

St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

July 27, 2025 The 7th Sunday after Pentecost 10:30 am Holy Eucharist

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

This morning, our music is led by guitars, since we've finally given our organist Ron a day off. You'll notice a few changes to what we sing (or not) without the organ today.

All summer, our first reading is from the Old Testament prophets. Today we meet Hosea, who wrote in the same time and circumstances as Amos. Hosea's terrible marriage becomes an illustration of God's message (which doesn't seem quite fair). Our Epistle warns the church in Colossae (modern Turkey) about false teachings they need to disregard. And our Gospel presents the backstory of the Lord's Prayer, as Luke records it (Matthew's is slightly different).

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 #8 _____

Open Acclamation & Collect _

Presider Grace to you and peace, from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray, together.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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

Hosea 1:2-20

Reader A Reading from the book of the prophet Hosea:

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

And the Lord said to him, "Name him Jezreel; for in a little while I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel. On that day I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Jezreel."

She conceived again and bore a daughter. Then the Lord said to him, "Name her Loruhamah, for I will no longer have pity on the house of Israel or forgive them. But I will have pity on the house of Judah, and I will save them by the Lord their God; I will not save them by bow, or by sword, or by war, or by horses, or by horsemen."

When she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived and bore a son. Then the Lord said, "Name him Lo-ammi, for you are not my people and I am not your God."

Yet the number of the people of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which can be neither measured nor numbered; and in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God."

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

The Psalm _____ Psalm 85

1 You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
2 You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.
3 You have withdrawn all your fury *
and turned yourself from your wrathful indignation.
4 Restore us then, O God our Savior; *
let your anger depart from us.
5 Will you be displeased with us for ever? *
will you prolong your anger from age to age?
6 Will you not give us life again, *
that your people may rejoice in you?
7 Show us your mercy, O Lord, *
and grant us your salvation.
8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Reading

Reader A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians.

As you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the universe, and not according to Christ. For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, and you have come to fullness in him, who is the head of every ruler and authority. In him also you were circumcised with a spiritual circumcision, by putting off the body of the flesh in the circumcision of Christ; when you were buried with him in baptism, you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead. And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him, when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands. He set this aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and made a public example of them, triumphing over them in it.

Therefore do not let anyone condemn you in matters of food and drink or of observing festivals, new moons, or sabbaths. These are only a shadow of what is to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. Do not let anyone disqualify you, insisting on self-abasement and worship of angels, dwelling on visions, puffed up without cause by a human way of thinking, and not holding fast to the head, from whom the whole body, nourished and held together by its ligaments and sinews, grows with a growth that is from God.

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Sequence Hymn #482	Lord of all hopefulness
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The Gospel Reading Please stand as able_____ Luke 11:1-13

DeaconThe Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke.ResponseGlory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say:

"Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial."

And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, `Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' And he answers from within, `Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

"So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

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, because Jesus has taught us to ask, assured that God hears our prayers and cares for those who call for help.
- *Leader* Father in heaven, we pray for all your children, near and far from us. Guide our leaders in the ways of justice and peace, giving them 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 need.

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Holy God, we ask your blessing upon the Church, the living 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 and habitats. 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..... 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

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for; 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 _____

PresiderThe peace of the Lord be always with you.PeopleAnd 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_____ "Teach Us Your Ways" by the Porter's Gate

The Doxology Please stand & join in singing ______ "Tallis Canon" Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow, praise him, all crea-tures here be - low, praise him a - bove, ye heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 2 _____

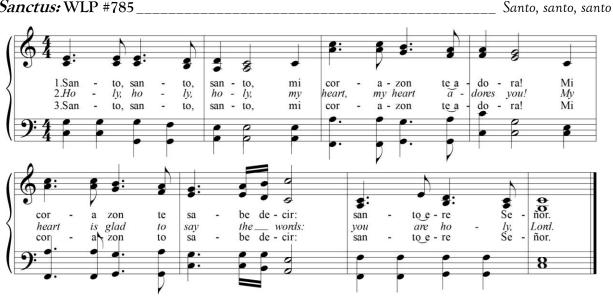
The Lord be with you.And also with you.Lift up your hearts.We lift them to the Lord.Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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: WLP #785

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.

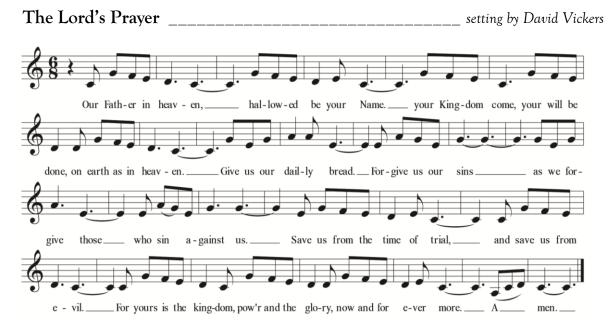
On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

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 everblessed 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 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

- Come to the Table set for you: not because of how you feel, but because Priest: 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.

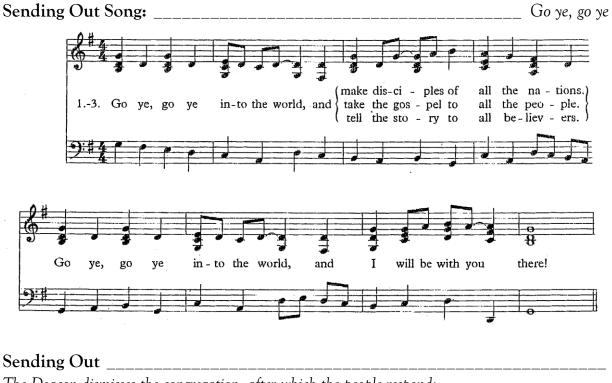
Communion Hymns: #711	Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
#314*	Humbly I adore thee

Prayer after Communion Please stand as able

Priest Let us pray. God of abundance, People 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!

<u>The Sending Out</u>



The Deacon dismisses the congregation, after which the people respond: Thanks be to God!

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