

# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH The Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

10:00 AM

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



Holding Hands by Liz Valente

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.

#### Easter

Easter, the oldest celebration of the Christian year, is not a single day but an entire season: Easter lasts fifty days, from Easter Day (the Sunday of the Resurrection) through the Day of Pentecost. The season also includes the feast of the Ascension, when the resurrected Jesus ascended to heaven and was seen on earth no longer. Throughout the year every Sunday even during Lent — is considered a little Easter, a mini feast of the resurrection on what Christians have called the first day of the week. The primary theme of Easter is the resurrection: on this day Jesus was raised from the dead, overcoming the power of death and the grave. We celebrate that we, too, are raised to everlasting life with him in our baptism.

At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the ongoing life of the Holy Spirit in the church today. It is the Holy Spirit who breathes life into the Body of Christ, the church; it is the Holy Spirit who provides the gifts and guidance needed to sustain our life. At every Eucharist we pray that the Holy Spirit will sanctify the bread and wine of communion to be "the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him." We also pray that the Spirit will "sanctify us also" so that we may receive the Eucharist with faith and serve God "in unity, constancy, and peace." It is the Holy Spirit who makes God present and alive in our hearts.

-From Daily Prayer for All Seasons

#### Entering in....

Jesus clearly intends for us to see clearly, so that we can be of real help to other people. We absolutely cannot convincingly proclaim God's love and forgiveness, while we remain unloving and unforgiving ourselves.

-Br. John Brought Society of Saint John the Evangelist

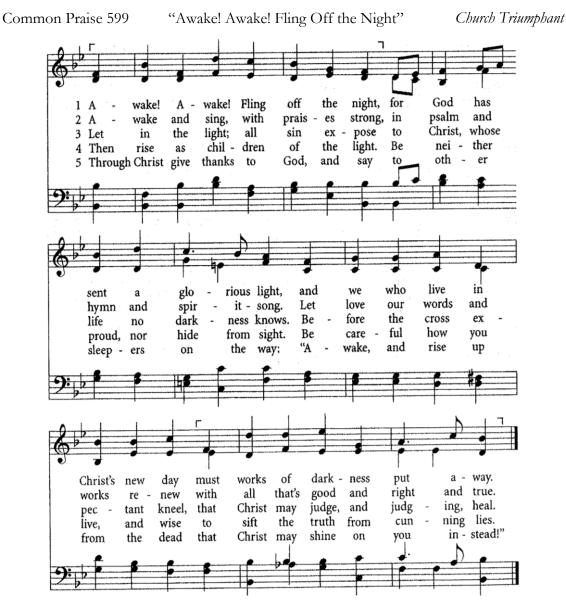
#### **Practice -** Orthopraxy

What act of loving or forgiving do you need to do this week? Be specific, as to person, time and place. Share your resolve with someone else to help you on that path.

## Holy Eucharist

#### Prelude

#### **Opening Hymn**

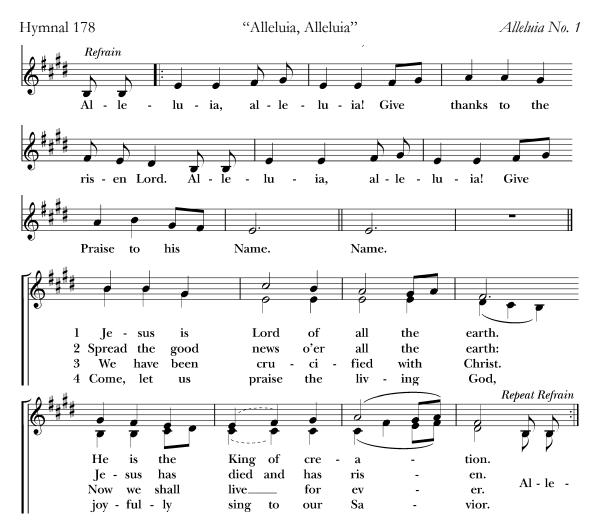


#### **Opening Acclamation**

Please stand as able.

PresiderAlleluia. Christ is risen.AssemblyThe Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

#### Gloria



#### Collect

Presider	God be with you.
Assembly	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.
	Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Assembly	Amen.

#### **First Reading**

Acts 4:32-35

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

#### Psalm

Psalm 133

Read responsively by whole verse, with the reader leading.

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, \* when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head \* that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, \* and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

# 4 It is like the dew of Hermon \* that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: \* life for evermore.

#### Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

A Reading from the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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#### **Gospel Acclamation**



Choir	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Assembly	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Choir	You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord:
	Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe!
Assembly	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All face the Gospel Book.

