



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

July 26, 2026,

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

Good morning and thanks for joining and enhancing our worship! Our scripture lesson from Genesis picks up the family story of Abraham with his grandson Jacob, who illustrates the dangers of (1) not getting your employment contract in writing, and (2) drinking *way* too much at your own wedding. Paul's words to the fledgling Roman church are full of comfort, on the other hand. And Jesus tells a series of parables that his friends claim to understand right away. Are they *really* as straightforward as they sound? Of course not.

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 #376 _____ *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

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 God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 29:15-28*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.

Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 105:1-11, 45b*

- 1 Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; *
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, *
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; *
 let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Search for the Lord and his strength; *
 continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, *
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, *
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 7 He is the Lord our God; *
 his judgments prevail in all the world.
- 8 He has always been mindful of his covenant, *
 the promise he made for a thousand generations:
- 9 The covenant he made with Abraham, *
 the oath that he swore to Isaac,
- 10 Which he established as a statute for Jacob, *
 an everlasting covenant for Israel,
- 11 Saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan *
 to be your allotted inheritance."
- 45b Hallelujah!

The Second Reading _____ *Romans 8:26-39*

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

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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Sequence Hymn _____ *The Kingdom of God is justice and joy*
To the tune of #535, “Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim”

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgment, for gain or for loss.

4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

The Gospel Reading *Remain standing as able* _____ *Matthew 13:31-33,44-52*

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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 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; and for victims of natural disasters around the world. Lord, in your mercy,

Response **Hear our prayer.**

Leader We pray for this community, for the well-being of all families, migrants and refugees, and for persons in prison or detention. 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 Hasten, O Father, the coming of your kingdom on earth; and grant that we, your servants, may with joy discover its reality and strive for its growth; we ask through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. **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*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace Please stand _____

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 _____ Change my heart, O God



A Change my heart, O God, _ make it ev-er true. _



Change my heart, O God, _ may I be like you. _



B You are the Pot - ter, I am the clay. _



Mold me and make me, this is what I pray. Repeat A

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:

Hymn #384 _____ *Fairest Lord Jesus*

Hymn (CoCS #136) _____ *This is God's Wondrous World*



1 This is God's won - drous world, and to my lis - tening ears all
 2 This is God's won - drous world; the birds their car - ols raise, the
 3 This is God's won - drous world; oh, let me ne'er for - get that



na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres. This
 morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise. This
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet. This



is God's won - drous world; I rest me in the thought of
 is God's won - drous world; God shines in all that's fair. In
 is God's won - drous world; why should my heart be sad? Let



rocks and trees, of skies and seas, God's hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass or moun - tain pass, God's voice speaks ev - ery - where.
 voic - es sing, let the heav - ens ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

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 #506 _____ *Praise the Spirit in Creation*

Sending Out _____

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude _____



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. Peter's Seasonal Chapel, Lake Leelanau - Charles Bennison, Vicar; St. John's, Sandusky - Darlene McClland, Senior Warden; St. Thomas, Battle Creek - Michael Spencer, 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, Kathy, Charles and Genevieve, Dee.

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

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 use 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, needed in order for proceeds to reach St. Jude’s. Ask Liz in the office if you have any questions.

Parables Word search

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Smallest	Greatest	Merchant	
Treasure	Valuable	Gnashing	
Baskets	Kingdom	Heaven	
Weeping	Farmer	Master	
Hidden	Fishing	Pearls	
Angels	Scribe		