



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

June 7, 2026

Second Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

~ Everyone is WELCOME here, for everyone is beloved by GOD ~

Good morning! Today we fully enter the “green season” after Pentecost, and the Scriptures present several story lines, week by week. Our Old Testament lesson introduces Abram (later Abraham) and Sarai (Sarah), and their complicated family. We will read from Paul’s Letter to the Romans all summer, his theological masterpiece that emphasizes *grace through faith* rather than anything we could possibly *do* to deserve salvation. Finally, the sequential Gospel readings from *Matthew* follow Jesus as he calls disciples, begins teaching and healing people, and by summer’s end, predicts the opposition they will encounter in Jerusalem.

Are you 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 offer home-made Bread, with gluten-free wafers as an option. Either form may be dipped into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice that follows. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

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

WLP # These hymns are located in the green hymnal books that will be handed out.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____

Opening Hymn #401 _____ *The God of Abraham praise*

Open Acclamation & Collect

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 and Praise* _____ a psalm refrain by Dan Schutte

Choir, then all repeat

Melody
Harmony

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of three staves. The first staff is labeled 'Melody' and 'Harmony'. The melody begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. It starts with a quarter note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The harmony consists of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics 'Glo - ry and praise to our God, _____ who a - lone gives' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the melody with a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note A4. The harmony consists of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics 'light to our days. _____ Man - y are the' are written below the second staff. The third staff continues the melody with a quarter note G4, a quarter note F#4, and a quarter note E4. The harmony consists of a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The lyrics 'bless-ings he bears to those who trust in his ways. _____' are written below the third staff. The piece ends with a double bar line and the word 'Fine'.

Glo - ry and praise to our God, _____ who a - lone gives

light to our days. _____ Man - y are the

bless-ings he bears to those who trust in his ways. _____

Fine

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, together.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated.

The First Reading _____ *Genesis 12:1-9*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

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

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 33:1-12*

- 1 Rejoice in the LORD, you righteous; *
it is good for the just to sing praises.
- 2 Praise the LORD with the harp; *
play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.
- 3 Sing for him a new song; *
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
- 4 For the word of the LORD is right, *
and all his works are sure.
- 5 He loves righteousness and justice; *
the loving-kindness of the LORD fills the whole earth.

- 6 By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, *
by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.
- 7 He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin *
and stores up the depths of the sea.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; *
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.
- 9 For he spoke, and it came to pass; *
he commanded, and it stood fast.
- 10 The LORD brings the will of the nations to naught; *
he thwarts the designs of the peoples.
- 11 But the LORD's will stands fast for ever, *
and the designs of his heart from age to age.
- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The Second Reading _____ *Romans 4:13-25*

Reader A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

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. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, 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. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." 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), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to

God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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Sequence Hymn, WLP #773 _____ *Heal me, hands of Jesus*

The Gospel Reading *Please stand as able* _____ *Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

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

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

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.”

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ *The Rev. Susan Anslow 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.

Prayers of the People _____

Deacon As the warmth of summer surrounds us, let us bring our prayers to the Lord,
seeking God's presence for our church, our communities, and the world.

Leader

That this summer season may be a time of spiritual refreshment. May our church and all congregations of the diocese be places of hospitality, welcoming travelers and those seeking to deepen their faith. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop, Anne our assisting bishop, all clergy and lay leaders. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

That the warmth of the sun may inspire a warmth of compassion in the hearts of those who govern, especially Donald our President and Gretchen our Governor, the Congress and Supreme Court. Lead them to enact policies that bring peace, justice, and care for the most vulnerable. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

That God will guide all who travel during these months. Keep them safe from harm, and grant that their times of rest and recreation may renew their minds, encourage their faith, and strengthen their bonds with family and friends. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

That God will protect those who work outdoors in the heat, those whose jobs do not allow for a summer break, and all who are seeking meaningful employment and a living wage in return for their labor. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

