Christ the King



Sacrament of Holy Communion

November 22, 2026

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

On this final Sunday of the church year our gospel is Jesus' great story of judgment. In the end, the faithful are those who served Christ by ministering to those who are poor, hungry, naked, sick, or estranged. In the first reading God is the shepherd who seeks the lost, weak, and injured and feeds them with justice. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, yet we await the consummation of all things yet to come. Acknowledging Christ as our merciful ruler, we go forth that his reign may be known in our loving words and deeds.

St. James Lutheran Church

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Welcome to St. James.
Here are some tips for worshiping 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, our dwelling place for all generations, whose compassion never slumbers.

C Amen.

P Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Holy God,

C **we confess that we have trusted in our preparation instead of your invitation. We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved. We trust the voice of our shame and fear, which keeps us from entering fully into relationship with you and others. We are not awake to the coming of your reign. Rouse us and rescue us, that we may enter into your joy. Amen.**

P Inherit the riches of God's grace. ☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy. You are forgiven. Blessed are you.

C Amen.

*GATHERING HYMN: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* ELW 834

*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 power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who 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

(8:15): *Praise the Almighty!* 17th Century German

[1]Praise the Almighty! Lord, I adore you! Yes, I will laud you until death; with songs and anthems I come before you as long as you allow me breath. From you my life and all things came; all the day long I bless your name. Hallelujah! Hallelujah! [2]Lord, you give justice in all oppression, maintain the right, set pris'ners free. You feed the hungry in your compassion; healing and life flow from your tree. Happy are all who hope in God, whose grace is rich and deep and broad! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! [3]Praise, all you people, the name so holy, the Lord who does such wondrous things! All that has being, to praise God solely, with happy heart its amen sings! Children of God, with saints at rest, praise Father, Son, and Spirit blest! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (Johann D. Herrnschmidt)

(10:45): *As Long As I Have Breath* Sue Farrar

[1]As long as I have breath, I will praise you, Lord. As long as I have life, let my soul rejoice. In times of sore distress; in times of loneliness; as long as I have breath, I will praise you, Lord. [2]As long as I have breath, I will bless you, Lord. As long as life is mine, I will sing your song. Your joy brings forth my praise; your peace fills all my days; as long as I have breath, I will praise you, Lord. [3]Let me know your lovingkindness every day, as you walk beside me pointing out the way. As long as I have being, I will trust in you; you are my God; I lift my soul to you. [4]As long as I have breath, I will serve you, Lord. As long as life is mine, I'll exalt your word. And when this life shall pass, and I'm at home at last; through all eternity, I will praise you, Lord. (Sue Farrar)

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

[11] Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep and will sort them out. [12] As shepherds sort out their flocks when they are among scattered sheep, so I will sort out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of

clouds and thick darkness. [13] I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and bring them into their own land, and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. [14] I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. [15] I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. [16] I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strays, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

[20] Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. [21] Because you pushed with flank and shoulder and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, [22] I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged, and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

[23] I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them; he shall feed them and be their shepherd. [24] And I the Lord will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I the Lord have spoken.

P The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 95 *tune, Allein Gott in der Hoh'*

Come, let us sing unto the LORD,
The Rock of our salvation;
May we rejoice in songs of praise
Before the God of creation,
By whose design the earth was planned;
The seas were filled at your command,
O God of ev'ry nation.

Come, let us praise the LORD of lords,
Who brings us life and pleasure;
A Shepherd who attends the flock
With care that none can measure.
Give us desire to hear your voice;
The will to make your way our choice;
Your love our fondest treasure.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23

[15] I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason [16] I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, [17] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, [18] so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious

inheritance among the saints, [19] and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. [20] God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, [21] far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. [22] And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, [23] which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

P The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *tune, Ein Feste Burg*

God's word is our great heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.
Through life it guides our way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall last
Your church may hold it fast
Throughout all generations.

*HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46

P The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [31] "When the Son of Man comes in his glory and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, [33] and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. [34] Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world, [35] for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, [36] I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' [37] Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food or thirsty and gave you something to drink? [38] And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you or naked and gave you clothing? [39] And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' [40] And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me.' [41] Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You who are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels, [42] for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, [43] I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick

and in prison and you did not visit me.' [44] Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison and did not take care of you?' [45] Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' [46] And these will go away into eternal punishment but the righteous into eternal life."

