



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

January 18, 2026

The Second Sunday after the Epiphany  
*10:30 am Holy Eucharist*

**-- Everyone is WELCOME here, for everyone is beloved by GOD --**

We are now in the season called “Epiphanytide,” or, The season after the Feast of the Epiphany (which was on January 6). The church term “epiphany” means the manifestation of God in the person Jesus. John the Baptizer is back in our Gospel today, this time pointing out Jesus as “The Lamb of God.” A strange title, to be sure, but it’s enough to interest Andrew and his brother Simon Peter, to see what this fellow Galilean is about.

**New to our church?** We’d love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew.

**All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here**, no questions asked. We will bless homemade gluten-free Bread, which you may dip into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice. Or just cross your arms over your chest to decline receiving the wine. You may also ask a blessing from the Presider.

**Hymn #** These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

**WLP #** These hymns are located in the green hymnal “Wonder, Love & Praise”

## *The Gathering of the Community*

**Opening Hymn # 7** \_\_\_\_\_ Christ, whose glory fills the skies

**Greeting & Collect for Purity** \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Song of Praise: *Glory to God*** \_\_\_\_\_ sung “call and response”  
Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
To God be glory for ever. Alleluia, Amen.

### Collect of the Day

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray together.

All Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

### *The Proclamation of the Word*

**The First Reading** Please be seated \_\_\_\_\_ *Isaiah 49:1-7*

Reader A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!

The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.”

But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God.”

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant,

to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him,  
for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength-  
he says,

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers,

“Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,  
because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader      Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

Response    **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

*Psalm 40:1-12*

- 1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; \*  
    he stooped to me and heard my cry.
- 2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; \*  
    he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.
- 3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; \*  
    many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.
- 4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! \*  
    they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.
- 5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!  
    how great your wonders and your plans for us! \*  
    there is none who can be compared with you.
- 6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! \*  
    but they are more than I can count.
- 7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure \*  
    (you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, \*  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: \*  
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; \*  
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; \*  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; \*  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

## The Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_ 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Reader      A Reading from Paul's first Letter to the Corinthians.

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,  
To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus,  
called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you  
in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge  
of every kind- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you- so that  
you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord  
Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus  
Christ our Lord.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #550 \_\_\_\_\_ *Jesus calls us*

**The Gospel Reading** *Please remain standing, as able* \_\_\_\_\_ *John 1:29-42*

**Deacon** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

**People** **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John (the Baptist) saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord.

**People** **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon** \_\_\_\_\_ *The Rev. Susan A Williams*

*Please remain in silence for a moment of reflection following the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed** *Please stand* \_\_\_\_\_

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

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*Deacon* We pray to you Holy God, in the confidence of our belovedness as we say,  
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Embolden your church, that it may fearlessly accept its mission to bring Christ's  
light and love into the world without judgement. Bless Sean our Presiding  
Bishop, Anne our assisting Bishop, and the leaders of our diocese and parish.  
Help us to follow the Lamb of God in our diverse ministries.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Keep the needs of all people foremost in the minds and intentions of our elected leaders, that human dignity may be honored and the welfare of your creation be improved. Help us to make better choices out of concern for those most impacted by climate change, warfare, and systems of injustice.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shower your blessings on this congregation, that we might know and feel your presence in our lives and act in the confidence of your love, for the good of all our neighbors. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Bring wholeness and peace to all who suffer; free them from their afflictions and instill in them the hope of Christ. We pray especially for those on our Prayer List, and others we name...

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Welcome into your embrace all those who have died, and so guide our lives that we may confidently look forward to our reunion with them in heaven. Especially we lift up those we love and miss today....

