

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

October 26, 2025 The 20th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Our Fall Pledge Campaign borrows the Virgin Mary's song of praise as its theme for sharing stories of God's blessings and our response. Today parishioners Margie and Marty Deschaine will share their story of finding a new church home here at St Jude's.

In our Scripture lessons, we meet a hopeful prophet named Joel, and hear his heartfelt proclamation of good news following an agricultural disaster. Our final Sunday with 2 Timothy is all about Paul's own struggles. And in our Gospel, Jesus recommends approaching God with spiritual humility, not comparing ourselves to others but examining our own hearts.

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.

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Prelude		_

Open Acclamation & Collect

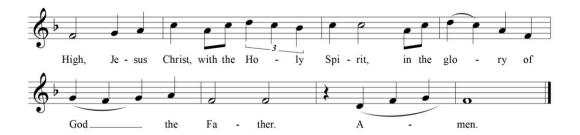
Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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 S-280, Glory to God ______ setting by R. Powell





Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray, together.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 ______ Joel 2:23-32

Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Joel.

O children of Zion, be glad and rejoice in the Lord your God;

for he has given the early rain for your vindication,

he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the later rain, as before.

The threshing floors shall be full of grain, the vats shall overflow with wine and oil.

I will repay you for the years that the swarming locust has eaten,

the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter, my great army, which I sent against you.

You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who has dealt wondrously with you.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel,

and that I, the Lord, am your God and there is no other.

And my people shall never again be put to shame.

Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions. Even on the male and female slaves,in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and columns of smoke. The sun shall be turned to darkness, and the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who escape, as the Lord has said, and among the survivors shall be those whom the Lord calls.

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

The Psalm _____ Psalm 65

- 1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; * to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, * because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, * but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! * they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, * O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; * they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, * the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; * you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; * the river of God is full of water.

- 10 You prepare the grain, * for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; * with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, * and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, * and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; * let them shout for joy and sing.

The Second Reading _____2 Timothy 4:6-8,16-18

Reader A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to Timothy:

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

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Sequence H	ymn #552	Fight the good fight wit	h all thy might
The Gospel	Reading Please stand as able		Luke 18:9-14
Deacon	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Chr	rist, according to Luke.	
Response	Glory to you, Lord Christ.		

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

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.
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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	
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Deacon: Recognizing that our gifts from God enable ministries, serve our neighbors, and strengthen our community, let us humbly offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to the One from whom all blessings flow.

Intercessor: 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 the leadership of our Diocese and our Parish; and for all the baptized ministers in Christ's Body, the Church. Silent prayer

When we tell out our praise,

Response: There is always more than enough.

Intercessor: 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; and for lasting peace in the Middle East. May mercy and justice guide the decisions of those holding power over others, and the plentiful resources from God be shared for the good of all. Silent prayer

When we tell out our praise,

Response: There is always more than enough.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for our neighbors who struggle to meet basic needs like housing, employment, food security and safety. For people who are marginalized and persecuted; for those who are fearful for their own safety or their loved ones'; for those who sleep on our streets. I ask your prayers for Family Promise, FARR, Crossover, and the other agencies who care for the neediest people in our community on our behalf, with our support. Silent prayer When we tell out our praise,

Response: There is always more than enough.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for those who are sick or dying; for the lonely and isolated; for those on our prayer list, and others we name... that they may be comforted by our loving God. Silent prayer

When we tell out our praise,

Response: There is always more than enough.

Intercessor: I ask your prayers for the departed. May they forever enjoy God's table of plenty, sharing eternal gifts with love and joy. We look forward with hope to joining them and all the saints, at the banquet given by Jesus Christ. Especially we remember those we love who have died... knowing they are at peace with God. Silent prayer When we tell out our praise,

Response: There is always more than enough.

Intercessor: I ask your thanksgivings for graces received. As Mary proclaimed the goodness of the Lord, let us stop to thank God for the blessings of the past week, and the means to share them. Silent prayer

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Priest: O God, make us grateful and generous stewards of your blessings, who neither hoard nor squander our earthly gifts. As we share them with the world, multiply their effects to bring hope and healing, joy and inspiration, as signs of your kingdom come. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin, please stand or kneel	
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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

Praise

Fa - ther,

Son,

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. Presider And also with you. Peoble Milestones and Announcements Tell Out, My Soul! Margie and Marty Deschaine **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 come with joy The Doxology Please stand & join in singing _____ "Duke Street" Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise him, all crea - tures Praise him a bove. here be low: ve hea ven - ly host; O

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Ghost!

