



**Welcome to St. David's
Episcopal Church, Southfield, MI**
**Seventh Sunday after
Pentecost**
Proper 10—Year A
July 12, 2026, 8 am & 10 am



WELCOME: Howard Rush

PRELUDE: *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*, George Elvey - Stephen Bancroft, soloist

At the sound of the bell, all rise

Celebrant: Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: *O bless the Lord my soul*, **Hymn #411**

THE COLLECT

Celebrant: The Lord be with you

People: **And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON: Genesis 25:19-34

Our first lesson is from the Book of Genesis and tells us the story of Jacob and Esau.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

May your word dwell in us.

People: **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

THE PSALM: Psalm 119:105-112 *Spoken*

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.
- 106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.
- 107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.
- 108 Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.
- 109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.
- 112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

THE SECOND LESSON: Romans 8:1-11

Our second lesson is from St. Paul's letter to the Romans. Today we hear how our identity in Christ helps us overcome.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

May your word dwell in us.

People: And bear much fruit to your glory.

SEQUENCE HYMN: *Great is thy faithfulness*, **LEVAS #189**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Gospeler: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeler: Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Gospeler: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All: We believe in God,
whose love is the source of all life and the desire of our lives,
whose love was given a human face in Jesus of Nazareth,
whose love was crucified by the evil that wants to enslave us all,
and whose love, defeating even death, is our glorious promise of freedom.
Therefore, though we are sometimes fearful and doubting, we trust in God;
and, in the Name of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves,
in the service of others, to seek justice and to live in peace,
to care for the earth and to share the commonwealth of God's goodness,
to live in the freedom of forgiveness and the power of the Spirit of love;
And in the company of the faithful, to be the Church,
for the glory of God.
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Spoken Response: Lord hear our prayer.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant and 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.

THE PEACE | ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mary Bensmiller | **GREETING OF ONLINE GUESTS**

THE OFFERTORY

OFFERTORY SOLO: *Gabriel's Oboe*, Ennio Morricone - Gabriel Hartmark, violist

OFFERTORY HYMN: *Now thank we all our God*, **Hymn #397**

THE HOLY COMMUNION & THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Creator God, you made this earth of paths and rocks and thorns and soil. To Abraham you promised fertile land, and to Moses you offered blessing and freedom. In your prophets you called your people to cultivate the promise of your land and cherish the blessings of your freedom.

People: While our lives are circumscribed by the limitations of our minds and bodies, your life is beyond our reach and outside our imagining.

In Jesus you gave us your superabundant soil. In his cross he was plowed and broken open, that we might be restored, replenished, and renewed, to be planted again as your good seed in this earth. And so we gladly thank you, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

Celebrant & People:
S-125

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Abundant God, from your good soil you make enough and plenty to feed and inspire all your children, and out of your earth you bring the glory of resurrection life.

People: By the power of that same Spirit, take the fragile flesh of your people and transform it into that of the resurrected glory of your church.

Come among us now through the power of your Spirit, that we may be transformed into your likeness, and that these gifts of bread and wine may become for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ; who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Celebrant: Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

All Sing:
S-138
We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues

God Transforming God, where your children are in the grip of evil and bewilderment, bring them your courage and clarity. Where they are without deep root and facing trouble or persecution, give them patience and endurance. Where they are burdened by the cares of the world and tempted by the lure of wealth, offer them wisdom and understanding. And where they bear fruit and yield, make that fruit so plentiful that it may feed all in your world who hunger for faith, for hope, or for love.

People: As in Christ you proclaimed your word to the spirits in prison, make yourself known to all who find themselves incarcerated in body, mind, or spirit.

Sanctify your groaning creation, that your universe may breathe your breath and be filled with your life anew, that we may love what you love, and do what you would do, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, ever one God.

Celebrant & the people sing (S-146): Amen, Amen, Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever, forever, forever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM: *Lamb of God* - Hymn S-161

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

**In union, O Lord, with the faithful at every altar of your Church
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.
I present to you my soul and body
with the earnest wish that I may always be united to you,
and, since we are not all receiving you sacramentally,
I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart.
I unite myself with you,
and embrace you with all the love of my soul.
May I live in you, and may you live in me.
Amen.**

COMMUNION HYMN: *In remembrance of me*, LEVAS #149

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: **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 forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Joyful, joyful, we adore thee*, Hymn #376

DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Let us go forth into the world to love and serve God and our neighbor.

