



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

August 10, 2025  
The 9th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

We welcome Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz back to the pulpit and altar this morning. She will lead us into a new series of Scriptures: prophetic writings from Isaiah, and the anonymous Letter (or sermon) to the Hebrews. We continue to read from Luke's Gospel all summer and fall.

Isaiah chs 1-39 overlap with the timing of Amos and Hosea, as the northern kingdom of Israel was overtaken by Assyria. The three prophets all blame the greed and injustice of their leaders, angering God who lets it happen. Isaiah and Psalm 50 imagine a courtroom setting, where the people claim their religious devotion but God expects action, not rituals.

Not much is known about the congregation addressed by "Hebrews," except that they were very familiar with the Torah. The letter compares Jesus to a variety of key people and events in the Old Testament, such as angels, covenants, Abraham, Melchizedek and Moses.

**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 gluten-free Bread, which 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.

**Titles with an \*** denote a specially-requested hymn for our summer worship.

## *The Gathering of the Community*

Prelude \_\_\_\_\_

Opening Hymn: WLP #761 \_\_\_\_\_ *All who hunger gather gladly*

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: Hymn 376 vs 1,2 \_\_\_\_\_ *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*

- 1 Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.
- 2 All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee!

Collect of the Day \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray, together.

**Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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** \_\_\_\_\_ *Isaiah 1:1, 10-20*

*Reader*      A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah:

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the Lord, you rulers of Sodom!

Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the Lord;

I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts;

I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand?

Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me.

New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation ~ I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

Come now, let us argue it out, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, t they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

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

**The Psalm** \_\_\_\_\_ *Psalms 50:1-8, 23-24*

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; \*

he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, \*

God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; \*

- before him there is a consuming flame,  
and round about him a raging storm.
- 4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above \*  
to witness the judgment of his people.
- 5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, \*  
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; \*  
for God himself is judge.
- 7 Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.
- 23 Consider this well, you who forget God, \*  
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
- 24 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honors me; \*  
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”

## **The Second Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *Hebrews 11:1-3,8-16*

*Reader* A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old~ and Sarah herself was barren~ because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, “as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.”

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

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

**Sequence Hymn # 209** \_\_\_\_\_ *We walk by faith, and not by sight*

**The Gospel Reading** *Please stand as able* \_\_\_\_\_ *Luke 12:32-40*

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

“Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

“But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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

**The Sermon** *Please be seated* \_\_\_\_\_ *The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz*  
*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** *Please stand or kneel* \_\_\_\_\_

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, trusting in the power of the Holy Spirit to bring about God's purposes.

*Leader* Father in heaven, we pray for all your children, near and far from us. Guide our leaders in the ways of justice and peace, because you expect us to take action on behalf of the poor and oppressed. Help all people who are suffering because of violence, discrimination, food shortages or natural disasters. Open our hearts and hands to respond generously to those in need.

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

Holy God, we ask your blessing upon the Church, the living Body of Christ. Inspire and grow this congregation. Bless Sean our Presiding Bishop and the leaders of the Diocese of the Great Lakes. Strengthen partnerships among churches, that together, our work will lighten the burdens of those in need.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Creating God, open our eyes to the beauty and fragility of the world around us. Help us to become better stewards of your gifts, and awaken in us a passion to care for all your creatures and their habitats.

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

Merciful God, we pray for your healing to soothe those who are sick; your strength to be felt by those who are exhausted; your love to encourage those who live with despair. We especially pray for those on our Prayer List, and others we name aloud...

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Life-giving God, we praise you that through the resurrection of your Son Jesus the Christ, you have freed us from the grip of death. We pray for those who have departed this life and now rest in your peace; especially those we name aloud... Sustain us with hope and a vision of eternal life with those we love.

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

*The Presider adds a concluding prayer*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin,** *please stand or kneel* \_\_\_\_\_

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People* **Most merciful God,**

**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. 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* \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

**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** \_\_\_\_\_ *Better Be Ready*, traditional spiritual

**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 heavenly 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:

1. San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi  
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My  
 3. San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi

cor - a zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - re Se - ñor.  
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.  
 cor - a zon to sa - be de - cir: san - to e - re Se - ñor.

*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 are bold to say:

*All*      **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* \_\_\_\_\_

*Priest:* God of promise, you have prepared a banquet for us.

*People:* **Happy are those who are called to the Supper of the Lamb.**

**Invitation to Communion** \_\_\_\_\_

*Priest:* Jesus Christ invites everyone to the table, regardless of their background or past. In this bread and this cup, we taste the reality of God's sacrificial love.

*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. Today we are blessing gluten-free bread. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.

**Communion Hymns: WLP #764** \_\_\_\_\_ Taste and see  
The congregation joins in the refrain.

**#516** \_\_\_\_\_ Come down, O Love divine

**Prayer after Communion** Please stand as able \_\_\_\_\_

*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 people respond, **Amen!**

### ***The Sending Out***

**Sending Out Hymn: WLP #756** \_\_\_\_\_ Lead me, guide me, along the way

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

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

**Thanks be to God!**

The flowers that decorate our altar this morning were given to the glory of God  
by Mike & Judy Marinco in celebration of their 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.

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<b>Serving at the Liturgy</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz	Rev. Susan Williams
<i>Assisting/Deacon</i>	Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco	Dcn. Judy Marinco
<i>Choir Director</i>	Katie Young	Katie Young
<i>Organist</i>	Ron Spaulding	Ron Spaulding
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Dave Rayner	Mary Louise S.
<i>Intinction Cup</i>	Mary Louise S.	Paul Dolza
<i>Reader</i>	Nancy Day	Jeff Wood
<i>Prayers</i>	Lynn Hopper	Amy Freeman
<i>Ushers</i>	Nancy Day, Lynne R.	Dave & Deb James
<i>Live-streamer</i>	Lynn Hopper	Dave James
<i>Vestry of the Day</i>	Heather Ludwig	Paul Dolza
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Louise S., Diane H.	Dee G., Lisa Cronk
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Hutchins	Heather Ludwig

## Prayer List

Pray for Sean, our Presiding 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. Elizabeth’s, Higgins Lake - Yvonne Dustan, Senior Warden; Grace Church, Ludington - Mick Shriver, Rector

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Brad, Leonard, Bill, Sharon, Sherry, Patti, Barbara and Joe, Rose, Joan & Jerry, Sue, Mike, Matt, Molly, Pam, Marcia, Mia, Chet, John, Ron, Emily Jane, Mike, Jennifer, Clint, Kyle, Sue, Lorrie, David, Tim, Dennis, Pam, Connie, Melissa, Jeri, Abby, Marilyn, Hadley, Family of Jerry Spalding, Ellen, Jill, Glenn, Deb, Diane, Brian, Tony.

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