb. <sup>20</sup> No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup> being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup> Therefore "it was reckoned to him as righteousness." <sup>23</sup> Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone <sup>24</sup> but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup> who was handed over for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

P The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

**O Word of God Incarnate,  
O Wisdom from on high,  
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,  
O Light of our dark sky:  
We praise you for the radiance  
That from the hallowed page,  
A lantern to our footsteps,  
Shines on from age to age.**

HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>9</sup> As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup> And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. <sup>11</sup> When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" <sup>12</sup> But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

<sup>18</sup> While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died, but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." <sup>19</sup> And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup> Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from a flow of blood for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup> for she was saying to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And the woman was made well from that moment. <sup>23</sup> When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup> he said, "Go away, for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup> But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup> And the report of this spread through all of that district.

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

\*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

ELW 859

\*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

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*Meal*

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ*

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING: *The Light of the World*

Cathy Pino

\*OFFERTORY

*tune, Kremser*

**We praise you, O God, our redeemer, creator;  
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.  
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;  
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

\*OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

**C Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. Amen.**

\*DIALOGUE

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.**

\*PREFACE AND CANTICLE



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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, ho - san - na in the high - est.

\*EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

- C 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** Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

**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 MEDITATION: *Amazing Grace, Jesus Loves Me, Alleluia*

Traditional

\*TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A *Let us pray:* Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever.

C **Amen.**

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*Sending*

*God blesses us in mission to the world*

\*BLESSING

P Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, ✠ one God, bless, heal, and hold you today and always.

C **Amen.**

\*SENDING HYMN: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

ELW 836

\*DISMISSAL

A Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

C **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE: *Abide with Me*

setting, Echelon

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## *Lift Up in Prayer*

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

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## *The Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and*

In memory of our mother and mother-in-law, Dorothy Williams, by Mark & Beverly Grazulewicz.

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## *Announcements*

**Please join us between services in the Gathering Area to recognize our Sunday School Teachers and to enjoy Fellowship, provided by the Sunday School Appreciation and Worship and Music Committees. You can also drop off your batteries, corks, and pens & markers for recycling this Sunday.**



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

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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. There is still time to sign up. Use the QR codes to register your youth for VBS today!

**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!** Please note the change in date for the June meeting.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** - St. James has a ministry of people knitting to make prayer shawls and baptism blankets to give to family members at funerals and baptisms. **We are currently in great need of prayer shawls to provide to grieving families.** Prayer shawls can be knitted or crocheted. If you are interested in helping with this effort, please contact the church office. We have a closet full of yarn that can be used for shawls.

**St. James' Softball is Back** – Come to cheer on St. James' best kept secret. This week, there is a game on Monday June 8 @ 6:30 p.m. at Freedom Valley Church (3185 York Rd, Gettysburg).

**Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Andrew** – There will be no Bible Study this Thursday June 11, due to VBS. Bible Study will resume on Thurs. 6/18. at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area. We are covering “The Separation of Church & Hate” by John Fugelsang.

**Sunday School Updates** – Youth Sunday School is on break for the summer. Many Adult Sunday School Classes continue to meet over the summer. Please be sure to address summer plans in your class over the coming weeks.

### **St. James' June Youth Activities**

**Family, Faith and Fun Nights:** Thursdays @ 6 p.m.: activities will include water games, crafts, video game night, hide and seek in the church, and board games. Pizza served every week! Email youth@stjamesgettysburg.org or text or call Mr. Adam, 717-357-0441, to let us know if you're coming each week!

**St. James Summer Kickoff:** June 14, 2 p.m. be at the Kehr Farm, 333 Fish and Game Road, Littlestown. Youth and their families are invited for a barbeque and lawn games.

**Paint Ball:** Wed. June 24, time TBD at Wanna Play Paintball in Dillsburg. Open to middle & high school youth. See Mr. Adam for additional details.

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## *Serving in Worship*

### **Preacher**

Rev. Andrew Geib

### **Presider**

Rev. Libby Baker-Mikesell

### **Guest Musicians**

Gretchen Carlson  
Todd Izydorski

### **Assisting Minister**

Debra Baker (8:15 am)  
Sharon Kaya (10:45 am)

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

#### **Acolyte**

Jack Altemose

#### **Bell Ringer**

Cole Altemose

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

Oliver Kehr

#### **Lay Readers**

Michael Guise  
Savannah Munsee

#### **Communion Assistants**

Colleen Smith, Dee Wells  
Kathy Smith  
Paula Shoemaker

#### **Ushers**

Eric Smith, Karen Smith  
Brent Smith, Kim McGlaughlin

#### **Greeters**

Brie Smith, Barbara Nicks

#### **Bread Baker**

Debby Luquette

#### **Sacristy**

Dee Wells, Judy Seilhamer

#### **Coffee Host**

Shirley Sanders

#### **AV Operator**

Gary Smith

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

#### **Acolyte**

Gabbi Scavitto

#### **Bell Ringer**

Burke Waybright

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

Burke Waybright

#### **Lay Readers**

Carol Widerman  
Lorie Burke-Garcia

#### **Communion Assistants**

Jan Keefer, Carol Widerman  
Sherry Waybright  
Anne Young

#### **Ushers**

Catharine Senft-Geib  
Mark Withrow, Bob Cook  
John Fisher

#### **Greeters**

Becky Brown

#### **Bread Baker**

Pr. Libby Baker-Mikesell

#### **Sacristy**

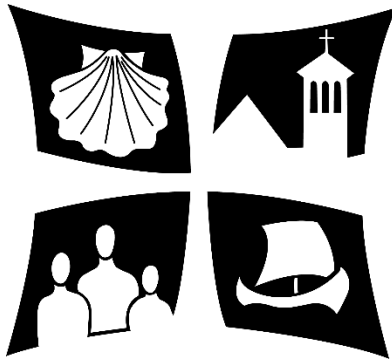
Dan Kessel, Carol Widerman

#### **Flower Deliverer**

Pete Bender

#### **AV Operator**

Joseph MacDowell



***We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's house with its doors wide open.  
If you are passing through, Godspeed.  
If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us.  
We invite guests to join us, but most of all, to return often.***

Welcome to long-time Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to faith.  
Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe.

Welcome to new visitors and old friends.

Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, every sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socio-economic status, marital status, ability, and challenge.

Welcome to believers and questioners, and to questioning believers.

This is a place where you are welcome to  
celebrate and sorrow, rejoice, and recover.

This is a place where lives are made new.

Come and listen for the Holy Spirit calling you  
to love your neighbor wholeheartedly,  
seek justice, create peace,  
and practice compassion.

As members of the body of Christ, we are called to be ministers of reconciliation both in the church and in the world. Through our baptism we are reconciled to God through the saving grace of Christ Jesus and challenged by the Gospel to be agents of healing and love within our church and society. As a community of faith, we proclaim this statement of welcome.