#### Gospel

John 20:19-31

# GospelerThe Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.AssemblyGlory to you, Lord Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus

said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

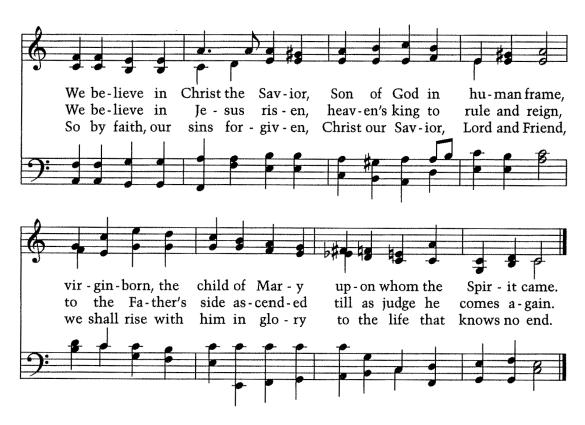
Gospeler	The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows. Creed

Moravian Book of Worship 699 "We Believe in God the Father" Lux Eoi God the Fa-ther, God Al-might - y, be-lieve in by whose plan 2 Christ, who on the cross for-sak-en, like a lamb to slaugh-ter led, God the Spir - it; 3 We be-lieve in in one church, be - low, a - bove: earth and heav - en be - ing, sprang to all cre - at - ed things be - gan. suf - fered un - der to the dead. Pon-tius Pi - late, he de-scend-ed saints of God in ness and love. one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li -



#### Prayers of the People

BCP Form VI, adapted

The Assembly may kneel or stand.

Intercessor	In peace, we pray to you, O God. <i>(Silence)</i>
Assembly	For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
Intercessor	For this community, the nation, and the world;
Assembly	For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Intercessor	For the just and proper use of your creation;
Assembly	For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor Assembly	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Intercessor Assembly	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
Intercessor	For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Paula our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;
Assembly	For all who serve God in his Church.
Intercessor	For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, those who have asked for our prayers, especially:
	<u>Viola</u> Bradshaw <u>Susan</u> Chadd <u>Anna, Ian and</u> their baby <u>Raymond</u> , Fred Johnston'sfriends <u>The people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine</u> <u>All those affected by gun violence</u> <u>The people of Baltimore</u>
Assembly	are there others? ( <i>Silence</i> ) Hear us, O God. <b>For your mercy is great.</b>
Intercessor	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. <i>(Silence)</i> We will exalt you;
Assembly	And praise your Name for ever and ever.
Intercessor	We pray for all who have died, especially Adam Spencer's friend, Brad Schaeffer SJ, that they may have a place in your eternity. <i>(Silence)</i> Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Assembly	Who put their trust in you.

### **Confession and Absolution**

All Creation Sings

Presider	Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Assembly	To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We
	come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and

	remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
Presider	By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
Assembly	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		Anniv	ersaries
4-12	McGavock Cline	4-12	Anne & John Tuohy

# Holy Communion

#### **Offertory Sentence**

PresiderWalk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and<br/>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 Anthem

"Laudamus te"

by WA Mozart

Solo by Valeria Rodrigurez

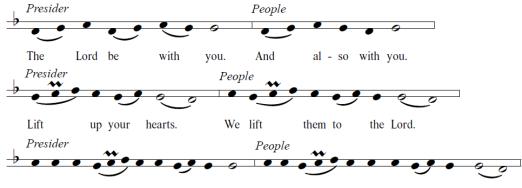
Translation:

We praise Thee, We bless Thee, We adore Thee, We glorify Thee.

#### The Great Thanksgiving

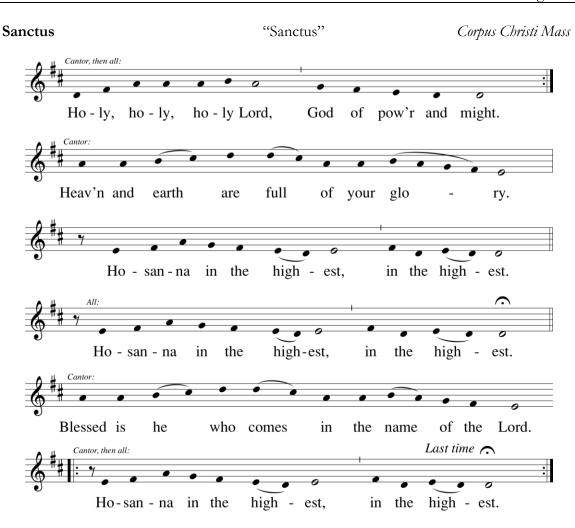
#### All Creation Sings

All stand at the invitation of the Presider



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

*Presider* It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Maglalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



