

St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024 10:00 AM

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



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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...

Everything we thought we knew feels like it is unraveling and we have nowhere to turn but into the center of radical unknowing. Like a physical desert, this seemingly barren space teems with spiritual energy. God lives here, hidden under every stone, flaming from the harsh sun, concealed by the crescent moon. —Mirabai Starr

Practice – Orthopraxy

For the disciples then and in every generation since, the Resurrection of Jesus sends us to a place we've never known. Where are you finding God in this new place?

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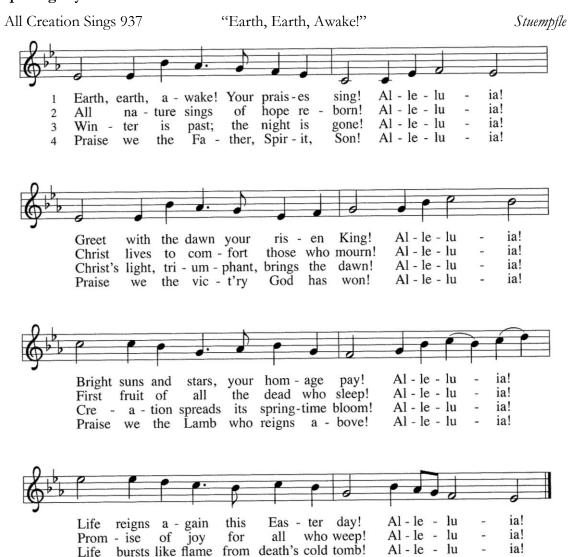
Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing.

Praise we the King whose

Opening Hymn

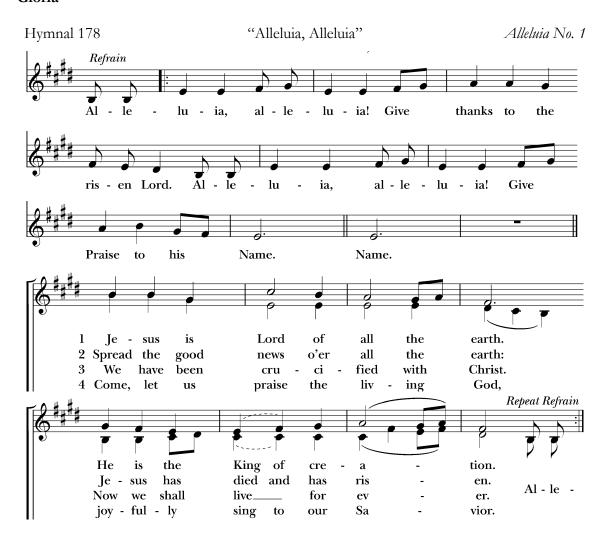


Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Assembly The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Gloria



Collect

Presider God be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Assembly Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading Acts 3:12-19

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated for the Psalm.

Psalm 4



Second Reading 1 John 3:1-7

A Reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



Choir Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Assembly Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Choir Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us;

make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

Assembly Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All face the Gospel Book.

Gospel Luke 24:36b-48

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

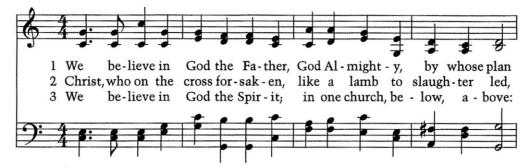
Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows the sermon. Please stand as you are able for the creed and prayers.

Creed

Moravian Book of Worship 699 "We Believe in God the Father" Lux Eoi





Prayers of the People

BCP Form VI, adapted

Intercessor In peace, we pray to you, O God.

(Silence)

For all people in their daily life and work;

Assembly 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 For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

Assembly For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

Assembly 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 Susan Chadd

Anna, Ian and their baby Raymond, Fred Johnston's friends

<u>Daranee</u> Teapthorng Alan Damascus

The people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine

All those affected by gun violence

The people of Baltimore

are there others?... (Silence)

Hear us, O God.

