



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

April 19, 2026, 10:30 am  
The Third Sunday of Easter

----- WELCOME and HAPPY EASTER! -----

We are blessed by your presence at the Easter feast, which lasts until the Day of Pentecost on May 24. Christ is risen – and we will say and sing plenty of “Alleluias” (*Praise the Lord*) to instill the joy. Our Eastertide readings will come from the Acts of the Apostles, the First Letter of Peter (or one of his followers, writing in his name), and John’s Gospel (usually – except today, when hear Luke’s account of two disciples meeting the risen Christ on their way to Emmaus.

**Today** our music is being led by the talented members of our Guitar Group, and The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz is presiding and preaching. *Thank you all!*

**New or visiting today?** 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. We offer an adult class at 9:30 am in the Parish Hall, and a children’s class on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays of the month, downstairs at 10:30 am (they return at the sharing of Peace). These classes continue through the end of May.

**All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here**, no questions asked. We offer home-made Bread, which does contain gluten. Rice wafers are a gluten-free alternative, simply request one from the priest. The bread/wafer 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.

## *Gathering of the Community*

Prelude \_\_\_\_\_

Processional Hymn #199 \_\_\_\_\_ *Come, ye faithful, raise the strain*

## The Easter Acclamation

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*Presider* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*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 Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Song of Praise: Hymn S-278, Glory to God

*William Mathias*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - might - y God and  
Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo -  
ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,  
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re - ceive our prayer.

For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,  
 you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus  
 Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - men.

## 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 made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## *The Proclamation of the Word*

*Please be seated*

### The First Reading ----- Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*Reader* A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” Peter said to them, “Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven;

and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

**The Psalm** \_\_\_\_\_ *Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17*

- 1 I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me; the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: \*  
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
- 10 How shall I repay the Lord \*  
for all the good things he has done for me?
- 11 I will lift up the cup of salvation \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 12 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people.
- 13 Precious in the sight of the Lord \*  
is the death of his servants.
- 14 O Lord, I am your servant; \*  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my bonds.
- 15 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and call upon the Name of the Lord.
- 16 I will fulfill my vows to the Lord \*  
in the presence of all his people,

17 In the courts of the Lord's house, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!

**The Second Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ **1 Peter 1:17-23**

*Reader* A reading from the first letter of Peter.

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

**Sequence Hymn: WLP #761, vs 1-2** \_\_\_\_\_ *All who hunger*

**The Gospel Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *Luke 24:13-35*

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

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

Now on that same day two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him

over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.”

Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**Sequence Hymn, WLP #761, v 3** \_\_\_\_\_ *All who hunger*

**The Sermon** *Please be seated* \_\_\_\_\_ *Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz*  
*A time of silent reflection follows the Sermon*

**The Nicene Creed** *Please stand, as able* \_\_\_\_\_

**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** \_\_\_\_\_ *for Eastertide*

*Deacon* In the power of the Resurrection, let us pray to our Lord saying, “Risen Christ, hear our prayer.”

*Leader* For the holy Church throughout the world; for Sean our Presiding Bishop; for our diocese and parish leaders; and for all the family of Jesus Christ; that together we may give witness to our one faith, and know the presence of Jesus when we break bread together; let us pray to our Lord.

*Response* **Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For all nations and peoples of the earth, to whom God shows no partiality, that all may be transformed by mercy, and live together in hope and peace. We pray for lasting peace in the Middle East, and remember especially the people of Iran, Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, and Lebanon; let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For Donald our President, Gretchen our Governor, and for all in high places of authority, that they may be led to govern with equity and justice, seeking peace and bringing life to those in the shadow of death, let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For all prisoners, captives, and those condemned to die, with whom Christ shares in suffering and abandonment; that they may find strength, freedom and forgiveness, let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For the mission of the Church to make Christ known by word and example; that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world, courageous in times of trial and steadfast in opposing evil, let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in body, mind our spirit, for whom Christ is risen with healing in his wings; especially those on our prayer list and others we now name... that they may be comforted and made whole, let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For all who have died, especially those we name...., and for all who mourn; that in Christ who has triumphed over death, they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance, let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

For ourselves, that with the disciples, we may see Jesus' tomb empty and know our sins to be forgiven and our life made new, let us pray to our Lord.

