



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

July 5, 2026,
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

Good morning and Happy Fourth of July. Thank you for making St Jude's part of your holiday weekend! All summer our readings begin with the "founding fathers" (aka the Patriarchs) of Judaism, beginning with Abraham and moving on to Isaac, Jacob (whose name gets changed to Israel), and his many children. But today we meet a bona-fide Matriarch: Rebekah, cousin and future wife of Isaac, who demonstrates much more agency than he will. Our Gospel reading begins mid-paragraph as Jesus is fielding questions about John the Baptist, then skips some hard words about judgment to give us more comfort than conflict. We'll take a harder look at what Jesus is prodding his listeners to hear and do.

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 #408 _____ *Sing praise to God who reigns above*

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

Sung twice

Melody *f*
Harmony

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, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

The servant said to Laban, “I am Abraham’s servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master’s wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, ‘You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father’s house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.’

“I came today to the spring, and said, ‘O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, “Please give me a little water from your jar to drink,” and who will say to me, “Drink, and I will draw for your camels also” —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master’s son.’

“Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, ‘Drink, and I will also water your camels.’ So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left.”

And they called Rebekah, and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will.” So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham’s servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, “May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes.” Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, “Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah’s

tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

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

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 45:11-18*

- 11 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely; *
forget your people and your father's house.
- 12 The king will have pleasure in your beauty; *
he is your master; therefore do him honor.
- 13 The people of Tyre are here with a gift; *
the rich among the people seek your favor."
- 14 All glorious is the princess as she enters; *
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 15 In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king; *
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 16 With joy and gladness they are brought, *
and enter into the palace of the king.
- 17 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons; *
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 18 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another; *
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

The Second Reading _____ *Romans 7:15-25a*

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

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

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Sequence Hymn: LEVAS2 #109 _____ *What a friend we have in Jesus*



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, All our sins and griefs to bear!
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions? Is there trou-ble an - y - where?
3. Are we weak and heav - y lad - en, Cum-bered with a load of care?



1. What a priv - i - lege to car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. We should nev - er be dis - cour - aged, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. Pre - cious Sav - ior, still our ref - uge, Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need-less pain we bear,
2. Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor - rows share?
3. Do thy friends de-spise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer.



1. All be - cause we do not car - ry Ev - 'ry-thing to God in prayer!
2. Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness, Take it to the Lord in prayer.
3. In his arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a sol - ace there.

The Gospel Reading *Please stand as able* _____ *Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

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

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

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,
'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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_____ *Thanksgiving for our Nation (BCP p. 838)*

Presider As we celebrate the 250th anniversary of our Declaration of Independence from Great Britain, let us pray for our country, our community, and those we love.

Leader Almighty God, giver of all good things: We thank you for the natural majesty and beauty of this land. They restore us, though we often destroy them.

Response **Heal us.**

Leader We thank you for the great resources of this nation. They make us rich, though we often exploit them.

Response **Forgive us.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for the men and women who have made this country strong. They are models for us, though we often fall short of them.

Response **Inspire us.**

Leader We thank you for the torch of liberty which has been lit in this land. It has drawn people from every nation, though we have often hidden from its light.

Response **Enlighten us.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for the faith we have inherited, in all its rich variety. Bless our Church and its leaders, lay and ordained, to minister in Jesus' name with grace and love. You sustain our life, though we have been faithless again and again.

Response **Renew us.**

Leader Help us, Lord, to finish the good work here begun. Strengthen our efforts to blot out ignorance and prejudice, and to abolish poverty, violence and crime. Inspire our elected leaders, and those running for public office, with the vision set down by our founders, of equality, liberty, and happiness available to all who come in search of a better life. We often forget the dreams and struggles of our ancestors, who gave us much to be grateful for.

Response **Remind us.**

Leader Bring healing, Lord, to those in need of wholeness and mercy. Especially the people on our prayer list, the communities devastated by recent earthquakes and floods, and others we name aloud.... And we also remember those who have died, joining the company of your saints in light. Especially those we name... Bless those who minister to the dying, and be with those who mourn.

Comfort us.