Assembly For your mercy is great.

Intercessor We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(Silence)

We will exalt you;

Assembly And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternity.

(Silence)

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Assembly Who put their trust in you.

Confession and Absolution

All Creation Sings

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
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.
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

Peace

Assembly

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly And also with you.

eternal life.

Amen.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the peace of God. Please be seated for the announcements.

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.

4-15 Ryder Edelston4-16 Will Thornton4-19 Bud Foley	Birthdays		Anniversaries
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Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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

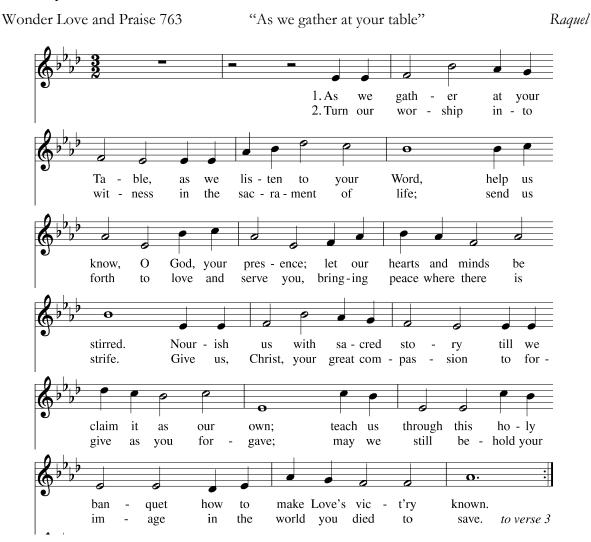
Ephesians 5:2

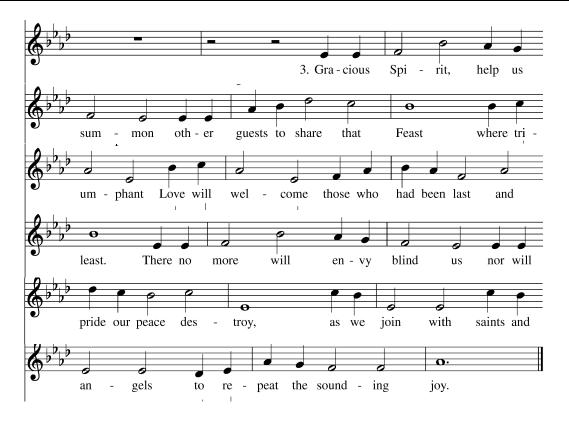
Collection

Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Elisabeth's church. You can leave a donation in the offering plate or use your phone to scan the OR code to donate online.



Offertory Music

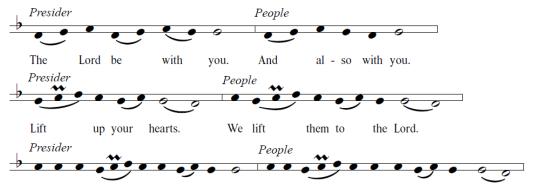




The Great Thanksgiving

All Creation Sings

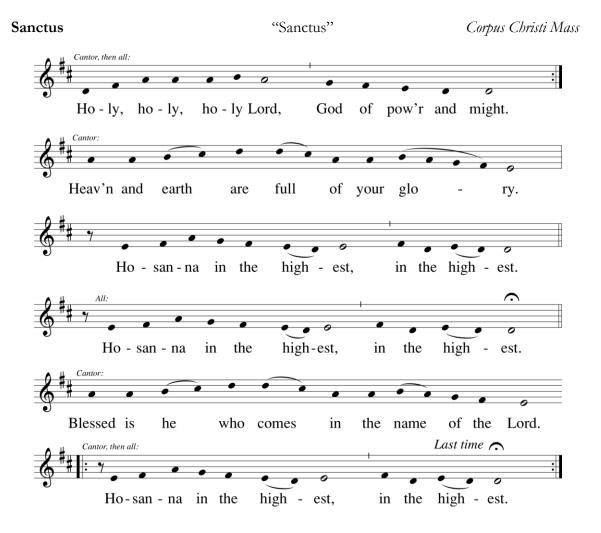
Please stand as you are able.



