



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

July 12, 2026,

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

Good morning, thanks for including St. Jude's in your Sunday! Our worship, preaching and music are based on the Bible readings that have been assigned by "The Revised Common Lectionary." This is a calendar used by many church denominations so we can all study, converse and maybe complain together, ecumenically. Like the Parable of the Sower in today's Gospel reading, we spread the Word of God and let it take root and grow abundantly – but in a slightly more organized fashion than the farmer described by Jesus. The RCL has parceled out the family history of Abraham from *Genesis*, and highlights from Paul's *Letter to the Romans*, to last the summer season. Borrow a Bible from our Library if you'd like bigger pieces!

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 #516 _____ Come down, O Love divine

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: S-277, *Glory to God*

setting by David Hurd

1. Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth,

2. Lord God hea - ven - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you,

we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son on the Fa - ther,

Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you take a - way the sin of the world:

have mer - cy on us: 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther:

re - ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,

you a - lone are the Lord, 7. You a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,

with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A men.

Collect of the Day _____

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray, together.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated.

The First Reading _____ Genesis 25:19-34

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord.

And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 119:105-112*

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

The Second Reading _____ *Romans 8:1-11*

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

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law ~ indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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Sequence Hymn #440 _____ *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

The Gospel Reading *Please stand as able* _____ *Matthew 13:1-9,18-23*

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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 Let our prayers give voice to the needs of the world, the church, and those who
suffer; as we trust in the promise of our Savior that God will hear and respond.

Leader We pray that the church, like the sower in Jesus' parable, will spread the good news without prejudice or hesitancy; trusting that God will bring forth a bountiful yield. Bless Sean our Presiding Bishop, Anne our Assisting Bishop, and all the clergy and lay leaders of our diocese. Give us ready hearts and hands to proclaim the love of God, especially to the least and the lost. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For our nation in this time of political division and economic stress, that our leaders may respond to your call for peace, justice and mercy for all. We pray for peace in Iran and Lebanon, Ukraine and Russia, Gaza and Israel. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For this community, that all citizens may resist the lure of short-term advantages, and instead work justly for the well-being of families, refugees, orphans and oppressed people everywhere. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For the sick and the suffering, especially those on our Prayer List and those we name aloud... That their cries for healing, comfort and dignity may be answered soon. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who are near death, and those who have died, especially the people we name... Welcome them into your heavenly home, and bring us there, too, with all your saints, in the great reunion of eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Presider O God our Creator, make our hearts good soil for your Word of Salvation, that we may reach out to others and bear fruit that yields a hundredfold. We ask through your Son Jesus Christ, in the unity of 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 Hymn: LEVAS2 #146 _____ *Break thou the bread of life*
Hymn on next page...



1. Break thou the bread of life, Dear Lord, to me,
2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, To me, to me,
3. Teach me to live, dear Lord, On - ly for thee,



1. As thou didst break the loaves Be - side the sea;
2. As thou didst bless the bread By Gal - i - lee;
3. As thy dis - ci - ples lived in Gal - i - lee;



1. Be - yond the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord;
2. Then shall all bond - age cease, All fet - ters fall,
3. Then, all my strug - gles o'er, Then, vic - t'ry won,



1. My spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing word!
2. And I shall find my peace, My all in all.
3. I shall be - hold thee, Lord, The liv - ing one.

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 1 _____ 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 our thanks and praise.

Priest It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life. Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Sanctus: S-124 _____ *setting by David Hurd*

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

The people may kneel or remain standing, as the priest continues the prayer

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care, that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery in Egypt, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory.

Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, 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, 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 poured out for you and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Mary the God-bearer, Jude and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

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.**

The Lord's Prayer _____

Priest And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows*

Fraction Anthem: S-154 _____ setting by David Hurd

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.

Invitation to Communion _____ Iona Community

Priest The table of bread and wine is now ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, and all who love him.

Deacon It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself.

Priest It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate.

Deacon So come to the table, for it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Both 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 over 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: _____

WLP #785 _____ *Santo, santo, santo*

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

Prayer after Communion *Please stand as able* _____ *Church of England*

Priest Let us pray.

People Gracious God, lover of all,
in this sacrament we are one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood
and one in the communion of his Spirit:
help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.
We make our prayer through Jesus your Son, our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing _____

The Sending Out

Sending Out Hymn #690 _____ *Guide me, O thou great Jehovah*

Sending Out _____

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude _____

Join us following the service for coffee hour
and a demonstration of our new fundraiser RaiseRight.

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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	Paul Dolza
Intinction Cup	Bob Hutchins
Reader	Nancy Day
Prayers	Dolores Ruby
Ushers	Lisa & Kelly Cronk
Live-streamer	Dave Rayner
Vestry P. of the Day	Sue Premo
Altar Guild	Terri H., Francine J.
Coffee Hour	Lisa & Kelly Cronk

Next Sunday

Rev. Susan Williams
Rev. Judy Marinco
Katie Young
Ron Spaulding
Dee Grossmann
Clay Putnam
Dave James
Deb James
Nancy Day, Lynne Ronthi
Lynn Hopper
Denise Rayner
Sarah D., Lisa Cronk
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This Week at St. Jude's...

Thursday, July 16	6 pm: Book Club @ Dee Grossmann's
Saturday, July 18	10:30 am - Noon: Part II of Alzheimer's Seminar Series

Alzheimer's Series coming this Summer

The Alzheimers 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 Alzheimers 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 Sunday, 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.

Truckload Food Giveaway - Volunteers Needed

On Saturday, August 8 St. Jude's will be joining the Fenton Fire Department to distribute food to our neighbors in need. Volunteers will be needed to pass out food from 8:00 a.m until approximately 11:00 a.m. at the Fenton Fire Station. Drivers with trucks will also be needed to deliver any left overs to local food agencies. Look for a sign-up list on the Outreach Bulletin Board in early July. Thank you to all !

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. Mark's, Atlanta - Pam Lenartowict, Rector; St. John's Church, Sturgis - Kris Veldheer, Rector; St. Andrew's by-the-Lake, Harrisville - Ron Eisenhart, Senior Warden

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.

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The Parable of the Sower

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