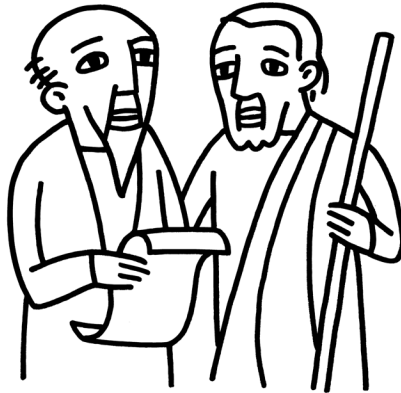


Fifth Sunday after Pentecost



Sacrament of Holy Communion

June 28, 2026

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

Today we celebrate two great figures of the early church, Peter and Paul, who represent the spread of the gospel to both Jews and Gentiles and, according to tradition, were martyred on this date. The witness of Peter and Paul inspires us as we seek ways to faithfully proclaim the gospel in our contemporary context.

St. James Lutheran Church

109 York Street, Gettysburg, PA

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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.

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: *As We Gather at Your Table*

ELW 522

*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:* Almighty God, we praise you that your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdoms. Grant that your church throughout the world may always be instructed by their teaching and example, be knit together in unity by your Spirit, and ever stand firm upon the one foundation who is Jesus Christ our Lord, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Word

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

CHOIR ANTHEM: *The Gift of Love*

Hal Hopson

¹Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain as sounding brass and hopeless gain. ²Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin. ³Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship, and are freed.

FIRST READING: Acts 12:1-11

¹About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the Festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared, and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸The angel said to him, "Fasten your belt and put on your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89B

tune, St. Anne

**1 The chosen of the LORD shall own
God's blessing full and free;
Uplifted by the arms of faith
For all the world to see.**

**3 The holy court which God ordained
Brings justice swift and sure;
To those who live beneath the law,
God's mercies will endure.**

**2 The steadfast truth and love of God
Outweighs the crush of hate;
The LORD bestows on faithful hearts
True joys to celebrate.**

**4 God's covenant forever stands
As truth for all to claim,
And generations yet to come
Will sing God's holy name.**

SECOND READING: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18

[The apostle writes:] ⁶As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. ⁸From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

P The word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

tune, Munich

**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: John 21:15-19

P The Holy Gospel according to John.

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

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” He said to him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Tend my sheep.” ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, “Simon son of John, do you love me?” Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.” ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

ELW 719

*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: “Lord, in your mercy,” Our response: “**hear our prayer.**”

*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERING: *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

South African Traditional

*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.**

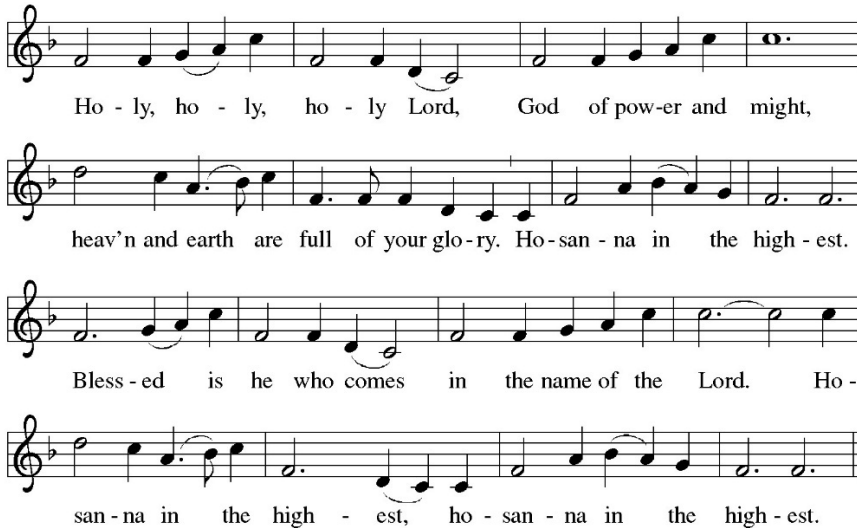
P Lift up your hearts.

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.

*TABLE BLESSING AND PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- A** Let us pray: Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.
C Amen.

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: *Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak*

ELW 676

*DISMISSAL

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

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Kum Ba Yah*

Gullah Spiritual, arr. Brent Edstrom

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Lift Up in Prayer

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

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

The Flowers are Given to the Glory of God and

In loving memory of our father, George R. Bender, by his family.

Announcements



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

StJamesGettysburg.org/eBlastSignUp

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.



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 7/6/26!**

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 Thursday July 2 @ 6:30 p.m. at First Baptist Church (1015 Chambersburg Rd, Gettysburg).

Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Andrew –Thursdays 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.

Summer Choir Schedule – Martin Luther Choir will continue their regular schedule of singing on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month, over the summer. Summer Choir sings each week at the Sunday 10:45 am service. Rehearsal is on Sundays at 10:25.

Breakfast Cooks Needed - On Wednesday mornings during the school year, we serve breakfast to our Middle & High School Youth, and we need more cooks! Volunteers serve about once a month, on a rotating schedule from mid August through the end of May, on Wednesday mornings from 5:45AM - 7:00AM at the St. James Youth House. Talk to Mr. Adam if you can help out.

St. James' Summer 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 him know if you're coming each week!

Tree Trekkers: Wed. July 1, 9:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. in Frederick, MD. Open to all K-5 youth. See Mr. Adam for additional details.

Cunningham Falls: Wed., July 29, from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open to all middle & high school youth. See Mr. Adam for additional details.



Serving in Worship

Preacher

Rev. Libby Baker-Mikesell

Presider

Rev. Andrew Geib

Guest Organist

Suzanne Hubbard

Choir Anthem

(8:15) Martin Luther Choir

(10:45) Summer Choir

Musical Offering

Julie Aha, Petey Bender,
Tom Jolin, Sherry Waybright

Assisting Minister

Kay MacDowell

8:15 am Worship Service

Acolyte

Jack Altemose

Bell Ringer

Emma Schneider

Prayer of the Day

Lay Readers

Judy Seilhamer

John Hartzell

Communion Assistants

Kim McGlaughlin
Michael Guise, Kathy Smith,
Judy Seilhamer

Ushers

Jim Flanagan
Dave Williams

Greeters

Brie Smith, Shirley Sanders

Bread Baker

Shirley Sanders

Sacristy

Diane Mills, Debby Luquette

Coffee Host

Amy Duncan

AV Operator

Gary Smith

10:45 am Worship Service

Acolyte

Briah Russo

Bell Ringer

Thomas Urai-Thang

Prayer of the Day

Briah Russo

Lay Readers

Sherri Alms
Gabbi Scavitto

Communion Assistants

Gloria Unger,
Sherry Waybright,
Sonja Withrow, Sharon Kaya

Ushers

Jan Keefer, Mark Withrow
John Fisher, Bob Cook

Greeters

Ann Ketterman
Becky Brown

Bread Baker

Ann Ketterman

Sacristy

Alma Sujeski

Flower Deliverer

Pete Bender

AV Operator

Joseph MacDowell