People: **Through worship, outreach, and love for all. Amen.**

POSTLUDE: *Toccata on "Hymn to Joy"*, A.J. Eppens

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JESUS' TABLE:

WHERE EVERYONE HAS A SEAT. ♥

*Jesus invites us all—
there's always room!*



JULY
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We're launching Vacation Bible School in July and things will get cooking – literally! Register your beloved little one to be with us **Monday - Thursday from 9a - 12 noon** as we focus on **"Jesus' Table: Where Everyone Has a Seat."**

Contact the church office or Father Chris Yaw with questions.

And if you want to help – you can

SIGN UP THERE TO VOLUNTEER AS WELL! ♥

SCAN HERE TO
REGISTER
OR TO VOLUNTEER!



COME HUNGRY FOR FUN. LEAVE FULL OF FAITH! ♥

Attention Writers: Preparing for Advent 2026!

We're hoping you'll want to take advantage of the slower summer months to contemplate God's majesty - and put into words some inspiration to help us make Advent 2026 special. As you may know, every November we give away an Advent Daily Devotional. This is a booklet of 26 scripture reflections that we read, one per day during the season of Advent, to prepare for the Christmas feast. This year we're writing our own. Is the Spirit inviting you to help? There's a sign up sheet at the Ministry Hub that lists the days and the Gospel text for each. Feel free to sign up for one or more. 300 words should do it - and you can include an image if you like. Submissions are due to Amy in the front office by Oct 4. See Jessica Rienstra for details.

Live from Bethlehem: Special Guest Preacher Sunday, August 2

Join us Sunday, August 2, at the 10:00 a.m. service as we welcome prominent Palestinian Lutheran pastor, theologian, and activist Rev. Dr. Munther Isaac, who will be preaching live from the West Bank via Zoom. Pastor of the Christmas Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Dr. Isaac drew international attention for his powerful 2023 "Christ in the Rubble" sermon, challenging faith communities globally to stand with the vulnerable. He is the author of *The Other Side of the Wall* and a leading global voice for peace and human rights. Don't miss this unique opportunity to hear his vital perspective on faith and resilience. Join us in person in the sanctuary or online via Zoom!

Join Our Quilting Group!

Interested in quilting? Join the St. David's Quilters on Saturdays from 9:00 am until 2:00 pm in our parish hall. No experience necessary. The upcoming dates for 2026: July 18, August 8, September 19, October 17 and November 21.

St. Anne's Mead BBQ 8/21/2026 @5 pm

Join our neighbors for an early evening BBQ and Fun Day! It's fun for the whole family, petting zoo, sing-a-long, and bounce house. RSVP by 8/14 to info@stannesmead.org

Welcome!

IF YOU ARE A GUEST Please introduce yourself so we can give you a warm welcome.

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE! If you have time this morning, come enjoy some coffee & conversation in Parish Hall following the 10 am service.

ABOUT ST. DAVID'S: A COMMUNITY OF LOVE!

St. David's is a joyful community of Christian people. Everyone is welcome here as we journey together into a deeper relationship with God. Through worship and service we seek to build up our community and the world. While you are here, your talents will be put to use, your voice honored, your needs respected, and your wounds treated with care. At its heart this is who we are at St. David's: compassionate and thoughtful Christians who respect and care for each other and the world. And since we believe we should reflect the open-hearted God whom we worship, we are also a place of warm and generous welcome!

HOW DO I JOIN ST. DAVID'S? A PLACE FOR ALL

Membership in the Episcopal Church is open to absolutely everyone. At St. David's, communion is also open to everyone. Regular Sunday worship will lead you into the heart of this community, which you may join at any level you choose. Those who regularly attend worship, participate in activities and fellowship, and contribute financially to our common work are likely to feel more deeply a part of this church community. To join St. David's, contact the Rector The Rev. Chris Yaw, to set up an appointment. He can be reached in person on Sunday mornings, or by calling the church at (248) 557-5430 and by email churchoffice@stdavidssf.org

THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!



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