

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

November 9, 2025 The 22nd Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

We return briefly to "Ordinary Time" and stories of Jesus along the road to Jerusalem. Today he gets a bizarre, hypothetical question on the details of resurrection. He avoids the trap with a classic debater's move. Our "prophet of the week" is Haggai, writing in 520 BC after the Jews returned to Jerusalem from Babylon. And we dip into 2nd Thessalonians, where Paul addresses concerns about the Second Coming of Jesus, contradicting a letter from someone else, "as though from us." *First century fake news!*

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 | |
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| Opening Hymn #401 | The God of Abraham praise |

Open Acclamation & Collect

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

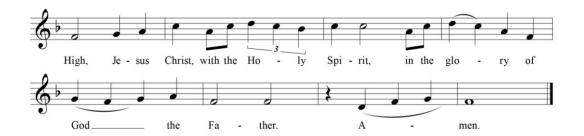
People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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 _______ Haggai 1:15b-2:9

Reader A Reading from the Book of the prophet Haggai.

In the second year of King Darius, in the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying:

Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear.

For thus says the Lord of hosts: Once again, in a little while, I will shake the heavens and the earth and the sea and the dry land; and I will shake all the nations, so that the treasure of

all nations shall come, and I will fill this house with splendor, says the Lord of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, says the Lord of hosts. The latter splendor of this house shall be greater than the former, says the Lord of hosts; and in this place I will give prosperity, says the Lord of hosts.

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

| The Psalm | Psalm 98 |
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- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song, * for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm * has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord has made known his victory; * his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, * and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; * lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the Lord with the harp, * with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn * shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, * the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, * and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world * and the peoples with equity.

Reader A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Church in Thessaloniki.

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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Sequence Hymn #413 ______ New songs of celebration render

The Gospel Reading Please stand as able ______ Luke 20:27-38

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

Response Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus and asked him a question, "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive."

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

| The Sermon Please be seated | The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams |
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| Please remain in silence for a moment of reflection following the | e 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 humbly offer our intentions, petitions, and thanksgivings to the One from whom all blessings flow.

Intercessor We pray for the Church around the world, gathered today in prayer. Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. For Sean our Presiding Bishop, our Diocesan leaders and Bishop Search committee, and our own clergy and Vestry. Silence

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Especially we pray for lasting peace in Israel and Gaza, Sudan, Ukraine, and all places overcome by violence. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others, and to your honor and glory. Guide those making policy decisions that affect our state and national parks, the air we breathe and the water we drink. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. Bless the work of Crossover, Family Promise, FARR, and other agencies who provide help to those in need. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. Especially those on our prayer list, and others we name at this time... Silence

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, especially those we name... that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Silence

Lord, in your mercy, Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin blease stand or kneel

Presider

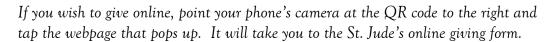
Stump the Priest!

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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. |
| Absoluti | on is pronounced by the priest |
| | God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengther goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen. |
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| The Peac | ce Please stand |
| | r The peace of the Lord be always with you. |

Answering your questions

The Offertory, following an invitation to generosity from the priest





Sing a New Song (Psalm 98) Offertory "Duke Street" The Doxology Please stand & join in singing ______ Praise God, from whom all bles - sings flow; praise him, all crea - tures be ven - ly host; here low: Praise him a bove. hea ve Fa - ther, Praise Son. and Ho -1vGhost!

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer B ______BCP p. 367, rev. 2018

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

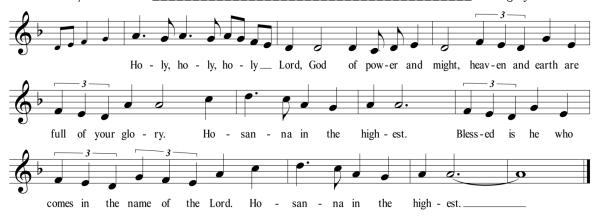
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

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:

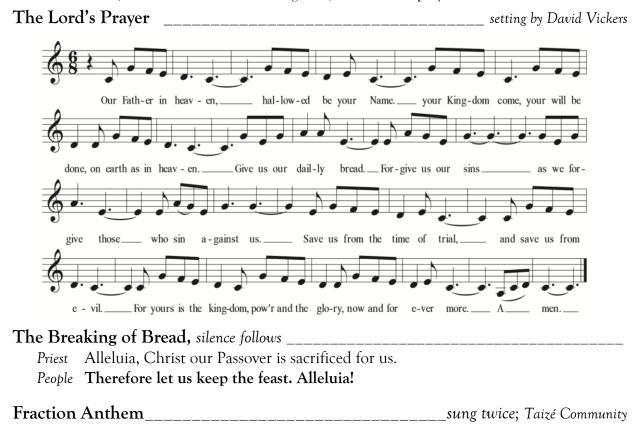
All We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.

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.

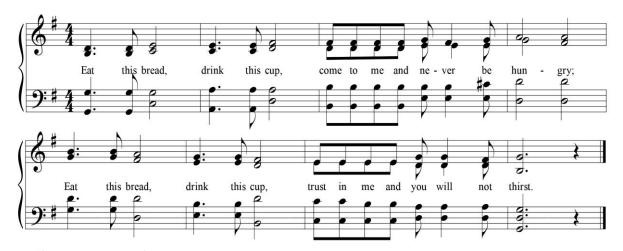
In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Jude, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Savior, the firstborn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



Music is on the next page.



