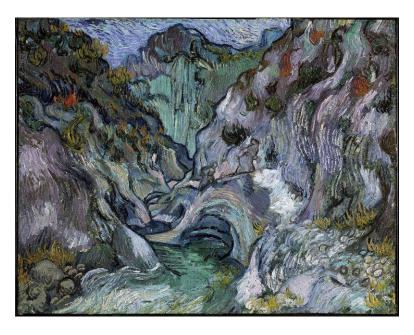


St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024 10:00 AM

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



Ravine by Vincent van Gogh

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....

In Jesus, we see how God stoops to us, meets us on our own plane. Jesus comes to us and bids us follow in ways which are familiar and safe and inviting. Jesus waits on us *where* we are, *how* we are... and yet Jesus points us to a God who is More: always More, in ways beyond which we could have thought or imagined or experienced.

-Br. Curtis Almquist Society of Saint John the Evangelist

Practice – Orthopraxy

Where has the Risen Christ pointed you this Easter season? Have you been led to a God beyond your thought, imagination, or experience? More? Share that with some trusted friend or spiritual guide.

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

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

Opening Hymn

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Hymnal 200 "Come, ye faithful" Gaudeamus pariter Come, ye faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness! 1 the spring of souls to - day: Christ his 'Tis hath burst pri - son, the queen of sea sons, bright with the day of splen - dor, Nei - ther might the of death, the tomb's dark por - tal, gates nor God hath brought his Is - ra - el joy from sad - ness: $_{
m in}$ to and from three days' sleep in death sun hath as a ris - en; with the feast of feasts, roy - al comes its joy to ren - der; watch - ers, nor the seal the hold thee mor - tal: nor as a loosed from Pha - raoh's bit - ter voke Ja - cob's sons daugh-ters, and all the win - ter of fly - ing our sins, long and dark, is Je - ru - sa - lem, comes glad who with true af fec - tion a - midst thine own thou didst stand, be but day stow - ing to led them with un mois-tened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters. from his light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.

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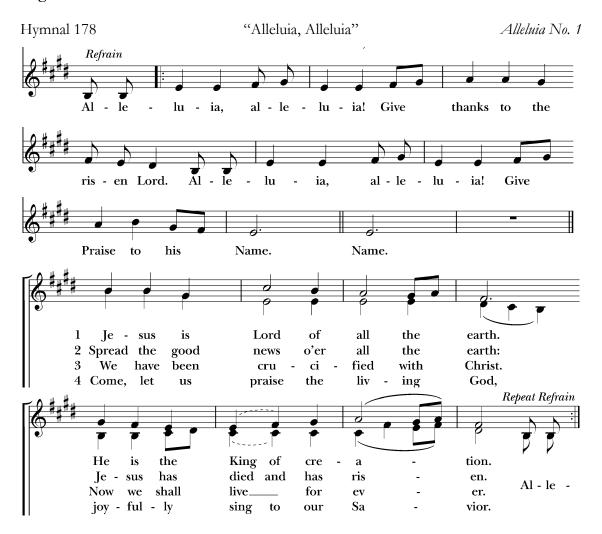
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Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Assembly The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Song of Praise



Collect

Presider God be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns,

one God, for ever and ever.

Assembly Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading Acts 4:5-12

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

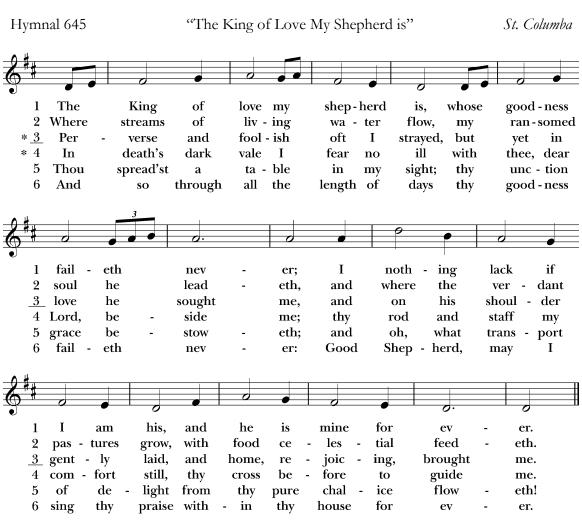
There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated for the Psalm.

Psalm 23



Second Reading 1 John 3:16-24

A Reading from the first letter of John.

We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us-- and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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 I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;

I know my sheep, and mine know me.

Assembly Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All face the Gospel Book.

Gospel John 10:11-18

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

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows. 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

1 We be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, God Al-might - y, by whose plan
2 Christ, who on the cross for-sak-en, like a lamb to slaugh-ter led,
3 We be-lieve in God the Spir-it; in one church, be - low, a - bove:



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:

Viola Bradshaw

Susan Chadd

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

<u>Daranee</u> Teapthorng

Alan Damascus Izzy Thomson

Benjamin Whipple and family

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

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.

