



ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

10:00 AM

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



Parable of the Mustard Seed
Cara B Hobkhalter, 2019

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.

Ordinary Time: Creation

The Season after Pentecost is not actually a season with a single common focus, but is simply the weeks between the Day of Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. It is often called “Ordinary Time.” These weeks hold both the slower pace and peaceful quality of summer months and the quicker pace and flurry of activity in the early fall. These are our “ordinary” days, in which we live the Christian faith in our daily lives.

During these weeks, as the liturgical scholar Leonel Mitchell puts it, we celebrate “the time in which we actually live — the period between the Pentecost and the Second Advent.” Two thousand years after the first Pentecost, the church still lives in this “in between” time before the fulfillment of time in Christ’s second coming. You might also hear these weeks called “the long, green season,” referring both to the green color of the vestments and altar hangings for these weeks as well as to the summertime of year in which many of the weeks fall in the northern hemisphere.

After Pentecost we settle into the growing season, nourishing the seeds planted at Easter and putting down roots in our faith.

From Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Entering in

We are a culture of progress and efficiency, impatient with gradual growth. God's way of restoring things interiorly is much more patient--and finally more effective. God lets Jonah run in the wrong direction, but finds a long, painful, circuitous path to get him back where he needs to be--and almost entirely in spite of himself! Looking in this rear-view mirror fills you with gratitude for God's work in your life.

Richard Rohr

Practice (Orthopraxy)

What do you see when you look into the rearview mirror of your life? Where do you see God’s work in you?

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

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

Opening Hymn

Hymnal 8

“Morning has broken”

Bunessan

(Music on the next page)

Unison or harmony

1 Morn-ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing,
 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
 3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing

black-bird has spo - ken like the first bird. _____
 like the first dew - fall on the first grass. _____
 born of the one light E - den saw play! _____

Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
 Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - den,
 Praise with e - la - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,

Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
 sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
 God's re - cre - a - tion of the new day! _____

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Assembly **Amen.**

Song of Praise

Hymnal S236

“Glory to you”

Benedictus es, Domine

1. Glo - ry to you, _____ Lord
 God of our fa - thers; _____ you are wor - thy of praise;
 glo - ry to you. _____ 2. Glo - ry to you _____
 _ for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; _____ we will
 praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. _____
 3. Glo - ry to you _____ in the splen - dor of your
 tem - ple; _____ on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -
ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.
5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the
depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to
you. 6. Glo - ry to you, Fa - ther,
Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

Collect

Presider
Assembly
Presider

God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

Creating God, your reign of love makes all things new. Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts, so that, trusting your word, we may live no longer for ourselves but for him who died and was raised for us, through Jesus the Christ.

Assembly **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

A Reading from the Book of the prophet Ezekiel.

Thus says the Lord God:

I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 92:1-4,11-14

Read responsively by whole verse, with the reader leading.

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

**2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;**

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.

**4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.**

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

**12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;**

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

**14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.**

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-17

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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

Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

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

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

CCS575

“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

Mark 4:26-34

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

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

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

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

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

Sermon

The Rev. Larry Handwerk

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

Creed

"We Believe in God Almighty"

*Aldrich/Spencer**Please stand as you are able.*


We be - lieve in God al - migh - ty, Au - thor of all things that
We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with -

4
be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and
fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied - True Life there had tru - ly
8 in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from

12
sea. We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and
died. We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the
sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's

Christ of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
grave, then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
chain gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that We have claimed.

Prayers of the People

*Common Worship, adapted**Intercessor*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the
Father. Hear our prayers, O Lord our God.

Assembly

Hear us, O God.

Intercessor

Govern and direct your holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it
that unity which is your will.

Assembly

Hear us, O God.

- Intercessor* Enlighten Paula our bishop, all Deputies and Bishops of the General Convention of the Episcopal Church, and all your ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your word.
- Assembly* **Hear us, O God.**
- Intercessor* Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.
- Assembly* **Hear us, O God.**
- Intercessor* Guard and strengthen your servant Joseph our President, that he may put his trust in you, and seek your honor and glory.
- Assembly* **Hear us, O God.**
- Intercessor* Endue the Congress of the United States and all who serve in public office with wisdom and understanding.
- Assembly* **Hear us, O God.**
- Intercessor* Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty, and truth.
- Assembly* **Hear us, O God.**
- Intercessor* Give us the will to use the fruits of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all creation.
- Assembly* **Hear us, O God.**
- Intercessor* Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed
- Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.
- Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**
- Intercessor* Heal the sick in body and mind, and provide for the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute. We pray for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially:
- Susan Chadd
Benjamin Whipple and family
Darance Teapthong
Izzy Thompson
Peg Williams, friend of Larry Handwerk
The people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine

are there others?... (Silence)

Let us pray.

