



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

May 17, 2026, 10:30 am
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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

We are blessed by your presence at the Easter feast, which lasts one more week! Today the theme is Jesus' Ascension, celebrated 40 days after Easter morning using the timeline of Acts ch.1. (Luke ch. 24 and John ch. 20 offer different traditions.) At some point after his resurrection, Jesus stopped appearing physically to friends in the region of Jerusalem, and became universally responsive to all believers through the Holy Spirit. The Church calls that departure /transition his Ascension into Heaven.

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 #214 _____ *Hail the day that sees him rise*

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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Proclamation of the Word

Please be seated

The First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

Reader A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36*

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:

- 1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be **scát**-tered; *
let those who hate him / flee be-**fóre** him.
- 2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a-**wáy**; *
as the wax melts at the fire,[√] so let the wicked perish at the / pre-sence **ó**f God.
- 3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before **Gód**; *
let them also be mer-/ry and **jóy**-ful.
- 4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; [√] exalt him who rides upon the **héa**-vens; *
YAHWEH is his Name, [√] re-/joice be-**fóre** him! *ANTIPHON*

- 5 *Father* of orphans, [√] defender of **wí**-dows, *
 God in his holy / ha-bi-**tá**-tion!
- 6 God gives the solitary a home [√] and brings forth prisoners into **frée**-dom; *
 but the rebels shall live / in dry **plá**-ces.
- 7 O God, when you went forth before your **péo**-ple, *
 when you marched / through the **wíl**-derness,
- 8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, [√]
 at the presence of God, the God of **Sí**-nai, *
 at the presence of God, the / God of **Ís**-rael.
- 9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, [√] upon your in-**hér**-itance; *
 you refreshed the land when / it was **wéa**-ry.
- 10 Your people found their **hóme** in it; *
 in your goodness, O God, [√] you have made pro-/vi-sion **fór** the poor. *ANTIPHON*
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- 33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the **éarth**; *
 sing / prai-ses **tó** the Lord.
- 34 He rides in the heavens, [√] the ancient **héa**-vens; *
 he sends forth his voice, / his migh-**tý** voice.
- 35 Ascribe power to **Gód**; *
 his majesty is over Israel; [√] his / strength is **ín** the skies.
- 36 How wonderful is God in his holy **plá**-ces! *
 the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people! /
 Bless-ed **bé** God! *ANTIPHON*

The Second Reading _____ *1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11*

Reader A reading from the first letter of Peter.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is

revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

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

Sequence Hymn #215, vs. 1 & 2 _____ *See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph*

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, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's 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 #215, v. 3 _____ *See, the Conqueror mounts in triumph*

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 Because Christ has ascended into heavens, to fill all the world with God's
mercy, let us pray to him 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 who has overcome death for us; 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 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 know Easter joy because our sins have been forgiven and our life has been 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 _____

Stump the Priest! _____ *Answering your questions*

The Offertory _____

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Offertory Anthem _____ *Glory and Praise to Our God*

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; through your dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord. After his glorious resurrection he openly appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.

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:

Sanctus: Hymn S-128 _____ *William Mathias*



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 Hymn, WLP #811 ----- *You shall cross the barren desert*

Communion Hymn ----- *Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord*

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord. *(echo)*

Humble thyself in the sight of the Lord. *(echo)*

And he shall lift you up, higher and higher, and he shall lift you up! *Repeat*

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 #460 _____ *Alleluia, sing to Jesus!*

Sending Out _____

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

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Postlude _____

**The flowers that decorate our altar this morning were given by
Ellen Tripp in memory of Randy Tripp.**

*Join us following the service for a church outdoor work day! Enjoy coffee hour and then stay
to work in the grounds surrounding our parking lot and church building.*

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| <u>Serving at the Liturgy</u> | <u>Today</u> | <u>Next Sunday 5/24</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Presider | Rev. Susan Williams | Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz |
| Assisting | Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco | Rev Dcn Judy Marinco |
| Choir Director | Katie Young | Katie Young |
| Eucharistic Minister | Paul Dolza | Lynn Hopper |
| Intinction Cup | Lynn Hopper | Dave Rayner |
| Reader | ?? | Amy Freeman |
| Prayers | Ellen Tripp | Pedro Melchor |
| Ushers | Dave & Deb James | Dave & Denise Rayner |
| Live-streamer | Paul Dolza | Lynn Hopper |
| Vestry of the Day | Denise Rayner | Dave James |
| Altar Guild | Terri H., Francine J. | Sarah D., Lisa Cronk |
| Coffee Hour | Ellen Tripp | Sue Premo |

This week at St. Jude’s...

Tuesday 1 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry
 Wednesday 7 pm: Vestry
 Thursday 6 pm: Book Club @ Church

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Be sure to wear red!

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.

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: Camp Chickagami & Episcopal Youth Camp - Staff, Campers & Volunteers; Licensed Eucharist Visitors and Ministers in the Diocese; St. Luke's, Kalamazoo - Randall Warren, Rector. Please pray also for communities and churches impacted by flooding.

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

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The Ascension: What goes up?



Find the following words in the puzzle.

Words are hidden → and ↓ and ↘

AIRPLANE
ANGEL
ARTEMIS
ASTRONAUT
BALLOON
BLUEBIRD
BUBBLES
CLOUDS

DOVE
EYEBROWS
FLAME
GASPRICES
HELICOPTER
JESUS
KITE
LADDER

PRAYERS
ROBIN
ROCKET
SQUIRREL
SUPERMAN
WONDERWOMAN

