



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

August 16, 2026,

The 12th Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Holy Eucharist with Healing

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

Desperate times call for desperate measures. In both our OT Lesson and our Gospel, people in extreme need are willing to travel far and plead for help, wherever it might be found. In *Genesis* we've fast-forwarded through Joseph's story, after being sold into slavery by his brothers (last week's passage). Now he's a man of great power in Egypt and can choose whether take revenge on those same brothers, who have traveled to Egypt desperate for food. *What would you do?* Our Gospel passage from Matthew describes another desperate action, as a woman seeks healing from Jesus on behalf of her daughter. She won't take *No* for a final answer. During Communion time, if you wish, a priest will ask for Jesus' help in healing you or a loved-one.

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. And, please stay for refreshments.

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 #410 _____ *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven*

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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 45:1-15

Reader A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

[Ten of Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to purchase grain during the famine he had predicted. He is now the Pharaoh's top adviser, and appears to be an Egyptian, so they don't recognize him.]

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more

years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 133*

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Second Reading _____ *Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32*

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

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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Sequence Hymn: WLP #773 _____ *Heal me, hands of Jesus*

The Gospel Reading *Remain standing as able* _____ *Matthew 15:21-28*

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

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

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 _____ *for healing*

Deacon Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being: Grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole. Hear us, O Lord of life, as we pray for those we love.

Leader Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence. Hear us, O Lord of life.

Response **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Leader Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit. Hear us, O Lord of life.

Response **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Leader Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience. Hear us, O Lord of life.

Response **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Leader Bring comfort and healing to those on our Prayer List, and those we name aloud: *Names are invited...* Hear us, O Lord of life.

Response **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Leader Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved. We pray for those who have died: *Names*

are invited... Hear us, O Lord of life.

Response **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Leader Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world. Help our leaders to find peaceful solutions to conflicts, and establish justice instead of oppression. Hear us, O Lord of life.

Response **Heal us, and make us whole.**

Priest Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick, and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns 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* _____

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 Hymn, CoCS #389 _____ This is my song



1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:



a song of peace for lands a - far and mine. My land is
and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine. But oth - er
thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done. Let Christ be



home, the coun - try where my heart is: a land of hopes, of
lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver, and skies are ev - ery -
lift - ed up till all shall serve him, and hearts u - nit - ed



dreams, of grand de - sign; but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are
where as blue as mine. Oh, hear my song, thou God of all the
learn to live as one. Oh, hear my prayer, thou God of all the



beat - ing with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
na - tions, a song of peace for their land and for mine.
na - tions. My - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

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

Celebrant *People*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Celebrant *People*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant *People*

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant 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. The Sacrament of Healing will be offered in the Library; please receive Communion first. All are welcome.*

Hymns during Communion and Healing

#470 _____ *There's a wideness in God's mercy*

#707 _____ *Take my life, and let it be*

WLP #810 _____ *You who dwell in the shelter (Eagle's Wings)*

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 # 539 _____ *O Zion, haste*

Sending Out _____

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

Postlude _____

**The flowers that decorate our altar this morning were given by
Mike & Judy Marino in celebration of their 56th Wedding Anniversary.**

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<u>Serving at the Liturgy Today</u>		<u>Next Sunday</u>
Presiding	Rev. Bill McDonald	Rev. Susan Williams
Preaching	Rev. Susan Williams	Rev. Judy Marinco
Deacon	Rev. Judy Marinco	Rev. Judy Marinco
Organist	Ron Spaulding	Ron Spaulding
Eucharistic Minister	Mary Louise Susalla	Paul Dolza
Intinction Cup	Amy Freeman	Bob Hutchins
Reader	Ellen Tripp	Katie Young
Prayers	Dave Rayner	Deb James
Ushers	Lisa & Kelly Cronk	Nancy D., Lynne R.
Live-streamer	Lynn Hopper	Mary Louise S., Diane H.
Vestry P. of the Day	Dolores Ruby	Doug Hill
Altar Guild	Sarah D, Lisa C	Dave James
Coffee Hour	Nancy Day	Marty & Margie Deschaine

An Inquirer's Class for adults interested in being Confirmed or Received in November, or just wanting to know more about the Episcopal Church, will begin in a few weeks. We need to know the meeting-time preferences of our prospective students. See the August "Beacon" newsletter for a link to the survey, or talk to Rev. Susan after church.



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Life Line Health Screenings - Volunteers Needed

Life Line Screening is coming to use our hall for their health screenings Monday, August 24th. We need people who can come in that day and be "building sitters". There is a sign up on the bulletin board in Vandenberg Hall.

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.

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 Terri, Zack and Holly, candidates for our first Bishop; for Susan, our Priest-in-Charge; for Judy, our Deacon; for the Vestry.

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Luke's, Roger's City - Jeri Eldridge, Senior Warden; St. Mark's, Newaygo - B.J. Heyboer, Rector; William Fleener, Chancellor of The Diocese of the Great Lakes

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, Sarah, Charles and Genevieve

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Joseph and His Family Word Search

Find the words on the list that are hidden in the puzzle. The words can be left to right, up and down, or diagonally.

J	A	C	O	B	M	B	L	O	R	S	I	T	E	I
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