



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

July 20, 2025  
The 6th Sunday after Pentecost  
10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

This summer, our readings from the Hebrew Scriptures are a quick survey of the great prophets. Today the prophet Amos shares another vision, which might look harmless but he interprets it to mean a looming catastrophe. The Epistle to the Colossians expands Paul's earlier metaphor of the Body of Christ. And Luke introduces us to the sisters Martha and Mary of Bethany, who host Jesus during his ministry.

**Are you new to our church?** We'd love to get better acquainted. Please leave your name and email or phone number in one of our guestbooks, located at both entrances of the worship space; or by filling out one of the Welcome cards in the pew.

**All persons who desire to receive Holy Communion are served here**, no questions asked. We offer gluten-free Bread, which may be dipped into the small bowl of wine; or, consume your bread and sip wine from the chalice that follows. Or neither: just cross your arms over your chest. You may also ask a blessing from the priest.

**Hymn #** These hymns are located in the blue Hymnal 1982 in your pew.

**WLP #** These hymns are located in the green hymnal books that will be handed out.

**Titles with an \*** denote a specially-requested hymn for our summer worship.

## *The Gathering of the Community*

Prelude \_\_\_\_\_

Opening Hymn #495 \_\_\_\_\_ *Hail, thou once-despised Jesus!*

## Open Acclamation & Collect \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

*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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Song of Praise:** "Let the whole creation cry," *text by Stopford A. Brooke; sung to tune at #135*

1. Let the whole creation cry, "Glory to the Lord on high!"  
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, "Praise to our almighty King!"  
Praise him, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;  
Sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.
3. Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,  
And let children's happy hearts in this worship take their parts;  
From the north to southern pole, let the mighty chorus roll:  
"Holy, Holy, Holy One, glory be to God alone!"

## Collect of the Day \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Let us pray, together.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *The Proclamation of the Word*

*Please be seated.*

## The First Reading \_\_\_\_\_ *Amos 8:1-12*

*Reader*        A Reading from the book of Amos:

This is what the Lord God showed me – a basket of summer fruit. He said, “Amos, what do you see?” And I said, “A basket of summer fruit.” Then the Lord said to me,

“The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.  
The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day,” says the Lord God;  
“the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!”

Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying,  
“When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”

The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.  
Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it,  
and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?  
On that day, says the Lord God, I will make the sun go down at noon,  
and darken the earth in broad daylight.

I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation;  
I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head;  
I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.  
The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land;  
not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.  
They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east;  
they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the Lord, but they shall not find it.

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

## The Psalm \_\_\_\_\_ *Psalms 52*

- 1 You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness \*  
    against the godly all day long?  
2 You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, \*  
    O worker of deception.

- 3 You love evil more than good \*  
and lying more than speaking the truth.
- 4 You love all words that hurt, \*  
O you deceitful tongue.
- 5 Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, \*  
topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling,  
and root you out of the land of the living!
- 6 The righteous shall see and tremble, \*  
and they shall laugh at him, saying,
- 7 “This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, \*  
but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness.”
- 8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; \*  
I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.
- 9 I will give you thanks for what you have done \*  
and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly.

## **The Second Reading** \_\_\_\_\_ *Colossians 1:15-28*

*Reader*            A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians:

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers~ all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him~ provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in

the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

**Sequence Hymn #440** \_\_\_\_\_ *Blessed Jesus, at thy word*

**The Gospel Reading** *Please stand as able* \_\_\_\_\_ *Luke 10:38-42*

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

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

**The Sermon** *Please be seated* \_\_\_\_\_ *The Rev. Susan Anslow Williams*  
*Please remain in silence for a moment of reflection following the sermon.*

**The Nicene Creed** *Please stand* \_\_\_\_\_

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God, begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again, in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Prayers of the People** *Please stand or kneel* \_\_\_\_\_

*Deacon* Let us pray for the Church and for the world, in assurance that God hears our prayers and cares for those in need.