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 Anthem ______ Hide Me Under the Shadow of Thy Wings

Communion Hymn #517 ______ How lovely is thy dwelling place

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! |
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| <u>The Sending Out</u> | |
| Sending Out Hymn #539 | O Zion, haste |
| Sending Out | |
| The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia | |

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The Blessing

Postlude

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| Serving at the Liturgy | Today | Next Sunday |
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| Presider | Rev. Susan A Williams | Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz |
| Assisting/Deacon | Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco | Dcn. Judy Marinco |
| Choir Director | Katie Young | Katie Young |
| Organist | Ron Spaulding | Ron Spaulding |
| Eucharistic Minister | Mary Louise Susalla | Dee Grossmann |
| Intinction Cup | Paul Dolza | Clay Putnam |
| Reader | Nancy Day | Pedro Melchor |
| Prayers | Dolores Ruby | Dave Rayner |
| Ushers | Charlie J., Jeff Wood | Lisa & Kelly Cronk |
| Live-streamer | Dave Rayner | Dave James |
| Vestry of the Day | Dave Rayner | Paul Dolza |
| Altar Guild | Dee G., Lisa Cronk | Terri H., Francine J. |
| Coffee Hour | The Andersons | Heather Ludwig |

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 all deacons in the dioceses, Linda Crane and Beth Drew, Archdeacons; St. Martin of Tours, Kalamazoo – Mary Perrin, Rector

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

This Week at St. Jude's...

Wednesday, November 12 1 pm: Outreach Meeting

4:30 pm: Worship Committee Meeting

6 pm: Choir Rehearsal 7 pm: Vestry Meeting 7 pm: Imperfect Club

Thursday, November 13 7 pm: Imperfect Club

Saturday, November 15 9:30 am: Building & Grounds Meeting

Imperfect Club on November 13

We're reading "Christian Social Witness" by Dr Harold Lewis, an African American Episcopal priest and seminary professor. On Nov. 13 at 7 pm, our next gathering, we'll discuss chapters 2-4. What lies behind our church's Baptismal Covenant promises to strive for justice and peace, seek and serve Christ in all persons, and love our neighbors as ourselves? We didn't invent these in 1976 for our "new" BCP. Learn about our Anglican heritage as we make our way through this short book. Get the book and join us!

Christmas Greens - Donations Welcome

We have ordered greens for advent and Christmas for church decorations - please consider making a donation. See Sarah Dolza.

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! Please bring in new pis!

November Outreach Fundraiser at The Laundry

During the month of November, dine at <u>The Laundry</u> (125 W. Shiawassee at Adelaide) and you can choose to add on a donation to St. Jude's Outreach to your bill!

COMING UP: Advent Tea

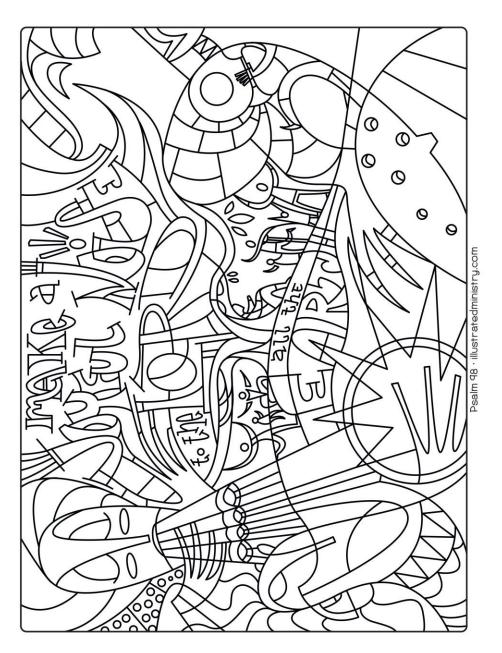
Mark your calendar, our annual Advent by Candlelight Tea will be on **Sunday, December** 7th at 5:00 p.m. Please sign up on the bulletin board as soon as possible, so that we know how many guests we can accommodate. Sign-up lists for potluck dish will happen soon. A planning meeting for hostesses will be on **Sunday, November 16**th after the 10:30 service.

Christmas Families: Giving in December

The Outreach Ministry hopes to provide gifts for families in our community, in Family Promise and FARR, and in the pantry, to help them celebrate their Christmas. We are again asking for gift cards allowing each family the opportunity to purchase and wrap gifts for their own family. This year we are asking for donations of gift cards from Walmart, Meijer's and Target. We are hoping to give each person \$100 dollars to spend.

Something new this year! We will have a giving "tree" on a bulletin board with cards noting different dollar amounts. Just pick a card off the "tree" and purchase gift cards in that amount. Please submit your gift cards in a sealed envelope (showing the cash value, and your name) in the Christmas gift-wrapped box on the coffee hour table. The deadline is Sunday, December 7th.

As an alternative to purchasing gift cards, you may prefer to donate money to help our Christmas Families. If so, please write a check to St. Jude's, and note on the check memo line: "Christmas Families" Your check can be mailed to the church office or placed in the offering plate. Donations could also be made on-line under Christmas Families.



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