



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

October 18, 2026
The 21st Sunday after Pentecost
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

~~ Everyone is **WELCOME** here, for we're all in God's family ~~

Every Sunday we remember that God made one big, human family – and Jesus came to know, love and save us all. St Jude's is on the Christian / Anglican / Episcopal branch of that family tree. If you are new to our church today, a special **WELCOME!** Please stay for refreshments in the parish hall, and leave your name and email or phone number in our guest book.

In October we are asking church members to make their financial pledges for 2027, a “best guess” so that the Vestry (church council) can plan a budget reflecting *your* ministry hopes for the future. Pick up your packet if you've not yet done so and return your pledge by *November 3*.

Today's Scripture readings are truly wide-ranging. Moses and the Israelites are still camped at the base of Mount Sinai, a few months into their perilous journey from Egypt to Canaan. In the Gospel, Jesus is in the Jerusalem Temple during his last week, arguing with the leaders. The Epistle, 1 Thessalonians, is the earliest we have, written from Corinth by Paul around 50 CE.

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 #362 _____ *Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty*

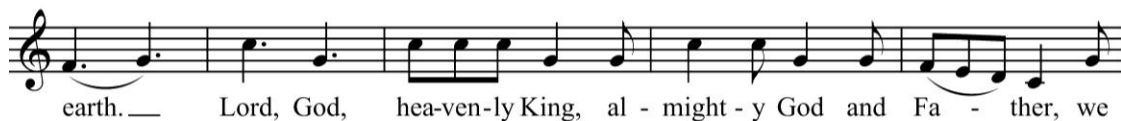
Opening Acclamation & Collect _____

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: Glory to God, MHSO #6 _____ *setting by F. Vidal-White*





Collect of the Day _____

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray, together.

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; 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 _____ *Exodus 33:12-23*

Reader A Reading from the Book of Exodus:

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found

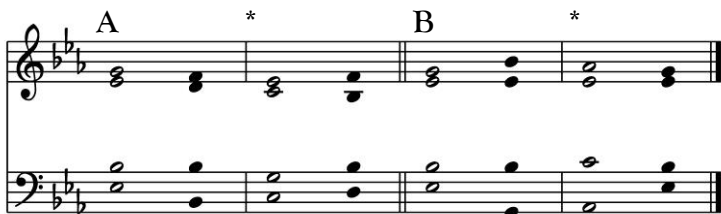
favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

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

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 99*

Chanted by all to Simplified Anglican Chant, S411



A 1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

B 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *

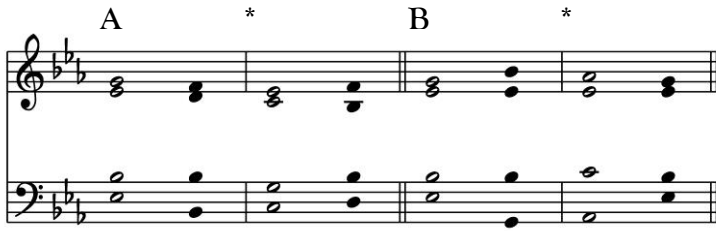
he is high above all peoples.

A 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

B 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."



A 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before
his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

B 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, [√] and Samuel among those who call
upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

A 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

B 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

B 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God, and worship him upon his
holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Second Reading _____ 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Reader A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Thessalonians:

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of

persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead ~ Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

Sequence Hymn #591 _____ *O God of earth and altar*

The Gospel Reading *Please stand as able* _____ *Matthew 22:15-22*

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 With gratitude that our gifts from God enable us to serve our neighbors, exercise
 our ministries and strengthen our community, let us offer our intentions,
 petitions, and thanksgivings to the One from whom all blessings flow.

Leader I ask your prayers for the Church, which calls forth our best efforts and supports
 our gifts of wealth, works, and wisdom. We pray for Sean our Presiding Bishop;
 for our Diocesan Convention this week, and for the election of the first Bishop of
 the Diocese of the Great Lakes. Guide our delegates in their decisions and voting,
 that we may receive a faithful pastor and able leader of our ministries.

Silent prayer

When we trust in God's abundance,

Response **There is always more than enough.**

I ask your prayers for the world and its creatures of every kind. We pray for those who lead the nations, especially for Donald, our President; Gretchen our Governor; and for our legislative and judicial institutions, that mercy and justice may guide the decisions of those holding power over others. *Silence*

When we trust in God's abundance,

There is always more than enough.

I ask your prayers for our neighbors who struggle to meet basic needs like housing, employment, education and food security. For people who are in prison, marginalized or persecuted; for those who are sick or dying; for the lonely and isolated; and for those who sleep on our streets. For those on our prayer list, and those we name now... that they may be comforted by our loving God. *Silence*

When we trust in God's abundance,

There is always more than enough.

I ask your prayers for the departed, who forever enjoy God's table of plenty. We look forward with hope to joining them and all the saints, at the eternal banquet given by Jesus Christ. Especially we remember our loved-ones who have died... confident that they rest with God in peace. *Silence*

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I ask your thanksgivings for graces we have received. Let us pause to thank God for the blessings of the past week, and for opportunities to share them. *Silence*

When we trust in God's abundance,

There is always more than enough.

