



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

August 17, 2025  
The 10th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

**This morning our Scripture themes** are a random mixture generated by our progress through the texts. Isaiah introduces the image of a vineyard for the nation of Israel, echoed in the Psalm; and which Jesus will reference in some of his parables. Hebrews likens the faithful departed to “a great cloud of witnesses,” a favorite metaphor. And in Luke, Jesus tries to shake his listeners out of passivity by warning them of controversies and conflicts ahead: costly discipleship.

**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 #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: 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.

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 \_\_\_\_\_ *Isaiah 5:1-7*

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

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill.  
He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines;  
he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it;  
he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah,  
judge between me and my vineyard.  
What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it?  
When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?  
And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard.  
I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured;  
I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.  
I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed,  
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;  
I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.  
For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel,  
and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting;  
he expected justice, but saw bloodshed;  
righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

## The Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ *Psalms 80:1-2, 8-18*

- 1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock; \*  
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
- 2 In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh, \*  
stir up your strength and come to help us.
- 8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.
- 9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.
- 10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*

- and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.
- 11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.
- 12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?
- 13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.
- 14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.
- 15 They burn it with fire like rubbish; \*  
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.
- 16 Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand, \*  
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
- 17 And so will we never turn away from you; \*  
give us life, that we may call upon your Name.
- 18 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

## **The Second Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

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

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets~ who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by

the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented~ of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

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

**Sequence Hymn #546** \_\_\_\_\_ *Awake, my soul, stretch every nerve*

**The Gospel Reading** *Please stand as able* \_\_\_\_\_ **Luke 12:49-56**

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

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

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father,  
mother against daughter and daughter against mother,  
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law  
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

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** *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, lack of food and clean water, 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, especially as the Bishop Search Committee begins its work.

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

Creating God, open our eyes to the beautiful and complex balance of nature all around us. Help us to become better stewards of your gifts, and awaken in us a passion to care for your creatures and those who will come after us.

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

**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: WLP #812\*** \_\_\_\_\_ *I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I am, Lord)*

**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 our past failings. In this bread and this cup, we taste the reality of God's sacrificial love for us.

*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 Hymn: WLP #800\* \_\_\_\_\_ *Precious Lord, take my hand*

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 #527 \_\_\_\_\_ *Singing songs of expectation*

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

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

**Thanks be to God!**

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### **This Week at St Jude’s**

**Wednesday 8/20**            7 pm Vestry meeting  
**Thursday 8/21**            6 pm Book Club – Kathy Hopper’s

**A Parish Pool Party!** All are invited. Sunday 8/31 @ 1:30 pm, at Dee Grossman’s house. Sign up in the Parish Hall.

### **Fundraising Donations for Family Promise Charity Golf Tournament**

The Golf Fore Families Charity Tournament is **Saturday, September 13** and being held at the Lapeer Country Club. St. Jude’s Outreach committee would once again like to support Family Promise of Mid-Michigan by asking our parishioners to donate by cash or check so we can offer a themed gift basket that will be auctioned off at the fundraising event. There is a bucket in Vandenberg Hall or you can put your donation in the offering plate with Family Promise in the memo line. Please donate by August 31<sup>st</sup>. Any questions contact Diane Putnam at 810-938-5307.

<u><b>Serving at the Liturgy</b></u>	<u><b>Today</b></u>	<u><b>Next Sunday</b></u>
<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Susan A Williams	Rev. Susan
<i>Assisting/Deacon</i>	Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco	Dcn. Judy Marinco
<i>Choir Director</i>	<i>off today</i>	Katie Young
<i>Organist</i>	Ron Spaulding	Ron Spaulding
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Mary Louise Susalla	Paul Dolza
<i>Intinction Cup</i>	Paul Dolza	Amy Freeman
<i>Reader</i>	Jeff Wood	Dave Rayner
<i>Prayers</i>	Amy Freeman	Denise Rayner
<i>Ushers</i>	Dave & Deb James	Dave & Denise Rayner
<i>Live-streamer</i>	Dave James	Paul Dolza
<i>Vestry of the Day</i>	Paul Dolza	Dave James
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Dee G., Lisa C.	Terri H., Fran J.
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Heather Ludwig	M & M Deschaine