



# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 10, 2024

10:00 AM

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Welcome to Saint Elisabeth's. We are delighted to have you with us this today.



*The Brazen Serpent, 20<sup>th</sup> Century*  
*Giovanni Fantoni*

*Atop Mount Nebo in Jordan, this serpentine sculpture represents the Old Testament story of the serpent on the pole in Numbers 21:4-9 integrated with the New Testament cross of Christ.*

*This faith community invites all persons to all levels of participation, leadership and decision-making within the church regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, socioeconomic and marital status. We seek to establish meaningful connections with one another through work and play and worship as we strive to understand God's purpose for us in the church and in the world.*

## Lent

Figuring out how to keep a holy Lent can be a challenge, but if we move beyond the popular conceptions (and misconceptions), Lent holds the possibility for real change — or to use the church’s word, conversion — in our lives, as well as for rich and lasting spiritual growth. (The word “lent” comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencton*, referring to the springtime of the year when the days grow longer and warmer and brighter.)

Lent emerged in our history as a season of final preparation for those who would be baptized at the Great Vigil of Easter. The entire Christian community was highly invested in walking alongside those who were about to commit their lives to Christ. In time, the season took on some extra layers of meaning, and many people now associate it with listening for a deeper awareness of our own sin — how we fall short of the ideals God sets before us — and the need for ongoing repentance and amendment of life.

That said, joy in the new life we have found in the Christian faith should never be overwhelmed by our struggles to live out that faith or our awareness of the ways we fall short. We can see Lent as an opportunity to deepen our spiritual lives. In Lent we step back and consider the ways we need to repent, to turn around — to be converted.

During Lent we as individual Christians and as a church — the Body of Christ — consider our spiritual health. How are we living the gospel in our lives, our homes, our churches, our towns, our schools, our places of work? What areas of growth or signs of renewal should we celebrate with gratitude and joy? In what ways have we fallen short, grown stagnant or cold-hearted, or failed to love God by embracing new life when we encounter it? These are the kinds of questions we ask ourselves during the weeks of Lent.

*Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

### Entering in...

Union: If God is at the center, we want to be moving inward to that center. It’s like spokes on a wheel: as we come closer to the center, we come closer to others, who are also bound toward that center. That is Jesus’ intention: gathering around himself the children of God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

*-Br. Curtis Almquist, Society of Saint John the Evangelist*

### Practice: Orthopraxy

Reach out to someone from another tribe, language, people or nation. What did you experience?

# Holy Eucharist

## Prelude

## Opening Hymn

Glory to God 634

“To God Be the Glory”

*To God Be the Glory*

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
 2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
 and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
 but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

*Refrain*

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the peo - ple re - joice!

O come to the Fa - ther through Je - sus the Son,

and give him the glo - ry: great things he has done!

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The lyrics are written below the treble staff.

## A Penitential Order

*Presider* Blessed be the God of our salvation.

*Assembly* **Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

*Presider* Let us lay before God our regrets and sorrows.

*All kneel, as able. A period of silence is kept.*

*Assembly* **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen**

## Absolution

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

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## Kyrie

Hymnal S95

“Lord, have mercy”

*Proulx*

Cantor or Choir      All      Cantor or Choir

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

All      Cantor or Choir      All

Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

## Collect

*Presider*      Blessed be God who forgives our sins.

*Assembly*      **God’s mercy endures for ever.**

*Presider*      Let us pray.

Steadfast God, you reach out to us in mercy even when we rebel against your holy call and prefer to walk in disobedience rather than in the way of your divine truth. Soften our hearts with the warmth of your love, that we may know your Son alive within us, redeeming us and raising us up into your eternal presence.

*Assembly*      **Amen.**

## First Reading

Numbers 21:4-9

A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

Steadfast God, you reach out to us in mercy even when we rebel against your holy call and prefer to walk in disobedience rather than in the way of your divine truth. soften our hearts with the warmth of your love, that we may know your Son alive within us, redeeming us and raising us up into your eternal presence.

