
After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing. ⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" **John 21:1-7a**

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At dawn on the beach that day, Jesus asked his followers to take up the shepherd's crook and continue to nourish and protect those who would follow. The tasks were simple: seek, save, shelter, sustain! Be the shepherd, because you overflow with love for me. The beach breakfast asks us to discover what it is within ourselves and within our church that needs to change for us to pick up the shepherd's crook and continue Christ's mission and ministry? We are challenged, like Peter to look back into our own pasts to clearly experience our brand-new future with Christ.

This beach scene is the final encounter, the last meal with the Savior. He surprised his followers time and again with his abundant blessings. Here, Jesus encouraged the fish to swim into his friends' empty nets, prepared an overflowing spread for them, and one more time, commissioned them to share it with others. Christ called Peter by name assuring him, "I believe in you. I know who you are and I love you." Jesus asked them, like he continues to ask us today, to use the nourishment of his love to sustain the people of the world. So let us continue our work to feed Christ's community here in Gettysburg and as far reaching as we are able. May our nets be full, may the table be wide.

Blessings, Pastor Fred

Prayer: God, give us the ability to see your Son and Savior in others. Amen.

May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter

Welcome/Announcements
Westminster Chimes
Prelude

****Song: "Confidence"**

#60

**** Call to Worship**

Lector: Change is a part of our journey—as Saul experienced on the road to Damascus and we experience in our lives.

Congregation: We welcome God's transforming work in our lives.

Lector: Let us open our hearts and eyes to see these opportunities for growth and discovery in our lives.

Congregation: We trust that every path can draw us closer to the God of love and mercy.

Welcome Rev. Dr. Nora Foust

**** Opening Prayer: (pray silently or aloud)**

God of grace, Help us to recognize the changes in our lives as opportunities. Help us to see that the paths before us may be different than those we had anticipated, just as Saul realized when the scales were removed from his eyes. Amen

**** Hymn: "Alleluja! Alleluja!"**

#215

**** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Joys and Concerns
Praying for Others/Lord's Prayer

Celebration of Our Gifts

**** Doxology**

#625

**** Prayer of Dedication**

Prayer of Confession/Silent Reflection/Assurance of Grace

Hymn: "O, How He Loves You and Me"

#513

Scripture Readings:
Acts 9:1-20

Message: "To See Clearly"

****Song: "And All the People Said Amen"**

#8

**** Final Blessing**

Please remain standing to sing "A Choral Benediction"

Postlude: Hail, Jesus Christ, Our Redemer By: Livingston

***On the screen**

**** Please stand, if you are able.**

~~Portions of today's worship may be modified for time.~~

Upcoming Events

- Monthly Movie, May 2 @ 3:00 PM
- Pastor Amy at Trinity, Gettysburg May 11th
- Pastor Fred's Last Sunday, May 25th

Financial Information

General pledge for April 2025: \$4,811.00

General pledge for April 2024: \$5,420.00

YTD income: \$56,864.46

YTD expenses: \$84,293.38

YTD deficit: \$27,428.92

Upcoming Meetings

- Transition Team – May 5 @6PM
- Consistory Meeting – May 12th @ 6:00 PM
- Worship and Music – May - TBA @ 6:30PM



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Associate Pastor - Amy Fawks

Lector – Jenn Weaver

Organist and Music Director - Christian Keller

Head Ushers – Anita Kincaid & Craig Bixler

Acts 9

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Psalm 30:11

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