P The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON, FOLLOWED BY SILENCE FOR REFLECTION

*HYMN OF THE DAY: *Come Now, You Blessed* ACS 1059

*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, 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: *If with All Your Hearts* Felix Mendelssohn

*OFFERTORY *tune, Nun Danket Alle Gott*

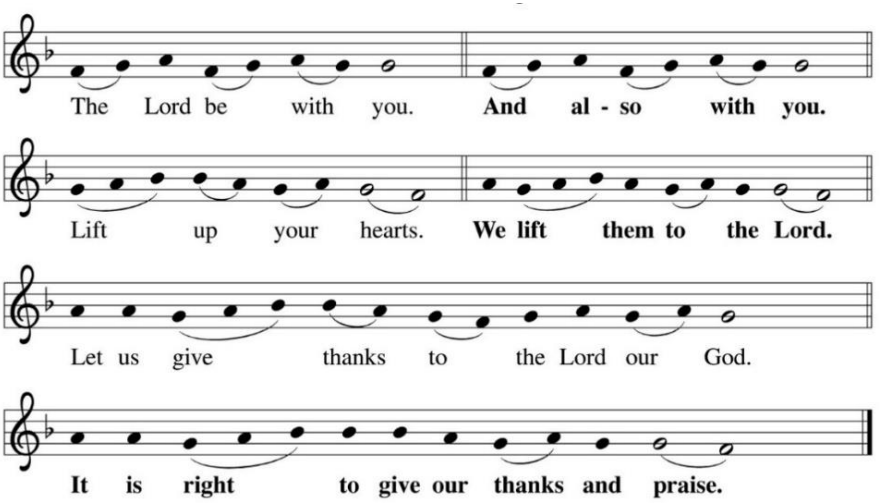
Now thank we all our God
With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things has done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms,
Has blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

*Offering Prayer

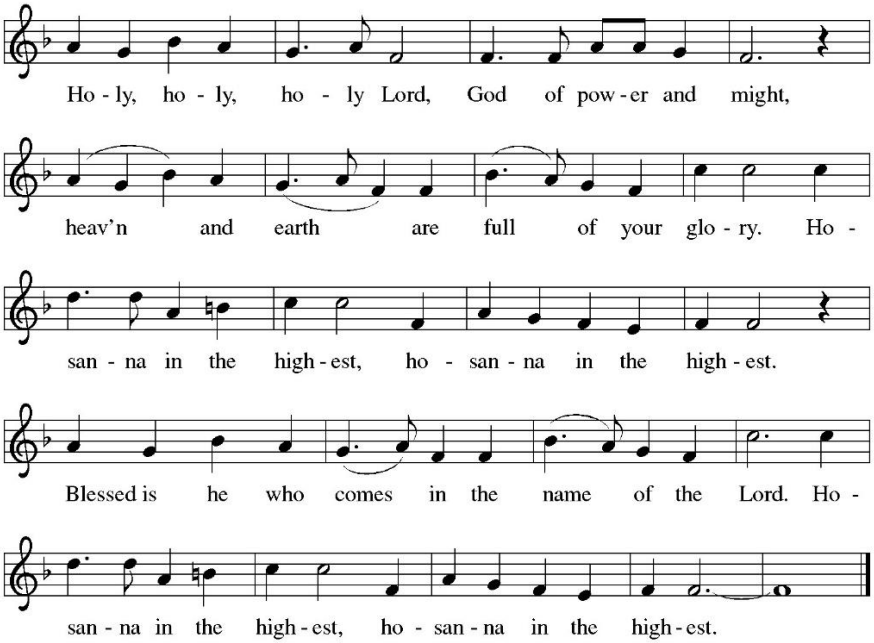
A Let us pray.

C **Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Dialogue



*Preface and Canticle



*Eucharistic 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 In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in. Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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 Music: *Prélude Modal* Jean Langlais

*Table Blessing and Prayer after Communion

A *Let us pray*: Holy God, we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal. You continuously seek the lost, bind the injured, and feed your people abundantly. Now send us out, awake to your presence, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Sending

God blesses us in mission to the world

*BLESSING

P The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always.

C Amen.

*SENDING HYMN: *Give to Our God Immortal Praise* ELW 848

*DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Encourage one another.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: *Fugue in E-flat* Johann Sebastian Bach

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Lift Up in Prayer

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Wally Crum
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Erin Freeman
Caleb Freeman
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Nancy Horniak
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Gwen Weber
Judy Wegley
Avery
Beverly
Bill
Carol
Daniel
Dennis
Gary
Jake
Jane
Josh & Lindsey
Linda
Ryley
Sean
Sue
Tiffany
Tom
Wayne
Wesley
Will

We lift up the Rev. Donald Wilcox who celebrated his 50th anniversary of ordination on

November 21, 2026. We are grateful for his ministry to the Lutheran Church and his presence and participation at St. James.

