



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

October 5, 2025

**The 17th Sunday after Pentecost,
Celebrating Creation and St Francis
*10:30 am Holy Eucharist***

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

The Season of Creation draws to a close today, as we recall the beloved saint Francis of Assisi (1181–1226) who rejected worldly goods and status, to serve God and the poor. His fame grew quickly, and both men and women were drawn to follow his example in simplicity and prayer (women under the leadership of Francis's dear friend Clare).

Our Scripture lessons continue their own series: today we hear two snippets of Jeremiah's lament over Jerusalem's fall to the Babylonians; we begin a second letter to Timothy, recalling his forebears in faith; and we see Jesus hold up a tiny mustard seed to measure our faith.

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 #400, vs 1,2,3,7 _____ *All creatures of our God and King*

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; 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 _____ *Lamentations 1:1-6*

Reader A Reading from the Lamentations of Jeremiah.

How lonely sits the city that once was full of people!
How like a widow she has become, she that was great among the nations!
She that was a princess among the provinces has become a vassal.
She weeps bitterly in the night, with tears on her cheeks;
among all her lovers she has no one to comfort her;
all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they have become her enemies.
Judah has gone into exile with suffering and hard servitude;
she lives now among the nations, and finds no resting place;
her pursuers have all overtaken her in the midst of her distress.
The roads to Zion mourn, for no one comes to the festivals;
all her gates are desolate, her priests groan;
her young girls grieve, and her lot is bitter.
Her foes have become the masters, her enemies prosper,
because the Lord has made her suffer for the multitude of her transgressions;
her children have gone away, captives before the foe.
From daughter Zion has departed all her majesty.
Her princes have become like stags that find no pasture;
they fled without strength before the pursuer.

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

Canticle _____ *Lamentations 3:19-26*

The thought of my affliction and my homelessness
is wormwood and gall!
My soul continually thinks of it
and is bowed down within me.
But this I call to mind,
and therefore I have hope:
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
his mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.
“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul,
“therefore I will hope in him.”
The Lord is good to those who wait for him,
to the soul that seeks him.
It is good that one should wait quietly
for the salvation of the Lord.

The Second Reading _____ *2 Timothy 1:1-14*

Reader A Reading from Paul’s Second Letter to Timothy.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,

To Timothy, my beloved child:

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

I am grateful to God ~ whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did ~ when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

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Sequence Hymn #490 _____ *I want to walk as a child of the light*

The Gospel Reading *Please stand as able* _____ *Luke 17:5-10*

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

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

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you.

"Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

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 _____ based on the Prayer of St. Francis*

Deacon With all our heart and all our mind, we pray to you, O God with words your servant Saint Francis prayed long ago.

Response **Lord, make us instruments of your peace.**

Intercessor For the peace of the world, that mutual understanding, curiosity and respect may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, O God:

Response **Where there is hatred, let us sow love.**

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, especially those who participate in acts of violence or degradation; that with the gentle spirit of Christ, we may grow your kingdom of justice and peace on earth, we pray to you, O God:

Response **Where there is injury, let us sow pardon.**

For all who believe in Jesus Christ, and all whose faith is known to you alone, that they may be delivered from fanaticism that grows in poverty and oppression, and also from pride that arises from wealth and comfort. Bring us all into your light, so that divisions fostering violence may cease, and be healed, we pray to you, O God:

Response **Where there is discord, let us sow union.**

For those who have lost their faith in you, O God; for those who mourn without hope, and those who despair of the future. May your Church give comfort and

proclaim your goodness and love, we pray to you, O God:

Response **Where there is doubt, let us sow faith.**

For all those whose spirit has been broken by violence, pain or disease; that they may be relieved and protected by your Spirit. Especially we pray for healing, for those on our Prayer List and we name at this time..... We pray to you, O God:

Response **Where there is despair, let us sow hope.**

For the mission and ministry of the Episcopal Church, especially for Sean our Presiding Bishop, the Standing Committee of the Diocese of the Great Lakes, and all our parish leaders: that we may listen to the Gospel of reconciliation and proclaim it in word and action, we pray to you, O God.

Response **Where there is darkness, let us sow light.**

For all who have died, especially those we name....; For those who believed in Christ's resurrection, and those who doubted the good news. Trusting that they have been found by you and are at rest in your holy habitation, we pray to you, O God:

Response **Where there is sadness, let us sow joy.**

Presider Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **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 _____

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 #593 _____ *Lord, make us servants of your peace*

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*

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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

Anthem _____ *A Communion Contemplation*

Hymn #339 _____ *Deck thyself, my soul with gladness*

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 #535 _____ *Ye servants of God, your master proclaim*

Sending Out _____

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

Thanks be to God!

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Join us with your pet in the parking lot following the service (don't worry, you have time to run home and get your furry friend) for a Blessing of the Animals.

Serving at the Liturgy	Today	Next Sunday
<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz	Rev. Susan Anslow 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>	Amy Freeman	Lynn Hopper
<i>Intinction Cup</i>	Dee Grossmann	Dave Rayner
<i>Reader</i>	Rev. H. Wayne Knotts	Denise Rayner
<i>Prayers</i>	Pedro Melchor	Amy Freeman
<i>Ushers</i>	Charlie J., Jeff Wood	Lisa & Kelly Cronk
<i>Live-streamer</i>	Dave Rayner	Dave Rayner
<i>Vestry of the Day</i>	Doug Hill	Megan Rosa
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Louise S., Diane H.	Dee G., Lisa Cronk
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Johnstons	???

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: Holy Family, Blue Water - Mary Shortt, Priest; St. Mark's, Coldwater - J. Barrett Lee, Priest; St. Philip's, Grand Rapids - Zachariah Char, Priest-in-Charge

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Emily Jane, Donald, Jill, Melissa, Jill, Tony, Marcia, Matt, Brian, Tim, Abby, Marilyn, Jeri, Pam, Glenn

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