The assembly stands or kneels; the Presider continues:

PresiderBlessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your<br/>covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the<br/>prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that<br/>everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

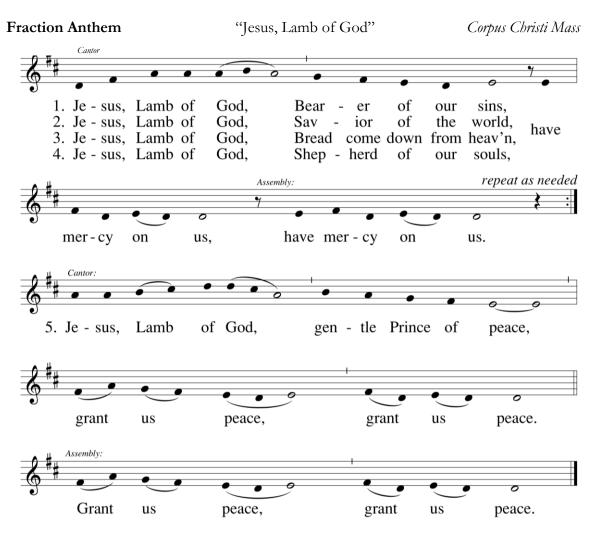
	In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.
	Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; This is my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.
	As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.
Assembly	Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.
Presider	Pour out your Holy Spirit in this meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.
	Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.
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.



#### Invitation to Communion

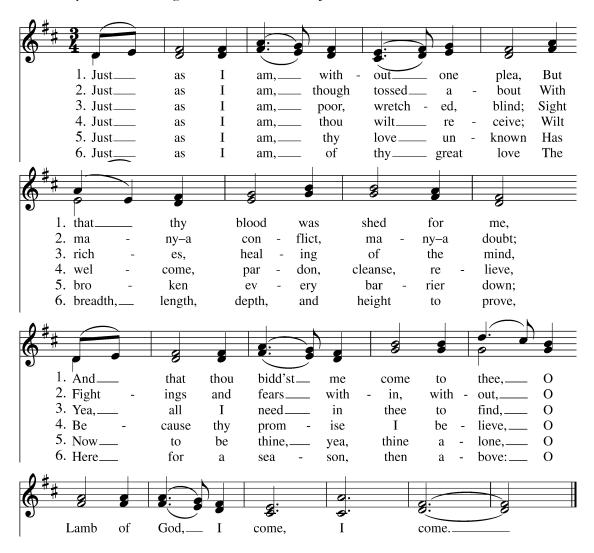
*Presider* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Life Every Voice and Sing 137

"Just As I Am"



#### Post Communion Prayer

*Presider* Let us pray.

Assembly O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Blessing

Presider	The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with
	grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
Assembly	Amen.

#### **Closing Hymn**

Hymnal 209	"We Walk by Faith and Not By Sight"	St. Botolph

(music on the next page.

#### Dismissal

- *Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- Assembly Thanks be to God.

#### Postlude



## Announcements



Misericordia Candy Days is coming this spring on April 26-27 and we'll be celebrating as part of the **Sunday, April 28, 10:00 AM service**. If you are not

familiar, Misericordia is an organization that is home to over 600 residents with intellectual and developmental disabilities on the northside of Chicago and home to **Sarah Cline** who is sister to Polly & Jim Baur and daughter to Linda & Skip Cline and a member of our St. E's community.

St. E's has been an incredible supporter to Candy Days over the years for which we are so grateful. You are able to donate via the QR code & link below.





Thank you for your donation! Polly, Jim, Duke & Rocky Baur

https://secure.frontstream.com/misericordiacandydays2024/participant/PollyBaur\_

## Announcements

**Volunteer with Soup Kitchen** For some 30 years we have been partnering with First United Methodist Church of Evanston to staff a soup kitchen 6 times a year. Typically, we take the second Thursday of every odd numbered month (January, March, etc.). We provide the food and the volunteers to pack and serve that food. The time requirement is not great: either 1-2 hours in the afternoon in Glencoe and/or 2-3 hours in the early evening in Evanston.

We also welcome contributions to the fund to purchase the food. We typically cater to 60-80 diners, serve them a hot dinner and a sack lunch for the next day. We welcome newcomers. Just contact John Tuohy or Susan Newcomb for details, dates, directions and the like.

