



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

September 14, 2025

The 14th Sunday after Pentecost,  
in the Season of Creation  
*10:30 am Holy Eucharist*



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

**The Season of Creation** is an international and ecumenical celebration of the goodness of God's work in nature, as we commit to being better stewards of it. Creation and faithful stewardship themes run through our Scriptures and music today.

**Godly Play:** Young children (ages 4-8) and their parents are invited to come downstairs to the Godly Play classroom, during the first part of the service ("Proclamation of the Word"). Ushers will alert the group to return in time for our annual Back-to-Class Backpack Blessing, following today's Announcements.

**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.

## *The Gathering of the Community*

Prelude \_\_\_\_\_

Opening Hymn #423 \_\_\_\_\_ *Immortal, invisible, God only wise*

Open Acclamation \_\_\_\_\_ *based on Job ch. 12*

*Presider:* Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit;

*Response:* **And blessed be God's Kingdom, on earth as it is in heaven.**

*Presider:* In God's hand is the life of every living thing;

*Response:* **And the breath of every creature comes from God.**

*Presider:* Ask the animals and they will teach you;

*Response:* **Ask the birds of the air, and they will tell you.**

*Presider:* Ask the plants of the earth and they will teach you;

*Response:* **And the fish of the sea will declare to you.**

*Presider:* O God, Creation is full of your praise, and we are called to join in with joy.

*Response:* **May our prayers rise like the dawn and our worship be a song of love.**

**Song of Praise:** *To God be the Glory* \_\_\_\_\_ *English Folk Song Mass*  
*See music insert*

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

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray, together.

**O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through 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 \_\_\_\_\_ *Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28*

*Reader* A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

At that time it will be said to this people and to Jerusalem:

A hot wind comes from me out of the bare heights in the desert toward my poor people,  
not to winnow or cleanse ~ a wind too strong for that. Now it is I who speak in judgment  
against them.

"For my people are foolish, they do not know me;  
they are stupid children, they have no understanding.

They are skilled in doing evil, but do not know how to do good."

I looked on the earth, and lo, it was waste and void;  
and to the heavens, and they had no light.

I looked on the mountains, and lo, they were quaking, and all the hills moved to and fro.

I looked, and lo, there was no one at all, and all the birds of the air had fled.

I looked, and lo, the fruitful land was a desert,  
and all its cities were laid in ruins before the Lord, before his fierce anger.

For thus says the Lord: The whole land shall be a desolation; yet I will not make a full end.

Because of this the earth shall mourn, and the heavens above grow black;  
for I have spoken, I have purposed; I have not relented nor will I turn back.

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

## The Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ *Psalms 14*

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." \*

All are corrupt and commit abominable acts; there is none who does any good.

2 The Lord looks down from heaven upon us all, \*

to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

3 Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad; \*

there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers \*

who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon the Lord?

5 See how they tremble with fear, \*

because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, \*  
but the Lord is their refuge.

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! \*  
when the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,  
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

## **The Second Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

*Reader A* Reading from Paul's First Letter to Timothy.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners~ of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

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## **Sequence Hymn:** *music insert* \_\_\_\_\_ *As the Wind Song*

## **The Gospel Reading** *Please stand as able* \_\_\_\_\_ *Luke 15:1-10*

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

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

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have

found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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: Season of Creation** \_\_\_\_\_ *Please stand or kneel*

*Deacon* O Lord, our God, help us to call on you in the communion of your Church, with one heart and one mind, according to your dream for the creation.

*Leader* We pray for your created world. You generated the universe and all that exists in it. The Earth is filled with your breath of life. You make the grass, plants, and fruit-bearing trees to grow, you feed the birds of the sky, you care for all your creatures on Earth. Out of your love you created human beings, and charged us to be your stewards. Give us strength to faithfully tend and keep the world according to your will. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

*Response* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* We pray for every nation and community, and the people who live in them. Grant that we may treat our fellow human beings with respect; that we may accept each person in their uniqueness; and that we may support and uphold the human dignity of our neighbors. Give us grateful hearts to see ourselves as part of the great and rich whole of the Earth, from which you created all life. Grant us deeper understanding, responsible thinking, and valuable work to do. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

*Response* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for your Church everywhere, that she may be a messenger of life and an agent of your love. Instill courage in the hearts of those who follow Jesus, that we may dare to proclaim hope to those who live in fear, encouragement to those who doubt, and comfort to those who despair. Give your Church the strength of unity to bring your Gospel to them in word and deed, as residents of a world in crisis. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

*Response* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the sick, the destitute, the oppressed and the vulnerable. We pray for our fellow human beings, and for all our fellow creatures, affected by war, conflict,

genocide, and ecocide. Send justice to those who cry out to you in faith, O God, and also to those who have no ability to speak. We ask for your healing of those on our Prayer List, and others we name aloud: ..... For the sake of Jesus we ask,