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

*Assembly*      **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

Psalm 107:1-3,17-22

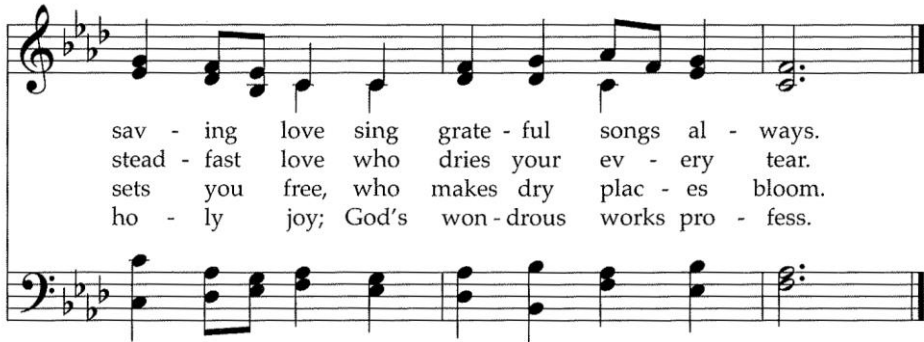
Glory to God 653 "Give Thanks to God Who Hears Our Cries"

*Morning*

1 Give thanks to God who hears our cries and saves in  
 2 If you have ev - er wan - dered where no hu - man  
 3 If you have ev - er lived in - side the pris - on  
 4 If you drew near the gates of death, too sick to

trou - bled days with won - drous works to hu - man - kind that  
 help was near, and in your trou - ble cried to God, who  
 of your gloom and cried to God, who broke your bonds and  
 eat or dress, and cried to God, who heard your voice and

call for high - est praise. Let all who know God's  
 res - cued you from fear, then thank the God of  
 raised you from your tomb, then praise the One who  
 healed all your dis - tress, then sing with sounds of



5 If you have felt your courage fail  
before a violent sea  
and cried to God, who stilled the storm,  
and made the wild wind flee,  
then in the congregation praise  
the One who heard your plea.

6 So praise the One whose love is great,  
whose kindness is well-known.  
Consider well the healing hand  
and help you have been shown,  
and tell the world what God has done.  
Praise God and God alone!

**Second Reading**

Ephesians 2:1-10

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

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

*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**



## Gradual

## “Bless The Lord My Soul”

Taizé

Dm G Dm B $\flat$  C F A

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name.

Dm G Dm B $\flat$  C Dm

Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life.

*All face the Gospel Book.*

## Gospel

John 3:14-21

*Gospeler  
Assembly*

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

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

**Sermon**

Seán Hansen

*A period of silence follows.*

**Creed**

“I Believe in God”

*Arr. Aldrich/Spencer*



1. I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all  
 2. I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both  
 3. I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and  
 4. I be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up  
 5. I be - lieve in God's own spir - it, bond - ing all the  
 6. in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing



things that be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens,  
 Lord and Christ of the Spir - it and of Mar - y  
 cru - ci - fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied  
 from the grave, then as - cend - ed to God's right hand.  
 saints with - in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly,  
 of \_\_\_ death's chain gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing.



Keep - er \_\_\_ of the sky and sea.  
 born to \_\_\_ bring a - bun - dant life.  
 True Life \_\_\_ there had tru - ly died.  
 He will \_\_\_ come to judge and save.  
 where for - give - ness frees from sin;  
 This the \_\_\_ faith that I have claimed.

## Prayers of the People

*Common Worship Times and Seasons*

*The Assembly may kneel or stand.*

*Intercessor* We pray for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves to God this Lent.

O God, give your Church the courage to give up her preoccupation with herself and to give more time to your mission in the world.

God, meet us in the silence,

*Assembly* **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give your world the courage to give up war, bitterness, and hatred, and to seek peace.

God, meet us in the silence,

*Assembly* **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife, and jealousy in our families, neighborhoods, and communities.

God, meet us in the silence,

*Assembly* **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give us the courage to give up our selfishness as we live for others, and to give time, care, and comfort to those who are sick or suffering. We pray today especially for:

Ben Whipple, Susan & Larry Whipple's son

Viola Bradshaw

Susan Chadd

Carla Arnell

Paul Lucas

Hall Healy

Lisa

Jamie Whaley, Kara Superfine's relative

Anna, Ian & their unborn baby, Fred Johnston's friends

John Arnell

The people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine

All those affected by gun violence

are there others?...