We pray for the family and friends of Anne Rost 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 Dick Boyer by his wife Doris, his daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Jeff, and grandchildren, Rebekah and Katie.

In loving memory of Richard Thulin by his wife, Elizabeth.

In loving honor of the wedding anniversary of George and Yu Cha Helfrick, given by Catherine Marie Chrismar.

One Rosebud, in loving memory of Dennis Frankfort, by his mother, Ruth Knaub.

On the weekend of November 14th and 15th, flowers were given in loving memory of Guinn Unger, by his three sons.

Announcements

eBlast Sign-Up

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

Give to St. James

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 12/7/26!**

Weekly Bible Study with Pastor Andrew –Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Gathering Area. All are welcome!

Fall Book Club - Join Pr. Libby on Mondays at 3pm in the church library. We are reading and discussing The Book of Longings by Sue Monk Kidd.

Christmas Poinsettias – Poinsettias are $10.75 each or you can donate to ELCA's World Hunger Fund. **Orders are due Monday, 11/23.** If you need help placing an order, please call the church office. Stjamesgettysburg.org/poinsettias

Annual Congregation Meeting - Today at noon. The Annual Report Booklet is available electronically (via the eBlast), and in print at worship.

Ministry Mentors - Interested in serving and leading in worship? There are various worship leadership roles that you can fill. Current worship leaders will serve as mentors to new people serving in worship. Find out more here: stjamesgettysburg.org/about/being-church/volunteering/worship-leadership/

Introducing Our New Youth Choir- Open to middle school and high school students. Led by music educator Elaine Schade, we'll rehearse from 6:15-6:45 PM on Sundays when youth group is scheduled. No musical experience necessary. We hope to sing this Advent season!

Thanksgiving Eve Dinner & Worship – Wed. Nov. 25, Dinner at 5:30 and Bluegrass Liturgy Worship at 7 pm. RSVP here; https://stjamesgettysburg.org/event/thanksgiving-eve/

Breakfast with Santa - Save the Date! Invite your friends and neighbors! Saturday, December 5, 8AM - 11AM. If you are interested in decorating, cooking breakfast, set-up or clean-up, please reach out to the church office!

Lost & Found Table - There are many lost & found items that we have acquired on the table outside of the worship space. Please come and look to see if anything belongs to you! Any items not picked up by November 30 will be donated to the Rescue Mission.

National Transgender Day of Remembrance - This day was created to recognize the 1998 death of Rita Hester, a prominent member of the transgender community in Boston, but has grown to include recognition of all who have died because of anti-transgender violence. This weekend, we at St. James mourn the transgender sisters and brothers we've lost this year. Please visit the exhibit outside the nave, created by The Reconciling in Christ committee, to reflect on the light that each individual brought into this world and offer prayers for them and those who loved them!

5th Sunday Servant Event - This month donations of food vouchers and toys will benefit Holiday Family Outreach. Envelopes are hanging on the branch and available in the basket. Return any donations by next weekend – 11/28 and 11/29.

Serving in Worship

Preacher
Rev. Libby Baker-Mikesell

Presider
Rev. Andrew Geib

Minister of Music
Jonathan Noel

Choir Anthem
(8:15) Martin Luther Choir
(10:45) St James Choir

Musical Offering
Jesse Holt
Suzanne Hubbard

Assisting Minister
Kay MacDowell

8:15 Worship

Acolyte
Oliver Kehr

Bell Ringer
Carson Kehr

Prayer of the Day
Oliver Kehr

Lay Readers
Dylan Brown
Daniel Bringman

Communion Assistants
Shirley Sanders, Lucinda Bringman, Karen Smith
Dylan Brown, Michael Guise

Ushers
Kim McGlaughlin
Jim Flanagan, Bill Hill
Dee Wells

Greeters
Shirley Sanders, Betsy Keefer

Bread Baker
Debby Luquette

Sacristy
Charlie Gomer, Anne Gomer

Coffee Host
Kathryn Sachse

AV Operator
Gary Smith

10:45 Worship

Acolyte
Gabbi Scavitto

Bell Ringer
Bailey Austin

Prayer of the Day
Liam Clowney

Lay Readers
Hunter Kauffman
Debra Baker

Communion Assistants
Peggy Green, Sherry Waybright, Gloria Unger
Sharon Kaya, Carol Cook

Ushers
Jan Keefer, Mark Withrow
Bob Cook, John Fisher

Greeters
Peggy Green, Becky Brown

Bread Baker
Greta Englund

Sacristy
Alma Sujeski, Anne Young

Flower Deliverer
Pete Bender

AV Operator
Katy Clowney