



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

April 26, 2026, 10:30 am  
The Fourth 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** The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz is presiding and preaching. *Thank you!*

**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 #179 v. 1-3 \_\_\_\_\_ *Welcome, happy morning!*

## 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 Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

## *The Proclamation of the Word*

*Please be seated*

### The First Reading ----- Acts 2:42-47

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

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate

their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

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

## The Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ Psalm 23

The Congregation is encouraged to join the choir in singing both the antiphon and the verses of the psalm.

ANTIPHON: The choir introduces the antiphon (refrain), then all repeat it

I will praise you, Lord. I will praise you, Lord, - in the as-sembly of your  
peo - ple. I will praise you, Lord.

VERSES:

1 The Lord is my **shép**-herd; \*

I / shall not **bé** in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green **pás**-tures \*

and leads me be- / side still **wá**-ters.

3 He revives my **sóul** \*

and guides me along right pathways / for his **Náme**'s sake. ANTIPHON



- 4 *Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no é-vil; \**  
for you are with me; √ your rod and your / staff, they **cóm**-fort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who **tróu**-ble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, √ and my cup is / run-ning **ó**-ver.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my **lí**fe, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the / Lord for - **év**-er. *ANTIPHON*

**The Second Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ **1 Peter 2:19-25**

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

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

**Sequence Hymn: WLP #645, vs 1-3** \_\_\_\_\_ *The King of Love my shepherd is*

**The Gospel Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *John 10:1-10*

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

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

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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

**Sequence Hymn, WLP #645, vs. 4-6** \_\_\_\_\_ *The King of Love my shepherd is*

**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* Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

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 Anthem

*The Lord's My Shepherd*

## 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*

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*Priest* The Lord be with you.

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

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

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

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 Anthem** \_\_\_\_\_ *Like a Shepherd*

**Communion Hymn #649** \_\_\_\_\_ *O Jesus, joy of loving hearts*

**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 #708** \_\_\_\_\_ *Savior, like a shepherd lead us*

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

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

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

**Postlude** \_\_\_\_\_

**The altar flowers that decorate our church this morning were given by Dustin & Mehgan Rayner in memory of Brayden for his heavenly 16<sup>th</sup> birthday.**

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### **This Week at St. Jude’s**

Wednesday, 4/29	6 pm: Choir Rehearsal	Sanctuary
Saturday, 5/2	9 am: Basic Needs Pantry	Elizabeth St. Entrance
	7:30 pm: Concert – Bridge Ensemble	Sanctuary

<b>Serving at the Liturgy</b>	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday 5/3</b>
<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz	Rev. Susan Anslow Williams
<i>Assisting</i>	Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco	Rev Dcn Judy Marinco
<i>Choir Director</i>	Katie Young	Katie Young
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Lynn Hopper	Mary Louise S.
<i>Intinction Cup</i>	Amy Freeman	Paul Dolza
<i>Reader</i>	Ellen Tripp	Katie Young
<i>Prayers</i>	Dolores Ruby	Denise Rayner
<i>Ushers</i>	Charlie J & Jessica M.	Lisa & Kelly Cronk
<i>Live-streamer</i>	Lynn Hopper	Dave Rayner
<i>Vestry of the Day</i>	Diane Putnam	Dolores Ruby
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Sarah D & Lisa C	Mary Louise S., Diane Hill
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Jessica & Jake	Annette & Terri

### **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: The Bishop Wittemore Foundation; St. Matthew, Saginaw - Mary Jo Hudson, Priest; Church of the Epiphany, South Haven - John Wakefield, Rector

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

### **Not for Moms Only - A Women's Retreat on May 9**

The ECW (Episcopal Church Women) of St Philip's Church in Rochester, where Rev. Susan's husband Eric is the Rector, invites the women of St Jude's to a retreat on Saturday, May 9, from 9:30 am - 2:00 pm. The day is being led by Susan - it's a chance to meet each other for learning, fellowship and prayer. The theme is Mary Magdalen, First Apostle of the Resurrection. A small fee will cover lunch and art materials.

Unofficially, the day is in memory of Geraldine "Ged" Youngman, who attended St Philip's and who organized annual women's retreats for the ECWs of Michigan. We won't be spending the night but it will be a good time together. St Philip's is at 100 Romeo Rd, just off Main St (= Rochester Rd) in downtown Rochester. "Across from the Dairy Queen!" Sign-up information will be posted shortly.

### **Eucharistic Minister Training**

We are having another Eucharistic minister training session for new Eucharistic ministers on **Thursday, May 7 at 5 pm**. The duty of the Eucharistic minister is to administer the wine at a communion service. We schedule 2 for each service, one to offer the cup to drink from, and one to offer the intinction bowl for dipping the bread. **If you plan to attend please let Rev. Susan, or Judy Marinco know.**

### **Dibbleville Community Rummage Sale**

On **Friday, May 15 & Saturday, May 16** the Fenton community will have their annual Dibbleville Community Rummage Sale. St. Jude's will have booth spaces available in Vandenberg Hall for individuals to sell their rummage items. We will NOT be collecting donations for a church-wide sale this year. It will be \$20 for space with a table and 2 chairs. Forms are available to pay and reserve your spot! Proceeds from space rent will go toward the operating church budget. We will set up the Thursday evening before. See Liz Sailus with questions and for more information.



# BRIDGE ENSEMBLE

## Contemporary Classical Concert

Join us on **Saturday, May 2 at 7:30 pm**  
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