That the beauty of God's creation will inspire us to be good stewards of the earth. Give us courage and opportunities to reach out to our neighbors, ensuring that no one is left behind or forgotten during the summer months. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

That those who are isolated or burdened by illness may feel the comforting, healing presence of Christ. Bring relief to those who suffer, and grant patience to their caregivers. We pray especially for everyone on our prayer list, and those we name aloud ... Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for the departed, that they may be welcomed into the eternal summer of God's heavenly kingdom, where there is no more pain or sorrow, and light perpetual shines upon them. Bring comfort to those who mourn, and a vision of reunion with those they love. We remember especially those we name ...

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Presider

Almighty and ever-living God, you have created the earth and its seasons, and encouraged days of Sabbath rest for all who labor. Hear the prayers we offer this day, and grant us the grace to live as your faithful disciples in every season of our lives. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin, *please stand or kneel* _____

Deacon Let us confess our sins to God. *Silence*

People **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.**

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us, through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Absolution *is pronounced by the priest*

The Peace *Please stand* _____

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 _____

Stump the Priest! _____ *Answering your questions*

The Offertory, *following an invitation to generosity from the priest*

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 _____ *Rain Down*

Please join in singing the refrain as you are able,



The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing* _____ Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 2 _____ EOW1

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

The Presider continues

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

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

The people remain standing or may kneel. The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts + that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, + the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Jude, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

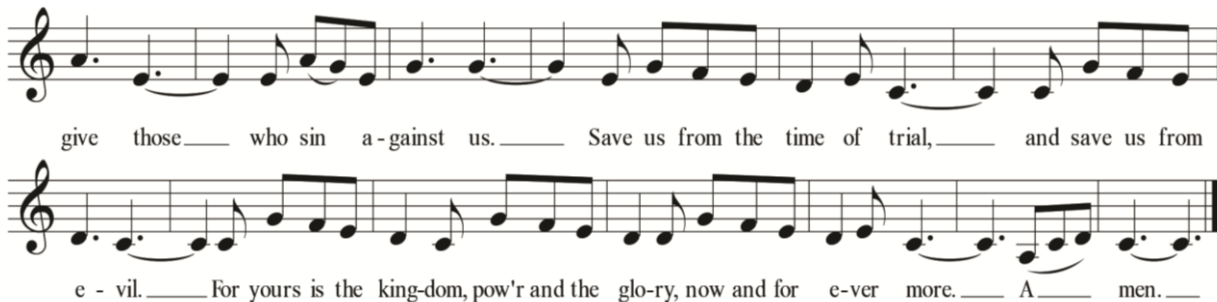
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we make our prayer:



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-



The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows* _____ EOW1

Priest We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Response We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Invitation to Communion _____ Iona Community

Priest Come to the Table set for you: not because of how you feel,
 but because God has food for you.
 Come, not because you deserve a place,
 but because Jesus invites you, just as you are.
 Come, not because you are free from doubts,
 but because God's love will set you free from their hold.

Deacon These are the 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. Our bread contains gluten; we have gluten-free rice wafers if you prefer. 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.

At Communion: Hymn #676 _____ *There is a balm in Gilead*

WLP #800 _____ *Precious Lord, take my hand*

Prayer after Communion *Please stand as able* _____ EOW1

Priest Let us pray.

People God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing _____

The Sending Out

Sending Out Hymn _____ *I have decided to follow Jesus*

1. I have decided to follow Jesus; (3x)
No turning back; no turning back.
2. If no one joins me, still I will follow; (3x)
No turning back; no turning back.
3. The cross before me, the world behind me; (3x)
No turning back, no turning back.

Sending Out _____

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude _____

Please remain in the sanctuary for a short discussion regarding safety & security at St. Jude's followed by refreshments in Vandenberg Hall.

The Flowers that decorate our altar this morning were given by Lynne Ronthi in memory of her father, Bob, on the occasion of his birthday.