



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

July 19, 2026,  
The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

Good morning, it's another joyful Sunday in Fenton! Today we welcome The Rev. Alan C. James to the pulpit and to Coffee Hour, as he brings us the good news from Jesus and from the Diocese of the Great Lakes. Alan serves as the Interim Executive Officer of our diocese, as we are preparing to elect our first bishop in late October. Our Scripture readings pick up from last week's narratives: Jacob, the wily younger twin of Isaac and Rebeka, sets out to make his own place in the world, and literally dreams of greatness. Jesus continues his farming parables with a common problem, weeds sprouting among the wheat! And Paul comforts those feeling stressed about the future, with the reminder that we are *all* the adopted children of God.

**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 #365 \_\_\_\_\_ Come, thou almighty king

## 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.

**Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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 28:10-19a*

*Reader* A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

## The Psalm \_\_\_\_\_

*Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23*

- 1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

## The Second Reading \_\_\_\_\_

*Romans 8: 12-25*

*Reader*

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh~ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ~ if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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

**Sequence Hymn #589** \_\_\_\_\_ *Almighty God, your word is cast*

**The Gospel Reading** *Please stand as able* \_\_\_\_\_ **Matthew 13: 24-30,36-43**

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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

**The Sermon** *Please be seated* \_\_\_\_\_ *The Rev. Alan James*

*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 for the Church, especially those who plant the good news of the Kingdom of Heaven in dangerous places, 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* We pray for our nation in this time of political division, war overseas, and economic distress, that our leaders may respond to your call for peace, justice and mercy. We pray for the people of Iran and Lebanon, Ukraine and Russia, Gaza and Israel. Lord, in your mercy,

*Response* **Hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for this community, for the well-being of families, refugees, and victims of natural disasters, and for those seeking new opportunities for a fruitful life. 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 to nurture your Word of Salvation, and remove all that hinders its growth; that we may reach out to others with compassion and grace. 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** \_\_\_\_\_

**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** \_\_\_\_\_ *Teach Us Your Ways, The Porter's Gate*



The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing* \_\_\_\_\_ Old 100<sup>th</sup>

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*



## 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:

Hymn \_\_\_\_\_ You are near

This hymn is printed on the next page.

Hymn #325 \_\_\_\_\_ Let us break bread together

Taizé Hymn \_\_\_\_\_ In the Lord I'll be ever-thankful

The musical score is written for a Taizé Hymn in 3/4 time, featuring a treble and bass staff. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and the bass line is in D minor (two flats). The lyrics are: "In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the Lord I will re -  
joice! Look to God, do not be a - fraid. Lift up your  
voic - es, the Lord is near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near."

The score consists of three systems of music. The first system covers the first line of lyrics. The second system covers the second line of lyrics, including a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff. The third system covers the third line of lyrics, also including a triplet of eighth notes in the treble staff. The piece concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

# You Are Near

## Refrain



Yah-weh, I know you are near, stand-ing al - ways  
at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you  
lead me in ways ev - er - last - ing.

## Verses



1. Lord, you have searched my heart, and you  
2. Where can I run from your love? If I  
3. You know my heart and its ways, you who  
4. Mar - vel - ous to me are your works; how pro -

know when I sit and when I stand. Your  
climb to the heav - ens you are there; if I  
formed me be - fore I was born in the  
found are your thoughts, my Lord. E - ven

hand is up - on me pro - tect - ing me from death,  
fly to the sun - rise or sail be - yond the sea,  
se - cret of dark - ness be - fore I saw the sun  
if I could count them, they num - ber as the stars,

keep - ing me from harm.  
still I'd find you there.  
in my moth - er's womb.  
you would still be there.

D.C.

**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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Sending Out Hymn, *WOV#712*** \_\_\_\_\_ *Listen, God is calling*

Refrain  
Leader

All

The Lord's Prayer

of - fer - ing for - give-ness, com - fort and joy. joy.

Leader



All



1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news

2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.

3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

that he came to save us and set us free.  
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.  
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

**Sending Out** \_\_\_\_\_

*The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:*  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Postlude** \_\_\_\_\_

**The flowers this morning were given to the glory of God by Charles & Francine Johnston in memory of our beloved twins, Partrick & Thomas.**

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| <u>Serving at the Liturgy Today</u> |                            | <u>Next Sunday</u>         |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Presiding                           | Rev. Susan Anslow Williams | Rev. H. Wayne Knotts       |
| Deacon                              | Rev. Judy Marinco          | Rev. Judy Marinco          |
| Preacher                            | Rev. Alan C. James         | Rev. Susan Anslow Williams |
| Music Leader, Guitar                | Katie Young                | Katie Young                |
| Organist                            | Ron Spaulding              | Ron Spaulding              |
| Eucharistic Minister                | Dee Grossmann              | Lynn Hopper                |
| Intinction Cup                      | Clay Putnam                | Bill Anderson              |
| Reader                              | Dave Rayner                | Pedro Melchor              |
| Prayers                             | Denise Rayner              | Nancy Day                  |
| Ushers                              | Nancy Day, Lynne Ronthi    | Dave & Deb James           |
| Live-streamer                       | Lynn Hopper                | Paul Dolza                 |
| Vestry P. of the Day                | Denise Rayner              | Mark Jagos                 |
| Altar Guild                         | Sarah D., Lisa Cronk       | Mary Louise S., Diane Hill |
| Coffee Hour                         | Susan AW, Terri H          | Bob & Terri Hutchins       |

## **Truckload Food Giveaway - Volunteers Needed**

**On Saturday, August 1** 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 leftovers to local food agencies. Look for a sign-up list on the Outreach Bulletin Board. This is also our Pantry Day at St Jude's, so we need extra helpers. Thank you!

## **RaiseRight Fundraising**

We have a new fundraiser that we are trying out. You can download an app or go to RaiseRight.com and purchase physical and e-gift cards to use at all kinds of business. You can also go through the app to access online purchasing. A small percentage of every purchase you make will go back to St. Jude's. There is a QR code on the bulletin board in Vandenberg Hall or you can ask Liz in the church office for the enrollment code in order for proceeds to go toward St. Jude's. Ask Liz in the office if you have any questions.

## **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: Christ Church, Owosso - Paul Brunell, Rector; St. Peter's-by-the-Lake, Montague - David Meyers, 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, Nole, Toñio and the Salcedo family, Charles and Genevieve.

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