



St. Jude's Episcopal Church

Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others

June 16, 2024

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:30 am Holy Eucharist

----- A Special WELCOME and Happy Father's Day! -----

It's the "season after Pentecost," a long period without major Sunday Feasts or liturgical changes. We'll enjoy the goodness of Creation and get to know Jesus through the witness of *Mark*, the earliest and shortest Gospel. Today we listen in as Jesus tells two agricultural parables, to people that are only too familiar with the hard conditions of farming.

Are you new to our church? We'd love to get better acquainted. Take home a neon-orange flyer. 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. Today, 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.

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude _____

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.**

Hymn of Praise: #533 _____ *How wondrous and great*

Collect of the Day _____

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray, together.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading *Please be seated* _____ *1 Samuel 15:34-16:13*

Reader A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the Lord was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel.

The Lord said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the Lord said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the Lord.' Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the Lord." But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart." Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the Lord chosen this one." Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The Lord has not chosen any of these." Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm _____ *Psalm 20*

- 1 May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble, *
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
- 2 Send you help from his holy place * and strengthen you out of Zion;
- 3 Remember all your offerings * and accept your burnt sacrifice;
- 4 Grant you your heart's desire * and prosper all your plans.
- 5 We will shout for joy at your victory, and triumph in the Name of our God; *
may the Lord grant all your requests.
- 6 Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed; *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
- 7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, *
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our God.
- 8 They collapse and fall down, * but we will arise and stand upright.
- 9 O Lord, give victory to the king * and answer us when we call.

The Second Reading _____ *2 Corinthians 5:6-10,14-17*

Reader A Reading from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn # 558 _____ *Faith of our fathers, living still*

The Gospel Reading, *Please stand* _____ *Mark 4:26-34*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

The Sermon *Please be seated* _____ *The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz*
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; remembering especially {concerns
in the news this week}; in assurance that God hears our prayers and cares for those
in need.

Leader God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Skip our assisting bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers in the Dioceses of Eastern and Western Michigan; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and energy, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love,

People **Hear our prayers for the church.**

Leader God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For peace and unity across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, especially Joe our President and Gretchen our Governor, who serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred and to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love, especially between Israel and Gaza, Ukraine and Russia. God of freedom,

People **Hear our prayers for the world.**

Leader God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted into our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth, its creatures, and our natural resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy that you have given us. God of justice,

People **Hear our prayers for the earth.**

Leader God of mercy, we pray for all in any kind of need or trouble: For refugees and prisoners; for the sick and suffering, the lonely and despairing; for those facing violence; for all held down by prejudice or injustice. We pray especially for those on our prayer list, and others we name... (*your intercessions are invited*). Awaken in us true compassion and humility of spirit, so we may seek and serve Christ in all persons. God of mercy,

People **Hear our prayers for all who are in need.**

Leader God of hope, we pray for those who have died. For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice and peace; for prophets who called us to reconciling actions; for martyrs who died because of hatred; and for all the communion of saints; especially *Jack Mills* and others we name... (*your intercessions are invited*). Bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. God of hope,

People **Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

The Presider adds a concluding prayer for Father's Day

O God our heavenly Father, you chose Joseph of Nazareth to be the human father of your Son Jesus, because he was righteous and brave, discerning and kind. Thank you for the fathers, grandfathers and mentors in our lives, who have followed Joseph's example in a new age. Bless and guide the fathers and mentors of children today, with abilities to protect, love, inspire and support our young people. We ask through your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. **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.**

Let us greet one another with the Peace of Christ!

Milestones and Announcements _____

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

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!



Offertory Hymn #209 _____ *We walk by faith, and not by sight*

The Doxology *Please stand & join in singing* _____ *Old 100th*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Supplemental Eucharistic Prayer 3 _____ 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

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it surged in chaos; you brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing: all you create is a sign of hope for our journey. And so, as the morning stars sing your praises, we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

All say **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!**

The people remain standing or may kneel. The Presider continues

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent: you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations; you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Presider and People

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

The Presider continues

Send your Holy Spirit upon us + and upon these gifts of bread and wine + that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Jude and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Presider and People

Blessed are you, now and for ever. AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer _____ *setting by D. Vickers*

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

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Our Fath-er in heav - en, hal-low-ed be your Name. your King-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en. Give us our dail-ly bread. For-give us our sins as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of trial, and save us from e - vil. For yours is the king-dom, pow'r and the glo-ry, now and for e-ver more. A men.

The Breaking of Bread, *silence follows*

Priest Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

An Invitation to Communion _____ source: New Zealand BCP

Priest We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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

Priest These are the gifts of God for you, the 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

Hymn #302 _____ Father, we thank thee who hast planted

Prayer after Communion *Please stand as able*

Priest Let us pray.

People 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.

The Blessing *is said by the priest.*

The Sending Out

Sending Out Hymn #525 _____ *The Church's one foundation*

Sending Out _____

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

Postlude _____

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**The flowers that decorate our church this morning were given by
Ron & Catherine Trimmer in memory of their fathers:
Frank Z. Wolverton and Cecil E. Trimmer.**

Prayer List

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop; for Skip, our Assisting Bishop; for the Standing Committees of the Dioceses of Eastern & Western Michigan; for Susan, our Priest-in-Charge; for Judy, our Deacon; for the Vestry.

For Al; Margaret; Bill; Holly; Todd; Diane; Sue; Barbara & Joe; Cindy; Cathy; Molly; Cory; Dale; Sue; Linda; Marcia; Gabe; Rose; Joan; Rex & Judi; Lois; Jim; Bob; Jim; Sharon; Alan; Mia; June; Ed; Carl & Connie; Sydne; Laura; Liz; Mike; Mary Lou; Pedro; James; Randy; Sherry; Pam; John; Francine; Sara; Marsha; Chet; Leonard; Ron; Ellen; Glenn; Jim; Patti; Brad; and Emily.

SERVING TODAY, JUNE 16

<i>Presiding:</i>	The Rev. Mary Jo Schuetz
<i>Deacon:</i>	The Rev. Judy Marinco
<i>Organist:</i>	Ron Spaulding
<i>LEM - Chalice:</i>	Lynn Hopper
<i>Intinction Chalice:</i>	Amy Freeman
<i>Reader:</i>	Katie Young
<i>Prayers:</i>	Jeff Wood
<i>Ushers:</i>	Dave & Denise Rayner
<i>Vestry of the day:</i>	Clay Putnam
<i>Livestreamer:</i>	Dave James

THIS WEEK AT ST. JUDE'S

<i>Monday Office Volunteer:</i>	Nancy Day
<i>Thursday Office Volunteer:</i>	Francine Johnston

Tuesday, June 18	7 pm The "Imperfect Club" (fans of Brené Brown) meets to watch and discuss a group of videos about following Jesus today. All are welcome.
Wednesday, June 19	7 pm Vestry meeting for June. Open to all church members.
Thursday, June 20	5-8:30 pm Fenton Pride Night – Stop by our booth, enjoy the fun
Sunday, June 23	10:30 am Worship service of the Holy Eucharist, followed by 11:45 Building & Grounds Committee meeting

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