Priest O God, we are one family in Christ. Make us ever grateful and generous stewards who are eager to give from what we receive, and multiply their effects to bring hope, healing, and joy to the world. In Jesus' name we pray. **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 _____ *I Have Called You by Your Name*

The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing* _____ “Tallis’ Canon”

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Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all crea-tures here be - low; praise

him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer B _____ BCP p. 367, rev. 2018

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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth; for you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus _____ *setting by C. Hampton*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of

pow - er and might, — hea - ven 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 remain standing or may kneel. The Presider continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. For in these last days you sent Jesus to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In Christ, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In Christ, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into 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 disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper 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 shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father:

All **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

Priest And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Savior of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit + upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us in the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, through whom we are acceptable to you, being sanctified + by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Jude, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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* _____

Priest Alleluia! Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us.

Response Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem _____ *Taste and See, refrain of WLP #764*

The musical score is written for a two-part setting (Soprano and Bass) in 4/4 time. The key signature has one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The score consists of three systems of staves. The first system contains the first line of the anthem. The second system contains the second line, including a long rest for the Soprano part. The third system contains the third line, also including a long rest for the Soprano part. The lyrics are: 'Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.'

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the

Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the

good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

An Invitation to Communion *is said by the clergy* _____

Deacon These are gifts of God for you, the beloved people of God.

Priest Take and eat them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your heart by faith, with thanksgiving.

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.

At Communion

Hymn #348 _____ Lord, we have come at your own invitation

Hymn #325 _____ Let us break bread together, on our knees

Prayer after Communion Please stand as able _____

Priest Let us pray.
People Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us
 as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
 and you have fed us with spiritual food
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
 Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
 to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing _____ The people respond, **Amen!**

The Sending Out

Sending Out Hymn #544 _____ Jesus shall reign where'er the sun

Sending Out _____

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

Postlude _____

The flowers that decorate our altar this morning were given by Nancy Day in loving memory of her mom, Dot Day, and her husband, Ed Ransley.

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Serving at the Liturgy	Today	Next Sunday
<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Susan A Williams	Rev. Susan A 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>	Paul Dolza	Dave Rayner
<i>Intinction Cup</i>	Amy Freeman	Bill Anderson
<i>Reader</i>	Dave James	Dolores Ruby
<i>Prayers</i>	Deb James	Amy Freeman
<i>Ushers</i>	Charlie J., Heather L.	Lisa & Kelly Cronk
<i>Live-streamer</i>	Dave James	Dave Rayner
<i>Vestry of the Day</i>	Doug Hill	Denise Rayner
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Mary Louise S., Diane H.	Dee G., Lisa Cronk
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	James	Dee Grossmann

This Week at St. Jude's:

TODAY BIC Meeting after service, library
Tues., 10/20 1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry, library
Weds., 10/21 7 pm: Vestry, Vandenberg
Friday & Saturday: Third Diocesan Convention in Muskegon

Stewardship – All in the Family!

October is Stewardship month. Make sure to grab your stewardship packet and return your 2027 pledge card soon. Pledges are very important in formulating our next budget, and will indicate the level of clergy leadership we can hire. Strong participation and increased giving will say a lot.

Considering Collaboration Discussions

As we begin the search for St Jude's next priest, is the congregation ready to think beyond the usual model of one priest/one parish? ALL ACTIVE MEMBERS OF ST JUDE'S are invited and strongly encouraged to join in one of the following opportunities to discuss our strengths and needs for collaboration with others:

Sunday, October 25 at noon as the Coffee Hour

Or Wednesday, October 28 at 7 pm

There is a sign up to bring brunch items for Sunday and desserts for Wednesday night. You can also sign up to come but you don't need to provide food if you do not wish to.

All Saints Sunday

If you have names that you would like included in the prayers on Sunday, November 1, please get them to the office by Tuesday, October 27.

Truckload Food Giveaway

The next Truckload Food Giveaway is the morning of Saturday, October 24. There is a sign up sheet in Vandenberg Hall for anyone who wants to volunteer.

Gift Card Fundraiser in October & December

In the months of October and November, Liz will be collecting money and order forms for physical gift cards. If you give gift cards to family or friends during the holiday season, consider ordering some through her. For each gift card you purchase, St. Jude's will get a small percentage of your purchase (3%-15% depending on the company) at no additional cost to you. She will take the order forms and order at the end of October and mid November and deliver your gift cards to you the following Sunday. Please help raise a little money to help St. Jude's with operations and general ministries as we finish out 2026!

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: For the Diocesan Convention; St. James, Cheboygan - Lewis Cursoe, Priest-in-Charge

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Matt, Jenny, Jerry, Harvey, Abby, Ron, Emily Jane, Francine, Anna, Jan, Nina, Toñio and the Salcedo family, Charles, Jerry, Chet.

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