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch, and the light of his presence fill their lives.

God, meet us in the silence,

*Assembly* **give us strength and hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give us the courage to give up our fear of death and rejoice with those who have died in faith. We pray for all who have died...

God, meet us in the silence,

*Assembly* **give us strength and hear our prayer, here and in eternity. Amen.**

## Peace

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*Assembly* **And also with you.**

*Please offer one another a sign of God's Peace.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

*Those traveling and those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

#### Birthdays

3-13 Courtney Mygatt  
3-15 Cathy MacKinnon  
3-15 Kay Rossiter  
3-16 Jocelyn Miller

#### Anniversaries

## Holy Communion

### Offertory Sentence

*Presider*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

*Ephesians 5:2***Collection**

*If you are financially able to support the mission of St. Elisabeth's, please put your offering in the collection plate as it is passed or use the QR code to donate online.*

**Offertory Music**

All Creation Sings 924

“As the Winter Days Grow Longer”

*All Creation Sings*

1 As the win - ter days grow long - er, draw - ing short the hours of night;  
 2 As the vines burst in - to blos - som, fra - grant in the morn - ing air,  
 3 As we jour - ney through this sea - son, pil - grims through a thirst - y land,

as our ea - ger ex - pec - ta - tion waits for Eas - ter's dawn - ing light—  
 lift - ing spir - its with their sweet - ness, lur - ing hearts to thank - ful prayer—  
 quench us with your liv - ing pres - ence; guide us with your lov - ing hand.



renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you.

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

*Hymnal S124*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven 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.

### *Presider*

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Assembly*

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

*Presider*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

*Assembly*

**Amen.**

## **Lord’s Prayer**

*Presider*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*Assembly*

**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.

### Breaking of the Bread

*The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

Hymnal S161

“Lamb of God”

*New Plainsong*

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:  
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,  
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

### Invitation to Communion

*Presider*

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing at this time.*

*Gluten-free host available upon request.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest.*

### Music during Communion

Lift Every Voice and Sing 115

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me,

The first system of music consists of a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The vocal line begins with a dotted quarter note on G4, followed by eighth notes on A4 and Bb4, and then a quarter note on C5. The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line with chords in the right hand.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

The second system continues the vocal and piano parts. The vocal line has a dotted quarter note on G4, eighth notes on A4 and Bb4, and a quarter note on C5. The piano accompaniment maintains the same harmonic structure.

Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.

The third system features a vocal line with a dotted quarter note on G4, eighth notes on A4 and Bb4, and a quarter note on C5. The piano accompaniment continues with the established accompaniment.

Spir - it of the Liv - ing God, Fall fresh on me.

The fourth system concludes the piece with a vocal line ending on a dotted quarter note on G4. The piano accompaniment ends with a final chord. The system concludes with a double bar line.

## Post Communion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Assembly* **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of 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 Savior. Amen.**

## Prayer Over the People

*Presider* Look with compassion, O God, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with more perfect will; through Christ our Lord.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

Moravian Book of Worship 618      “O Christians, Haste”

*Tidings*

*(music on the next page.)*

## Dismissal

*Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*Assembly* **Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

1 O Chris-tians, haste, your mis-sion high ful-fill-ing,  
 2 Pro-claim to ev-'ry peo-ple, tongue, and na-tion  
 3 Give of your own to bear the mes-sage glo-rious,

to tell to all the world that God is light, that he who  
 that God, in whom they live and move, is love; tell how he  
 give of your wealth to speed them on their way; pour out your

made all na-tions is not will-ing one life should per-ish,  
 stooped to save his lost cre-a-tion, and died on earth that  
 soul for them in prayer vic-to-rious, till God shall bring his

*Refrain*

lost in shades of night.  
 we might live in love. Pub-lish glad tid-ings, tid-ings of  
 king-dom's joy-ful day.

peace, tid-ings of Je-sus, re-demp-tion, and re-lease.