Presider Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country sought liberty for many, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may continue in righteousness and peace to extend those freedoms to all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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* _____

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **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 Music _____ *Come, All Who Are Weary*

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-
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* _____ 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 (please assist the chalice-bearer), or hold up your bread as you wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.*

Music at Communion: _____ Gather us in

Music is on the next page

Hymn #692 _____ *I heard the voice of Jesus say*

Hymn #717 _____ *My country, 'tis of thee*

“Gather us in,” by Marty Haugen



1. Here in this place — new light is streaming, Now is the dark - ness
 2. We are the young, our lives are a mys-t'ry, We are the old who
 3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter Here we will take the
 4. Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, Not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way. See, in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
 yearn for your face, We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way, here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



Brought here to you in the light of this day. _____
 Called to be light to the whole hu - man race. _____
 Call us a - new to be salt for the earth. _____
 Now is the King - dom, — now is the day. _____



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, Gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, Gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, Give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, Gath - er us in, and



blind and the lame; Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; Gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name. _____
 Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song. _____
 Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true. _____
 Fire — of love in our flesh and our bone. _____

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 #699 _____ *Jesus, lover of my soul*

Sending Out _____

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude _____

**The Flowers that decorate our altar this morning were given by
Charles & Francine Johnston in thanksgiving for their 48th Wedding Anniversary.**

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Serving at the Liturgy Today

Presiding	Rev. Susan Anslow Williams
Deacon	Rev. Judy Marinco
Music Leader, Guitar	Katie Young
Organist	Ron Spaulding
Eucharistic Minister	Amy Freeman
Intinction Cup	Dee Grossmann
Reader	Jessica Miller
Prayers	Pedro Melchor
Ushers	Charlie J., Jessica M.
Live-streamer	Dave James
Vestry P. of the Day	Dave James
Altar Guild	Dee G., Lisa Cronk
Coffee Hour	Heather Ludwig

Next Sunday

Rev. Susan Williams
Rev. Judy Marinco
Katie Young
Ron Spaulding
Lisa & Kelly Cronk
Dave Rayner
Sue Premo
Terri H., Francine J.
Lisa & Kelly Cronk

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: Holy Family, Midland - Debbie Roth, Senior Warden; St. Paul's, St. Joseph - Erik Broerer, Rector

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Donald, Chuck, Molly, Matt, Jenny, Jerry, Harvey, Melissa, Brian, Abby, Marilyn, Jeri, Pam, Ron, Tim, Tony, Emily Jane, Bobby, Francine, Anna, Jan, Nina, Ellen, the Salcedo family, Charles and Genevieve.

This Week at St. Jude's...

Wednesday, 7/8	6 pm: Outreach
Saturday, 7/11	9 am - Noon: Basic Needs Pantry

Raise Right Fundraising

Anybody remember when we used to do Scrip fundraising? You would order gift cards through the church and we would deliver physical gift cards to you the next Sunday? The church would get a small percent (anywhere from 2-18%) of the total amount you spent back. Well, there is a more updated version of this that we would like to try!

It's called RaiseRight! You download an app or use their website and you can buy digital (in some cases physical) gift cards or order from certain companies online and the church will get a small percent back to go toward our budget and ministries! Interested? Great!

Liz will be doing a presentation to explain more and get you started fundraising for the church during coffee hour on Sunday, July 12!

Alzheimer's Series coming this Summer

The Alzheimer's Association of Michigan will return to St Jude's on **Saturdays: July 18 and August 15, from 10:30 am – 12 noon**; to lead presentations about the early stages of this progressive disease. Each class will be in two parts: half for the person diagnosed, and the other half for their partner or primary caregiver, so that each will know what to expect. To register, you must contact the Alzheimer's Association (NOT our office) by calling 800-272-3900. Please share this information with family and friends who might be helped by attending.

Special Guest on July 19

On Sunday July 19, we welcome The Rev. Alan James, the Interim Executive Officer of our diocese, who will preach at the 10:30 service, field your questions at Coffee Hour, and meet with the Vestry over lunch. The topic: resources that the diocese can offer St Jude's as we begin the search for our next Rector! The goal is to call a priest next summer, so time is right for Alan's visit and your participation.

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