*Response* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the departed, knowing you hold them in your loving arms. Especially we remember the people we now name... Comfort those who grieve, and inspire us with a vision of your eternity, where there is no more pain and you will wipe away every tear from our eyes. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

*Response* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Humble our hearts enough to relate to our fellow creatures in distress, as St Francis named them true brothers and sisters. Give us the courage to act on behalf of those who silently endure injustice, and guide our steps in the way of righteousness and long-lasting peace. Enact in our world your life-giving will, O God, and may peace come to all of nature. For the sake of Jesus we ask,

*Response* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Beloved Christ, who spoke “Shalom” to frightened hearts, hear our prayers and stir us to action. Inspire us to work for the end of conflict, and for the full restoration of our broken relationships – with you, with the ecumenical community, with the human family, and with all Creation. We ask in your name. **Amen.**

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

*Deacon* In order to find healing and peace for the Earth, let us confess the ways we have erred and strayed like lost sheep, from God’s good intentions. *Silent prayer*  
God of all mercy:

*All* **We confess that we have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We confess that our greed and destructive impulses have fractured our relationships with you, with others, and with the Earth.**

*Deacon* Fertile fields have become barren, forests lie desolate, oceans and rivers are polluted. Thriving communities have become places of suffering, and the earth

cries out.

*All*      **Forgive us for betraying your trust. Forgive us for our greed and arrogance. Forgive us for what we have done to your Earth. Forgive us for what we have done to your lakes and oceans. Forgive us for what we have done to your creatures — on the land, in the sky, and in the depths. God of Life, have mercy on us and heal your wounded Earth.**

*Deacon*      Empower us to choose the road that leads to life, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. We long to experience your Shalom in the land and in the waters.

*All*      **All this we ask in the name of the One who came that we may have life in abundance — your Son, our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**Absolution** *is pronounced by the priest* \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider*      Almighty God, have mercy upon you and forgive you; heal your heart and guide your mind; and enable you to live in peace with all God's creatures and the Earth our common home. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *Please stand* \_\_\_\_\_

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

*People*      **And also with you.**

**Milestones and Announcements** \_\_\_\_\_

**Blessing of Backpacks and Briefcases** \_\_\_\_\_ *Students and teachers, please come forward*

Holy and gracious God, we give thanks for students and teachers, friends and colleagues, as the new school year begins. We give thanks for the ways they will teach us and help to expand our universe. Be with them, and help all of us to learn and grow, more and more into the likeness of Jesus who shows us your way of love. **Amen.**

May God bless you and keep you as you learn, grow, and explore the world around you; and may you continue to bless the world with the gifts God has given you: love, kindness, curiosity, and joy. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



**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** \_\_\_\_\_ God Who Touches Earth with Beauty

**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:

**“Holy, Holy, Holy”** \_\_\_\_\_ *English Folk Song Mass*  
*Found in the Music Insert, back page*

*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* The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, and you give them their food in due season. You open wide your hand, and fill all things living with plenteousness.  
*People* **With grateful hearts we celebrate the goodness of God.**

## Invitation to Communion \_\_\_\_\_

*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 Music

**Hymn #645** \_\_\_\_\_ *The King of Love my shepherd is*

**Hymn, WLP #781** \_\_\_\_\_ *Now let us rise and sing the grace*

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_ *Celtic tradition*

*Priest* Bless to us, O God, the moon that is above us, the earth that is beneath us, the friends who are around us, your image deep within us; O Triune God: Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## *The Sending Out*

**Sending Out Hymn: WLP #778** \_\_\_\_\_ *We all are one in mission*

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

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

**Thanks be to God!**

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*The flowers that decorate our altar this morning were given to the glory of God  
and in thanksgiving for all of our family, friends and our St. Jude’s family  
by Charles & Francine Johnston.*

<u>Serving at the Liturgy</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Susan Anslow Williams	Rev. Susan Anslow Williams
<i>Assisting/Deacon</i>	Rev. Dcn. Judy Marincio	Dcn. Judy Marincio
<i>Choir Director</i>	Katie Young	Katie Young
<i>Organist</i>	Ron Spaulding	Ron Spaulding
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Lynn Hopper	Paul Dolza
<i>Intinction Cup</i>	Clay Putnam	Dee Grossmann
<i>Reader</i>	Dolores Ruby	Ellen Tripp
<i>Prayers</i>	Nancy Day	Jeff Wood
<i>Ushers</i>	Nancy D., Lynne R.	Dave & Deb James
<i>Live-streamer</i>	Dave James	Paul Dolza
<i>Vestry of the Day</i>	Bill Anderson	Megan Rosa
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Dee G., Lisa Cronk	Terri H., Francine J.
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Dee Grossmann	Sarah Dolza

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