## Assisting Today

First Reading	Polly Baur
Second Reading	Susan Newcomb
Prayers	John Tuohy
Altar Guild	Polly Baur
Usher	Larry Whipple
Coffee Hour	Mark Tilton

## This Week

Monday, March 11	AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Tuesday, March 12	St. E's Book Group (Noon) Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM)
Wednesday, March 13	Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)
Thursday, March 14	Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM) Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
Friday, March 15	Bible Study (11:00 AM) Stations of the Cross at Trinity HP (6:00 PM) Fish Fry at Trinity HP (7:00 PM)
Saturday, March 16	Confirmation and Christianity 101 At Trinity (4:30 PM) AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

## Up Next

<u>Sunday, March 17</u>	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM) Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM) Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM) Coffee Hour, Forum, & Sunday School (11:00 AM)
March 19	Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM)
March 21	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM) Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
March 22	Bible Study (11:00 AM)

## Holy Week and Easter at St. Elisabeth's

### *The Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday*

March 24	8:00 AM	Spoken Eucharist Rite I
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist Rite II

### *Maundy Thursday*

March 28	7:00 PM	Holy Eucharist and Stripping of the Altar at St. E's
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### *Good Friday*

March 29	7:00 PM	Good Friday Liturgy at St. E's
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### *Holy Saturday*

March 30	7:00 PM	Easter Vigil at St. Lawrence, Libertyville <i>With our Better Together Partner Parishes</i>
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### *The Feast of the Resurrection: Easter Day*

March 31	8:00 AM	Spoken Eucharist Rite I
	10:00 AM	Choral Eucharist Rite II <i>Refreshments follow the 10:00 AM Service.</i>



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## Announcements

**Easter Flower & Music Donations:** Please consider donating to the Easter Flower and Music Fund. Forms and payment are **due** to the office by **March 17**. Forms are at the back of the church, in the March issue of the Voice newsletter, or you can click the link in the Thursday eNews to download the page and mail it along with your check to the office.

**Today - Adam Preaching at St. Thomas Fifth Avenue:** Adam has been invited to preach at his former parish in New York City, St. Thomas Fifth Avenue, on Sunday, March 10th as part of the Lenten portion of their Bicentennial year celebration. Adam will be preaching at the 4:00pm Choral Evensong service (3:00 pm Central time!) which will be webcast on the St. Thomas website. Walter will host a viewing of the live stream of the service in the Guild Room at St. Elisabeth's **at 3:00 PM, This afternoon**, for anyone interested in watching with friends.

**Sing for Easter!** All are invited to join our festival choir on Easter Sunday! We'll be rehearsing Sundays at 9:00 AM and Thursdays at 7:30 PM from now until Holy Week – make what you can, every voice is welcome. An Easter Festival choir is a great way to give choir a try, or to join for a service without a long-term commitment! If you're interested in singing, or have any questions, talk to Walter or any member of the choir.

**Sunday School for Children**, upstairs after the 10 o'clock service. This is a weekly offering.

**Weekday Worship:** Come join Adam before work or school at **7:30 AM every Thursday** for a short service of Holy Communion with a brief homily on the readings assigned for the day.

**St. Elisabeth's Bible Study** meets weekly on **Fridays at 11:00 AM** in the Guild Room. For more information, contact Larry Whipple.

**Sunday Forum:** We will gather **weekly at Coffee Hour after the 10:00 AM service** in the Guild Room. We will discuss the day's readings, sermon, liturgy, music and whatever else is on folks' minds. These conversations will be facilitated by the Rector. On select Sundays, we will continue to have guest speakers and teachers on various topics.

**The Next Second Saturday Family Eucharist and Potluck Supper** will take place **on Saturday, April 13 at 4:30 PM**. We will gather for Communion around the table and then share a potluck meal and some fun and fellowship together. We will have these gatherings every Second Saturday through May. Please contact Susan Whipple or Anne Tuohy with any questions.

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**Sunday Schedule**



8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist: Rite I  
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal  
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist: Rite II  
11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School

**Office Hours**

Tuesday by appointment, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM  
Pastoral Care Number: 847-786-3082

*We at St. Elisabeth's share an adventurous spirit and a commitment  
to radiate God's love within and beyond our red doors.*