*Leader* Everlasting God, we pray for our country and all who live in it. Guide our leaders in the ways of justice and peace, with wisdom and compassion. Help all who are suffering because of violence, discrimination, food shortages or natural disasters. Open our hearts and hands to respond generously to those in crisis.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we ask your blessing upon the Church, the Body of Christ. Inspire and grow this congregation and our ministries of caring. Bless Sean our Presiding Bishop and the leaders of the Diocese of the Great Lakes. Strengthen partnerships among churches, that together, our work will bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Creating God, open our eyes to the beauty and fragility of the world around us. Help us to become better stewards of your gifts and awaken in us a passion to care for all creatures, great and small.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we pray for your healing touch to rest upon those who are sick; your strength to be felt by those who are tired; your love to encourage those who live with despair. We especially pray for those on our Prayer List, and others we name .....

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer**

Life-giving God, we praise you that through the resurrection of your Son Jesus the Christ, you have freed us from the grip of death. We pray for those who have departed this life and now rest in your peace; especially those we name and those bereaved by their passing..... Sustain us with hope and a vision of eternal life with those we love.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

*The Presider adds a concluding prayer*

O God, who created all peoples in your image, we thank you for the wonderful diversity of races and cultures in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of fellowship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Confession of Sin,** *please stand or kneel* \_\_\_\_\_

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People* **Most merciful God,**  
**we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,**  
**by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
 we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
 We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
 For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
 have mercy on us and forgive us;  
 that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
 to the glory of your Name. Amen.

**Absolution** *is pronounced by the priest*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Peace** *Please stand* \_\_\_\_\_

*Presider*     The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

**Milestones and Announcements** \_\_\_\_\_

**Stump the Priest!** \_\_\_\_\_ *Answering your questions*

**The Offertory**, *following an invitation to generosity from the priest*

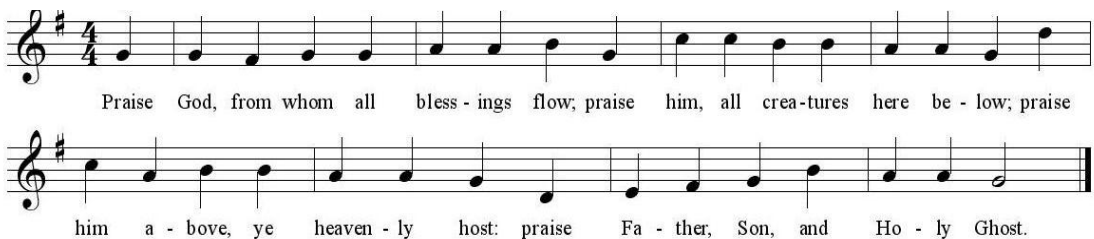
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**Offertory Anthem** \_\_\_\_\_ *The Meeting in the Air, traditional folk tune*

Kathy Kortge, Dobro

**The Doxology** *Please stand & join in singing* \_\_\_\_\_ *"Tallis Canon"*





## *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

### Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 2 \_\_\_\_\_ EOW1

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

*The Presider continues*

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

***Sanctus: Hymn S-125*** \_\_\_\_\_ *Setting by Richard Proulx*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven \_\_\_\_ and  
earth \_\_\_\_ are full \_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Blessed is he who comes in the name \_\_\_\_ of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est. \_\_\_\_\_

*The people remain standing or may kneel. The Presider continues*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts + that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, + the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with the ever-blessed Virgin Mary, blessed Jude, and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we make our prayer:

**The Lord’s Prayer** \_\_\_\_\_ *setting by David Vickers*

*(Music follows)*



**The Breaking of Bread**, *silence follows* \_\_\_\_\_

*Priest:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

*People:* **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**Invitation to Communion** \_\_\_\_\_ *Iona Community*

*Priest:* Come to the Table set for you: not because of how you feel, but because God has food for you. Come, not because you deserve a place, but because Jesus invites you, just as you are. Come, not because you are free from doubts, but because God's love will set you free from their hold.

*Deacon:* 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 gluten-free bread. The wine may be sipped from the chalice, or wait to intinct (dip your bread) into the small bowl of blessed wine. Please do not intinct into the chalice.*

## Communion Music

Duet \_\_\_\_\_ “Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus”

Song \_\_\_\_\_ “Sanctuary”

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y,  
pure and ho - ly, tried and true; with thanks - giv - ing,  
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

The image shows a musical score for a duet in 4/4 time, key of D major. It consists of three systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is simple and melodic, suitable for a church service.