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 Magdalene 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:



Please remain standing or kneel, as you are able.

Presider

Blessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that 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,

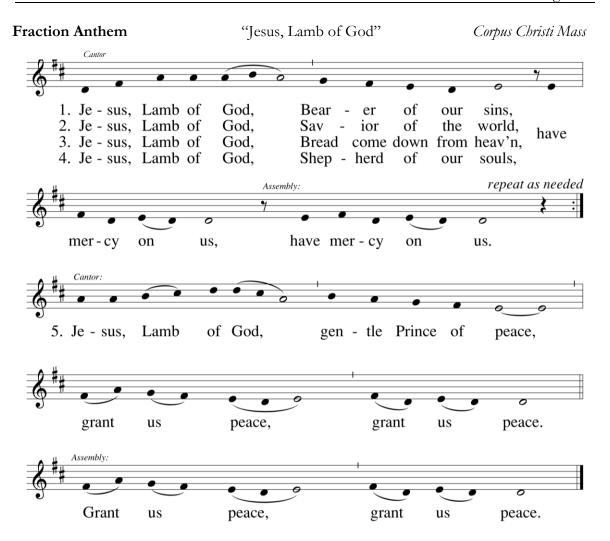
but deliver us from evil.

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, simply cross your arms over your chest.

If you are unable to come forward for any reason,

please inform an usher so our clergy can bring communion to you in the pew.

Music during Communion

All are invited to sing.

Gather 559

"Glory to God who does Wondrous Things"

O Filii et Filiae





- 1. Glo ry to God who does
- 2. See how sal va tion for
- 3. Now in our pres ence the 4. Call us, Good Shep herd, we
- 5. Lord, we are o pen to
- 6. If we have love, then we

won - drous things, all has been won, Lord will ap - pear,

lis - ten for you, all that you say, dwell in the Lord.

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Read - y to , God will pro-



peo - ple God's prais-es now sing, grave our new life has be - gun, fac - es of all of us here, see you in all that we do, lis - ten and fol-low your way, from and sword, tect us fire

All of cre - a - tion in Life now per - fect - ed in Fill us with joy and cast We would the gate of sal -You are the pot - ter and Fill with love and us



splen - dor shall ring: Je - sus, the Son: out all our fear: va - tion pass through: we are the clay: peace of his word:

Al - le - lu - ia!

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

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

Wonder Love and "Will you come and follow me" Mary Alexandra

Praise 757

(music on the next page.)

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Postlude

You are invited to come forward to listen to the postlude. If you need to leave before the conclusion, please do so quietly.

All are invited for coffee hour and conversation down the hall in the dining room immediately following the service. Sunday school for children is offered on the second floor.



Assisting Today

First Reading Kara Superfine

Second Reading Susan Newcomb

Prayers Linda Illes

Altar Guild Lauren Edelston, Carrie Mygatt, Polly Baur

Usher Larry Whipple

Coffee Hour Anne & John Tuohy

This Week

Monday, April 15 AA Meeting (8:00 PM)

Wednesday, April 17 Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)

Thursday, April 18 Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

Friday, April 19 Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Saturday, April 20 Confirmation & Christianity 101 at St. E's (4:30 PM)

AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

Up Next

Sunday, April 21 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 25 Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)

April 26 Bible Study (11:00 AM)

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

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 3-4. 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.

The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop

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Carla Arnell Robin Lake, Warden Susanne Arnell Claire Lesperance

Robert Fischer Carrie Miller-Mygatt Ross Shanley-Roberts

Kara Superfine

Mark Tilton, Treasurer

John Tuohy, asst. Treasurer

Sunday Schedule



Spoken Eucharist: Rite I 8:00 AM

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Choral Eucharist: Rite II

Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School 11:00 AM

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.