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*Presider* O God of all our journeys, train our feet to follow Jesus, and meet us in our searching; for he is the Lamb who gives his life for the world. We ask in his holy name. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin and Absolution:** *the people may kneel* \_\_\_\_\_

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence may be kept.*

*All* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Presider* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord

Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit  
keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace** *Please stand, as able*

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

*Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ!*

### **Milestones and Announcements**

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**Stump the Priest!** \_\_\_\_\_ *Answering your questions*

### **The Offertory**, following an invitation to generosity from the Presider

*If you wish to give online, point your phone's camera at the QR code to the right  
and tap the webpage that pops up. It will take you to the St. Jude's online giving  
form!*



**Offertory Anthem** \_\_\_\_\_ *God is Calling*

God is calling through the whisper of the Spirit's deepest sighs;  
Through the thrill of sudden beauties that can catch us by surprise.  
Flash of lightning, crash of thunder, hush of stillness, rush of wonder:  
God is calling - can you hear?

God is calling through the voices of our neighbors' urgent prayers:  
Through their longing for redemption and for rescue from despair.  
Place of hurt or face of needing; strident cry or silent pleading:  
God is calling - can you hear?

God is calling through the music of sublime and human arts:  
Through the hymns of earth and angels, and the carols of our hearts.  
Lift of joy and gift of singing; days and night our praises bringing:  
God is calling - and we hear!

### **The Doxology** *Please stand & join in singing*

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. **Amen.**

## The Celebration of the Eucharist

### The Eucharistic Prayer B

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Sanctus** \_\_\_\_\_ setting by John Karl Hirten

C F C G Am

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and

G C F C

might. Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.

G F C

Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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F C G 3 Am 3  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the  
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 F C G 3 Am 3 G  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
 san - na in the high - est.  
 rit. G C

*The people remain standing or may kneel*

*Presider* We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,  
we await his coming in glory;

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts + that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified + by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Jude, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN!**

**The Lord's Prayer** *setting by David Vickers*

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we make our prayer:



Our Fath-er in heav - en, \_\_\_\_ hal-low-ed be your Name. \_\_\_\_ your King-dom come, your will be  
done, on earth as in heav - en. \_\_\_\_ Give us our dail-ly bread. \_\_\_\_ For-give us our sins \_\_\_\_ as we for-  
give those \_\_\_\_ who sin a-gainst us. \_\_\_\_ Save us from the time of trial, \_\_\_\_ and save us from  
e - vil. \_\_\_\_ For yours is the king-dom, pow'r and the glo-ry, now and for e-ver more. \_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_ men. \_\_\_\_

**The Breaking of Bread, silence follows**

## Fraction Anthem: WLP #866 \_\_\_\_\_ setting by Owen Burdick

*Cantor*                    *Choir*                    *Congregation & Choir*

Al - le - lu - ia.            Al - le - lu - ia.            Al - le - lu -

ia.                            Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

There - fore let us keep the feast.                    Al - le - lu - ia.

Al - le - lu - ia.                    Al - le - lu - ia.

## An Invitation to Communion is said by the clergy \_\_\_\_\_ source: Iona Community

*Deacon* Our feast of bread and wine is now made ready.

It is the feast of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

*Presider* So come and share in this banquet:

You have much faith and you who would like to have more;  
you who have been here often,  
and you who have not been for a long time;  
you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed.  
Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

*Deacon* These are gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

## The Communion

*Please be seated until invited by the Ushers to come forward, or let them know if you would like Communion brought to you in the pew. **All are welcome** but no one is obliged to receive. If you would prefer not to receive Communion, please cross your arms across your chest indicating you would like to receive a blessing instead. Today we are blessing gluten-free bread. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.*

## Music during Communion

Hymn #554 with additional verses

*Simple Gifts*

1. 'Tis the gift to be simple, 'tis the gift to be free,  
'Tis the gift to come down where we ought to be,  
And when we find ourselves in the place just right,  
'Twill be in the valley of love and delight.

*Refrain:* When true simplicity is gained  
To bow and to bend we shan't be ashamed.  
To turn, turn, will be our delight  
Till by turning, turning we come round right.