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.

Birthdays Anniversaries

4-22 Stephen Kohl 4-25 Barbara & Jim Ferry

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 Anthem

"The Lord is My Shepherd"

by Allen Pote

The Lord is my Shepherd, Nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie In fields of green, Leads me beside still waters.

The Lord is my shepherd, Who restores my life. Leads me in the paths for righteousness, For the sake of the Lord's name.

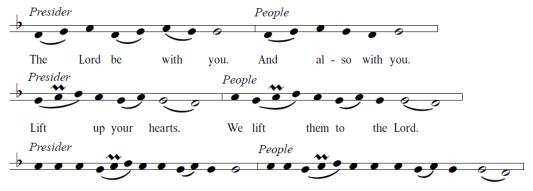
And even though I walk through the valley Of the shadow of the death. I will fear no evil, For you are with me, Your rod and staff will comfort me.

You prepare a table before me, In the presence of my enemies, You anoint my head with oil, My cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy, Shall follow me all the days of my life, And in the house of my God, I will live forever.

The Great Thanksgiving

All Creation Sings

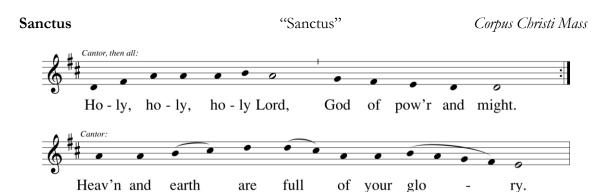
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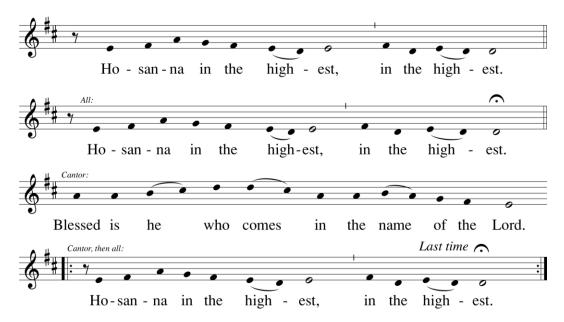


Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanksand praise.

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 sacred 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

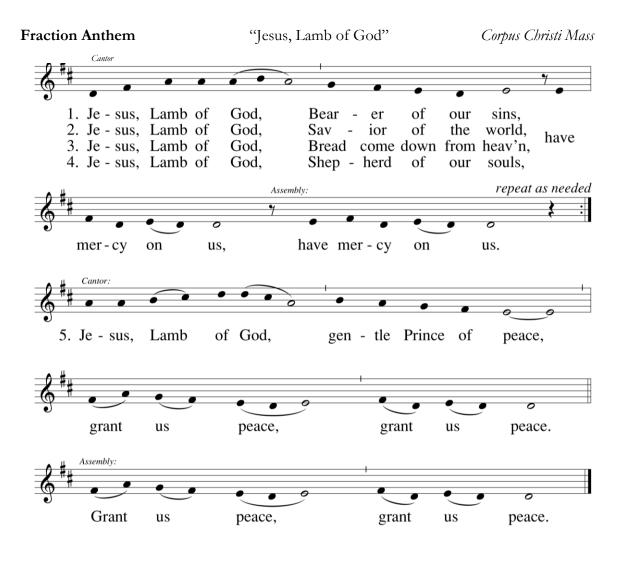
And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Duet

"What wondrous love is this"

Rose Sengenberter Mark Tilton

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul, to lay aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing.

To God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.

And when from death I'm free I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on.

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need" Hymnal 664 Resignation My Shep - herd will need, ho - vah sup ply my through the When Ι walk shades of death, thy pres - ence 3 The sure pro vi - sions of my God at tend me is his Name; in fresh pas tures he is my word of thy sup stay;_ one all my days;_ oh, may thy house be makes me feed be side the liv ing stream. breath drives all port - ing my fears a way.__ bode mine and all work be praise.___ my He brings spi - rit back Ι my wan - dering when for -Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my There would I find sett - led while a rest, o - thers sake his leads for his and me, ways,_ ta ble spread;_ my cup with bless ings and come;_ no more a stran ger go sake, paths of truth grace. mer - cy's in and flows, thy oil noints head._ o ver a my but like child home._ guest, a at or

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.

Assisting Today

First Reading Peter Flynn

Second Reading Susan Newcomb

Prayers John Tuohy

Altar Guild JoAn Anderson, Barb Ferry, Kara Superfine

Usher Chuck Chadd

Coffee Hour Volunteer Needed

Closing Hymn



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.

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

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 5-6. 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.

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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.