**Risen Christ, hear our prayer.**

*Presider*

Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles, "Peace I give to you; my own peace I leave with you:" Regard not our sins, but the faith of your Church, and give to us the peace and unity of that heavenly City, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit, you live and reign, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

The Peace of the Risen Christ be always with you. **And also with you!**  
*Let's share a sign of Christ's Peace with one another.*

# Welcome, Milestones and Announcements

## The Offertory

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## Offertory Hymn

You Are Near

Verses  
Refrain

Yah-weh, I know you are near, stand-ing al - ways  
at my side. You guard me from the foe, and you  
lead me in ways ev - er - last - ing.

hand is up - on me pro - tect - ing me from death,  
fly to the sun - rise or sail be - yond the sea,  
se - cret of dark - ness be - fore I saw the sun  
if I could count them, they num - ber as the stars,

keep - ing me from harm.  
still I'd find you there.  
in my moth - er's womb.  
you would still be there.

D.C.

**Doxology** *Please stand as we sing* \_\_\_\_\_ to Hymn 400

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

### *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

**Eucharistic Prayer B**, *Please remain standing* \_\_\_\_\_ text rev. 2018

*Priest* The Lord be with you.

*Response* **And also with you.**

*Priest* Lift up your hearts.

*Response* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Priest* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*Response* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Priest* It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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:

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord,  
 God of power and might, heaven 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.

*Priest* 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 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.**

## The Lord's Prayer

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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*


### Fraction Anthem: Hymn S-152 *Ambrosian chant*

*Presider*



Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

*Response*



There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Invitation to Communion \_\_\_\_\_ source: Iona Community

This is the table where God intends us to be nourished;  
this is the time when the risen Christ can make us new.  
So come, you who hunger and thirst  
for a deeper faith, for a better life, for a fairer world.  
Jesus Christ, who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at his.  
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 home-made bread, and gluten-free wafers. 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 Songs:

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Open the Eyes of My Heart \_\_\_\_\_ by Paul Baloche

Op - en the eyes of my heart, Lord, Op - en the eyes of my  
heart; I want to see You, I want to see You. *Repeat*  
To see You high and lif - ted up, Shin - ing in the light of Your  
glo - ry. Pour out Your pow - er and love; As we sing "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho -  
ly." Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, I want to see You. *To Verse:*

Peace before us \_\_\_\_\_ Navajo prayer

1. Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet. Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.
2. Love before us... Let all around us be love.
3. Light before us... Let all around us be light.
4. Christ before us... Let all around us be Christ.
5. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
6. Peace before us... Let all around us be peace.

Communion Hymn #305, if needed \_\_\_\_\_ Come, risen Lord

Prayer after Communion Please stand as able \_\_\_\_\_

Priest Let us pray.

All 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.

Easter Blessing \_\_\_\_\_

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Sending Out Hymn #455 \_\_\_\_\_ O Love of God, how strong and true

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

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

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Postlude \_\_\_\_\_

### This Week at St. Jude's

Monday, 4/20	6:30 pm: CROP Meeting	
Tuesday, 4/21	1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry	Library
Wednesday, 4/22	6 pm: Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Thursday, 4/23	9:10 am: FBEM Pickup	Food Bank

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<b>Serving at the Liturgy</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday 4/26</b>
<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz	Rev. May Jo Schuetz
<i>Assisting</i>	Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco	Rev Dcn Judy Marinco
<i>Choir Director</i>	Katie Young	Katie Young
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Amy Freeman	Lynn Hopper
<i>Intinction Cup</i>	Paul Dolza	Amy Freeman
<i>Reader</i>	Pedro Melchor	Ellen Tripp
<i>Prayers</i>	Nancy Day	Dolores Ruby
<i>Ushers</i>	Dave & Denise Rayner	Charlie J & Jessica M.
<i>Live-streamer</i>	Paul Dolza	Lynn Hopper
<i>Vestry of the Day</i>	Denise Rayner	Diane Putnam
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Terri H & Francine J	Sarah D & Lisa C
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Doug & Diane Hill	Jessica & Jake

**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: St. John’s, Saginaw - Pam Renna, Assistant Priest; St. James, Albion - Dick Porter, Senior Warden

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Donald, Chuck, Molly, Evelyn, Matt, Jenny, Jerry, Harvey, Melissa, Brian, Abby, Marilyn, Jeri, Pam, Ron, Tim, Tony, Emily Jane, Bobby, Francine, Anna.

Safe travel for Rev. Susan and family on their vacation. She’ll be back May 3.