



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

May 10, 2026, 10:30 am
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

Happy Mothers' Day to all women who are moms or have mentored/nurtured others. *Mothering is more than childbearing!* 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.

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 2nd and 4th 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 #492 _____ *Sing, ye faithful, sing with gladness*

The Easter Acclamation

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, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding; Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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 ----- *Acts 17:22-31*

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence

and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, ‘For we too are his offspring.’

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

The Psalm _____ **Psalm 66:7-18**

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-semb - bly of your

peo - ple. I will praise you, Lord.

VERSES:

7 Bless our God, you **péo**-ples; *
make the voice of his / praise to **bé** heard;

8 Who holds our souls in **life**, *
and will not allow / our feet **tó** slip.



- 9 For you, O God, have **próved** us; *
you have tried us just as / sil-ver **ís** tried.
- 10 You brought us into the **snáre**; *
you laid heavy burdens / up-on **óur** backs.
- 11 You let enemies ride over our heads; [√] we went through fire and **wá**-ter; *
but you brought us out into a place / of re-**frésh**-ment. *ANTIPHON*
- 12 *I will* enter your house with burnt-offerings [√] and will pay you my **vóws**, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth [√]
when I / was in **tróu**-ble.
- 13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of **ráms**; *
I will give you / ox-en **ánd** goats.
- 14 Come and listen, all you who fear **Gód**, *
and I will tell you what / he has **dóne** for me.
- 15 I called out to him with my **móuth**, *
and his praise / was on **mý** tongue. *ANTIPHON*
- 16 *If I* had found evil in my **héart**, *
the Lord would / not have **héard** me;
- 17 But in truth God has **héard** me; *
he has attended to the / voice of **mý** prayer.
- 18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my **práyer**, *
nor with-/held his **lóve** from me. *ANTIPHON*

The Second Reading _____ **1 Peter 3:13-22**

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you~ not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Sequence Hymn #516, vs. 1-2 _____ *Come down, O Love divine*

The Gospel Reading _____ *John 14:15-21*

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

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

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love

them and reveal myself to them.”

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

Sequence Hymn #516, v. 3 _____ Come down, O Love divine

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ Rev. Susan Anslow Williams
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, Gaza, Israel, Lebanon and Ukraine; let us pray to our Lord.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

For Donald our President, Gretchen our Governor, the Congress and Supreme Court; 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, or 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 those who mourn, that in Christ who has triumphed over death, they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance.

Risen Christ, hear our prayer.

Deacon Today we remember those who mothered us, and invite all who wish, to come light a taper in their honor or their memory.

A Hymn *during Candle-lighting* _____ *Mothering God, you gave me birth*
Sung to tune "Maryton" (Hymn 660)

1. **Mothering God, you gave me birth
in the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath,
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.**
2. **Mothering Christ, you took my form,
offering me your food of light,
grain of new life, and grape of love,
your very body for my peace.**
3. **Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,
in arms of patience hold me close,
so that in faith I root and grow
until I flow'r, until I know.**

Presider Almighty God, you entrusted your Son Jesus to be born and nurtured by the Virgin Mary, and placed him in a community of wise and loving people. Receive our prayers for all women and men who support and mentor young people in confusing times, with thanks for those who provided for us. Enable your Church to respond quickly with loving compassion to families in need, demonstrating your mothering presence. We ask in Jesus' holy Name. **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!



Bell Anthem ----- *Jesus Loves Me*

Children's Bell Choir, directed by Kathy Hopper

Offertory Anthem ----- *Jesus Loves Me*

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. **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


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 _____ *Every Mother, Every Father*

Communion Hymn #204 _____ *Now the green blade riseth*

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, WOV #678 (insert) _____ *Christ has arisen, alleluia*

Sending Out _____

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude _____

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<u>Serving at the Liturgy</u>	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday 5/17</u>
Presider	Rev. Susan Williams	Rev. Susan Anslow Williams
Assisting	Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco	Rev Dcn Judy Marinco
Choir Director	Katie Young	Katie Young
Eucharistic Minister	Amy Freeman	Paul Dolza
Intinction Cup	Dave Rayner	Lynn Hopper
Reader	Deb James	Nancy Day
Prayers	Dave James	Ellen Tripp
Ushers	Lisa & Kelly Cronk	Dave & Deb James
Live-streamer	Dave James	Paul Dolza
Vestry of the Day	Sue Premo	Denise Rayner
Altar Guild	Dee G., Lisa Cronk	Terri H., Francine J.
Coffee Hour	Johnston / DuPei	Ellen Tripp

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.

Outside Clean Up Day

Next Sunday, May 17 is "wear-your-grubby-clothes-to-church-day"! After the service, we will be cleaning up outside around the church area and we need all the volunteers we can get. Wear your outdoor work clothes and come prepared to help clean the parking lot and garden areas surrounding the church. Rain date: Sunday, May 31st.

Progressive Dinner

The social committee will be hosting a progressive dinner on **Saturday May 30**. We will be starting with hors d'oeuvres at Marincos' then moving to Johnstons' for salad and Hoppers' for dessert. There is a sign up sheet in Vandenberg Hall.

Graduates?

Are you or a family member graduating from high school or college this year? Your St. Jude's family wants to celebrate with you! Please let Liz in the church office know who and from where and we will print in the June edition of the Beacon.

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. Paul's, Harsens Island - Kathy Harrison, Senior Warden; St. John's, Grand Haven - Jared Cramer, Rector; The Order of Naucratus

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

Mother's Day

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Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → and ↓ and ↘

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GRANDMOTHER
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MOTHER

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