Volunteers Needed: Have you ever wondered how we get communion set up for each of our church services or why we use different colors for different seasons in the church? Did you know that the Altar Guild has its roots in the most ancient and sacred traditions of Jesus' ministry? And it's not just for women... in fact at several churches Altar Guilds include men, women and even teenagers.



Our Altar Guild at St. Elisabeth is responsible for the preparation of the Altar including setting up communion supplies, changing of the church linens and refilling our candles. It is also an opportunity to work closely with Adam as we set up and clean up after services. It is also a relatively low time commitment and easy way to help our community.

We are now in need of new volunteers to join our small but mighty crew that help with our set up and clean up after our services. If you are interested, please reach out to Polly Baur (polly.baur@gmail.com / 773-818-3738) or Adam.

**Pastoral needs, hospital calls, nursing/rehab and home-bound parishioners:** If you have a pastoral need or emergency and would like to speak to Fr. Spencer, or know of someone who would like to schedule a pastoral visit, please contact Adam by phoning the office at 847-835-0458 and leave a private message in the rector's voicemail. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org

### Announcements

**Family Worship 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.

**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. At the next study, we will be reading Luke chapters 1-2. 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.

**Family Promise** provides free family shelter to families with children – keeping families together during a time of homelessness, unlike other homeless shelters separate families by female/male. Family Promise also offers training, budgeting and other support to help families move from homelessness to success. Because St. Elisabeth cannot house families in our church; we partner with two other churches.

We need volunteers to help cook meals, stay overnight or just help serve meals. Homeless families with children want someone to talk with and someone to interact with their children.

We help three to five times per year for one week at a time. There is a sign-up online for dinners or sleepovers. It is easy, helpful, fulfilling and very efficient. It is good to share a meal with people in need.

For more information, please contact Robert Fischer, Lauren Edelston, Carrie Mygatt or Carla Arnell.

# Assisting Today

First Reading		
Second Reading		
Prayers		
Altar Guild		
Usher		
Coffee Hour		

Duke Baur Susan Newcomb Hall Healy Polly Baur Phil Miller Kara Superfine

# This Week

Monday, April 8	AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Tuesday, April 9	St. E's Book Group (12:00 PM)
	Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM)
Wednesday, April 10	Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)
Thursday, April 11	Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM)
	Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
Friday, April 12	Bible Study (11:00 AM)
	Vestry MMR (6:00 PM)
Saturday, April 13	Family Worship & Potluck Supper (4:30 PM)
	AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

# Up Next

<u>Sunday, April 14</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)
April 18	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)
April 19	Bible Study (11:00 AM)
April 20	Confirmation & Christianity 101 at St. E's (4:30 PM)

# Easter Flowers & Festive Music

Anne & Hall Healy In thanksgiving for Katherine, Dan Maren, Ethan, and Avery Darnell

> *Libby Hinds* In thanksgiving for my family

The Briggs Family In memory of Eleanor & Bill Briggs

Kay & Peter Rossiter In thanksgiving for the birth of our granddaughter Elling Marling Rossiter

> Anne & John Tuohy In thanksgiving for our granddaughters

Robert Sectombe In memory of Charles Seccombe

Barbara & Jamie Ferry In thanksgiving for Ailbhe Ferry

*Phil Miller* In memory of Nancy Miller and in celebration of family

*Joyce Newcomb* In memory of Michael, Charles, and Sarah Newcomb

Carol Heitman and Joyce Newcomb In memory of Alicesnow & Norman Rickards

> Vera Zhurakhovska and Ruslan Trishyn In memory of our parents

Glenna & Bud Foley In thanksgiving for our families

Susan & Larry Whipple In thanksgiving for friends and family

#### The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop

# Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

#### Clergy & Staff

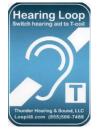
The Rev. Adam Spencer The Rev. Larry Handwerk Walter Aldrich Pam Green Elizabeth Clemmitt Seán Hansen Abigail Pribble

Leslie Alter, *Warden* Carla Arnell Susanne Arnell Robert Fischer Rector Assisting Priest Director of Music Director of Administration Associate for Spiritual Wellness Seminarian Director of Children's Formation

#### 2024 Vestry

Fred Johnston	Ross Shanley-Roberts
Robin Lake, Warden	Kara Superfine
Claire Lesperance	Mark Tilton, Treasurer
Carrie Miller-Mygatt	John Tuohy, asst. Treasurer

#### 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.

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