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer B ______BCP p. 367, rev. 2018

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

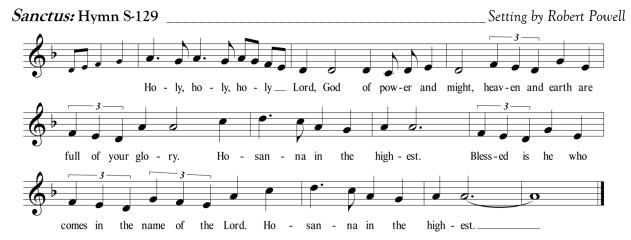
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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:



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 many 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 make our prayer:

The Lord's Prayer

setting by David Vickers

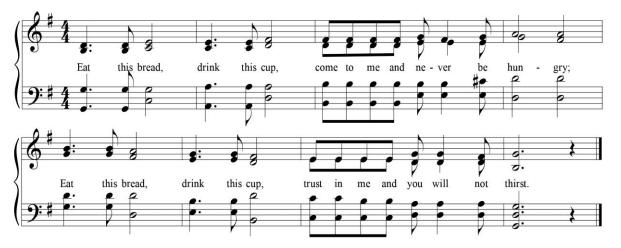


The Breaking of Bread, silence follows ___

Priest Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Fraction Anthem_____sung twice; Taizé Community



An Invitation to Communion is said by the clergy_____ source: Iona Community

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.

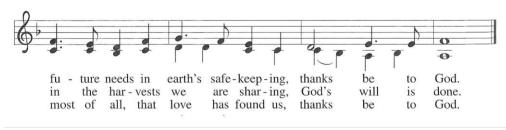
Communion Hymn: _____ For the fruit of all creation







For the plow-ing, sow-ing, reap-ing, In our world-wide task of car-ing For the won-ders that as-tound us, si-lent growth while we are sleep-ing, for the hun - gry and de - spair-ing, for the truths that still con-found us,



Communion Song, led by our Guitar Choir _____ Humble thyself

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord (echo; 2x)

And He shall lift you up (higher and higher), and He shall lift you up.

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 #687 _____ A mighty fortress is our God

Sending Out ______
The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond:

Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude_

The flowers that decorate our church this morning were given to the glory of God in celebration by Ashley Ransley-Thakur and Devendra Thakur, whose marriage was blessed yesterday.

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Serving at the Liturgy	Today	Next Sunday
Presider	Rev. Susan A Williams	Rev. Susan Williams
Assisting/Deacon	Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco	Dcn. Judy Marinco
Choir Director	Guitars led by Kris	Katie Young
Organist	Ron Spaulding	Ron Spaulding
Eucharistic Minister	Amy Freeman	Dave Rayner
Intinction Cup	Dee Grossmann	Amy Freeman
Reader	Paul Dolza	Dee Grossmann
Prayers	Fr. Bill McDonald	Mary Louise Susalla
Ushers	Dave & Deb James	Dave & Denise Rayner
Live-streamer	Lynn Hopper	Mary Louise S., Diane Hill
Vestry of the Day	Dave James	Heather Ludwig
Altar Guild	Sarah D., Lisa Cronk	Paul Dolza
Coffee Hour	Pumpkin Carving!	Mehgan & Dustin Rayner

Join us in Vandenbergh Hall for a special pumpkin carving and fall fun coffee hour following this morning's service!

This Week at St. Jude's...

ALL WEEK - ROOF WORK - Look for updates regarding building accessibility Mon.-Sat.

Tuesday, 10/28	11 am: Holy Rollers Coin Sorting Party
	2 pm: Craft Show Meeting
Wednesday, 10/29	6 pm: Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, 11/1	9 am: Basic Needs Pantry
Sunday, 11/2	All Saints' Sunday

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: Trinity, Lexington - Mary Shortt, Priest, Christ Church, Charlevoix - Mark Heydlauff, Sr. Warden

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.

All Saints' Sunday is next Sunday, November 2. Please give any names of people who have passed within the last year that you would like us to especially remember to Rev. Susan or the church office by Tuesday, October 28.

Craft Show Sign Up

The 5th Annual Craft Show & Holiday Bazaar will happen here Friday, November 7 & Saturday, November 8. Please take a look at our volunteer sign up sheet and consider signing up to help one or both of those days. It is a large event and we need LOTS of help! Thank you! Other ways you can help: Making a donation to offset our advertising costs (memo: "craft show ads"), Making some jars to sell at our St. Jude's table, or grabbing a pack of raffle tickets to sell ahead of the Saturday 50/50 raffle drawing.

Stewardship - Tell Out My Soul!

Our pledge-card ingathering and blessing will take place next Sunday, November 2, which is also "All Saints Sunday." Please bring (or send) your completed pledge for 2026 for the celebration. Also send in any names of departed loved ones for remembrance during the Prayers on November 2.

Thanksgiving Service-Project on Nov. 23

Mark your calendar for **November 23 at 4 pm**, for the annual Thanksgiving service event, held this year at **Transfiguration Lutheran Church**, 14176 Fenton Road, 2.2 miles to our north. The clergy are planning a larger "worship" component, to emphasize our gratitude to God while we sort and pack up donations of **children's pajamas** (sizes from toddlers to teens) headed to <u>Crossover Outreach Ministries</u> in Flint. We will put a PJ collection box in Vandenbergh Hall!