2. 'Tis the gift to be gentle, 'tis the gift to be fair,  
'Tis the gift to wake and breathe the morning air;  
To walk every day in the path that we choose:  
'Tis a gift we pray we may never, never lose. *Refrain*

3. 'Tis the gift to be knowing, tis the gift to be kind,  
'Tis a gift to wake and hear another's mind;  
And when we speak our feelings it may come out, too,  
'Tis a gift for me and a gift for you. *Refrain*

## Prayer after Communion *Please stand as able*

Presider Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**A Blessing** is said by the Presider

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## *The Sending Out*

**Sending Out Hymn #535**

*Ye servants of God*

### **Sending Out**

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*The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:*

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**The church office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, January 19 in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. We will reopen for normal business hours Tuesday, January 20 at 9 am.**

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*The flowers that decorate our altar this morning were given to the glory of God  
by Judy & Mike Marinco in celebration of Mike's birthday (1/15).*

**Flower Memorials** are a lovely way to remember a loved one or celebrate a milestone (and you get to take them home after the service!) You can use one of the special envelopes in the pews, or give online - select "Flowers" from the menu. *Please get your dedication to Liz in the church office for whichever Sunday you wish it to appear in the bulletin.*



<u>Serving at the Liturgy Today</u>		<u>Next Sunday</u>
Presider	The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams	Rev. Susan Anslow Williams
Deacon	The Rev. Dcn Judy Marinco	The Rev. Dcn Judy Marinco
Choir Director, Guitar	Katie Young	Katie Young
Eucharistic Minister	Dee Grossmann	Mary Louise Susalla
Intinction Cup	Amy Freeman	Rev. Wayne Knotts
Reader	Rev. Bill McDonald	Pedro Melchor
Prayers	Nancy Day	Paul Dolza
Ushers	Lisa & Kelly Cronk	Nancy Day, Lynne R.
Live-streamer	Dave James	Paul Dolza
Vestry P. of the Day	Bill Anderson	Megan Rosa
Altar Guild	Terri H., Francine J.	Sarah D., Lisa Cronk
Coffee Hour	Mike & Judy Marinco	Social Committee

## This Week at St. Jude's

Monday, 1/19	MLK, Jr. Day – Office Closed
Tuesday, 1/20	1 pm: Prayer Shawl
Wednesday, 1/21	6 pm: Choir Rehearsal 7 pm: Vestry
Thursday, 1/22	6:30 pm: Imperfect Club w/First Pres (here)

## Prayer List

Pray for Sean, our Presiding Bishop; for Anne, our Assisting Bishop; for all lay and ordained leaders in the Diocese of the Great Lakes; for Susan, our Priest-in-Charge; for Judy, our Deacon; for the Vestry.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. John's, Alma - Doug Ballard, Senior Warden; Church of the Nativity, Boyne City - Kathryn Holley, Senior Warden

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Emily Jane, Donald, Jill, Melissa, Tony, Marcia, Matt, Brian, Tim, Abby, Marilyn, Jeri, Pam, Jenny, Jerry, Ellen, Bobby, Ron, Ashley, Devendra, Harvey, Mary, David, Lynne, Gay, Mary Ellen, Wayne

## **Join the Imperfect Club on Thursday**

On Thurs. January 22 at 6:30 pm, the whole congregation is invited to a no-prep-discussion as we share a soup dinner with a group from First Presbyterian Church who will cross the street to our Vandenbergh Hall. The topic is a documentary called “Toward a New Social Awakening – The Social Creed, 1908-2008.” Both our Churches and many others, at the national or international level, covenanted in 1908 to work together to help the most vulnerable people in society, especially children. How did they/we do? What might we accomplish together today? We’ll be out by 8 pm. A signup is posted in the Vandenbergh Hall.

## **Next Sunday it's the Annual Meeting**

Be sure to join us for a review of 2025 and preview of 2026, at the Annual Parish Meeting **on Sunday, January 25 at the 10:30 service.** We do a well-paced blend of Eucharistic worship and Parish meeting which is followed immediately by lunch in Vandenbergh Hall. This year, the Social Committee is putting together a Soup & Salad Supper for our celebratory event. Sign up to bring salad, bread or dessert to accompany our soups.

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