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

*Priest* Let us pray.

*People* God of abundance,  
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;  
you have united us with Christ and one another;  
and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,  
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world  
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing \_\_\_\_\_ *The people respond, Amen!*

## The Sending Out

Sending Out Hymn: LEVAS2 #210

*Down by the riverside*

1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,  
2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,  
3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,  
4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,

Down by the riv - er - side, Down by the riv - er - side,

Down by the riv - er - side, 1. Goin' to lay down my sword and shield,  
2. Goin' to lay down my war shoes,  
3. Goin' to put on my long white robe,  
4. Goin' to meet my lov - ing sav - ior,

Down by the riv - er - side, To stud - y war no

*continues*

I ain't goin't

more. \_\_\_\_\_ stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y \_\_\_\_\_ war no

I ain't goin't

more, \_\_\_\_\_ stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't

stud - y war no more, —

stud - y war no more, Ain't goin't stud - y war no — more. \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude \_\_\_\_\_

*The flowers that decorate our altar this morning were given to the glory of God by  
Katie Young, in loving memory of her mother, Karen Sue Carr (nee Wilson)  
on the anniversary of her birth.*

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### **This Week at St. Jude’s...**

Tuesday, July 22          6 pm: Book Club @ Dee Grossmann’s (*House in the Pines* by Ana Reyes)

Wednesday, July 23      6:30 pm: Movie Night (see announcement below)

**Movie Night** Join us **on July 23 at 6:30 pm** for popcorn and snacks as we watch the movie “The Princes Bride” at the Vandenburg Hall “Drive”-In. Bring lawn chairs and a snack to share, popcorn and drinks will be provided. Following the movie there will be a discussion about Christian themes that may be hidden in the movie.

**Theater Outing next Sunday, July 27:** A group is going to the 2:00 matinee of “Joseph and the Technicolor Dreamcoat” in Dexter. There’s a sign-up and QR code for General Admission tickets, in Vandenberg Hall. (We’ll leave Fenton before 1 pm to get there in time.)

### **Prayer List**

Pray for Sean, our Presiding 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: Christ Church, Owosso - Paul Brunell, Priest  
St. Peter’s-by-the-Lake, Montague - David Meyers, Rector  
Emmaus Monastery, Vestaburg – Srs. Diane Stier and Linda-Susan Beard

Our prayers for healing and comfort are asked for: Brad, Leonard, Bill, Sharon, Sherry, Patti, Barbara and Joe, Rose, Joan & Jerry, Sue, Mike, Matt, Molly, Pam, Marcia, Mia, Chet, John, Ron, Emily Jane, Mike, Jennifer, Clint, Kyle, Sue, Lorrie, Pedro, David, Tim, Dennis, Pam, Connie, Melissa, Jeri, Abby, Marilyn, Hadley.

<u>Serving at the Liturgy Today</u>	<u>Next Sunday</u>
<i>Presider</i>	Rev. Susan Anslow Williams
<i>Assisting/Deacon</i>	Rev. Dcn. Judy Marinco
<i>Choir Director</i>	Katie Young
<i>Organist</i>	Ron Spaulding
<i>Eucharistic Minister</i>	Dee Grossmann
<i>Intinction Cup</i>	Lynn Hopper
<i>Reader</i>	Denise Rayner
<i>Prayers</i>	Paul Dolza
<i>Ushers</i>	Dave & Denise Rayner
<i>Live-streamer</i>	Dave Rayner
<i>Vestry of the Day</i>	Doug Hill
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Dee G., Lisa Cronk
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Nancy Day
	Rev. Susan Anslow Williams
	Dcn. Judy Marinco
	Katie Young
	Ron Spaulding
	Mary Louise S.
	Clay Putnam
	Pedro Melchor
	Dee Grossmann
	Charlie J., Jeff Wood
	Paul Dolza
	Sue Premo
	Terri H., Francine J.
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**Amos, what do you see?**  
*Help him out - draw it!*



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