Assembly

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor

Show your pity on prisoners and refugees, and all who are in trouble.

Assembly

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor

Forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers, and turn their hearts.

Assembly

Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor

Hear us as we remember those who have died in the peace of Christ, both those who have confessed the faith and those whose faith is known to you alone, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

Assembly

Lord, have mercy.

Confession and Absolution

New Zealand Prayer Book 458

Presider

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned. I will confess my sins to the Lord. I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

Silence.

God forgives and heals us.

Assembly

We need your healing, merciful God: give us true repentance. Some sins are plain to us; some escape us, some we cannot face. Forgive us; set us free to hear your word to us; set us free to serve your.

Presider

God forgives you. Forgive others; forgive yourself. Through Christ, God has put away your sin: approach your God in peace.

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

6-10 Jim Ferry
6-14 Elizabeth Tilton-Kohl
6-15 Skip Cline

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

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Offertory Hymn

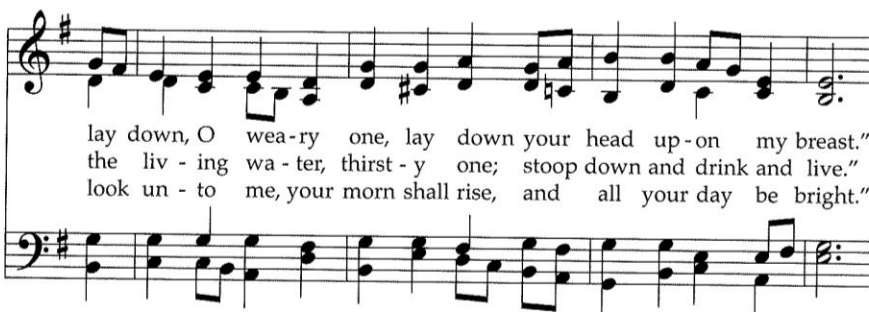
Glory to God 182

“I Heard the Voice”

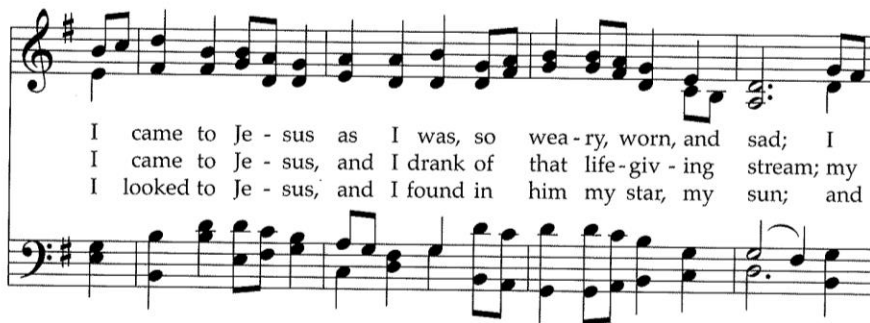
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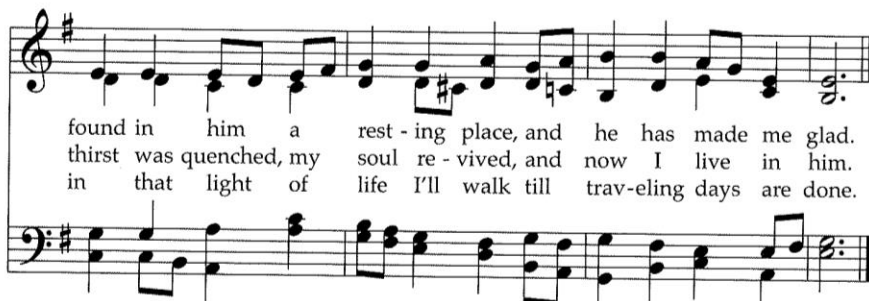
1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad; I
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream; my
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun; and



found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
in that light of life I'll walk till trav - eling days are done."

The Great Thanksgiving

All Creation Sings

Please stand as you are able.

Presider The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanksand praise.

Presider O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life. Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay, the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light. Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:

Sanctus

All Creation Sings 1089

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Argentine Santo

(Music on the next page)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of might and mer - cy,

your glo - ry fills all heav-en and earth. . . . You are ho - ly, God.

. . . Bless - ed be the Sav-ior, the one who comes in your name.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. You are ho - ly, God.

Presider

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer. In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection. Broken like bread, he enlivens our body. Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness. Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song;

Assembly

The earth is full of your glory.

Presider We praise you for the heart of Jesus, so filled with your love for this earth.
 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.
 Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song;

Assembly **The earth is full of your glory.**

Presider O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead. Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth. Strengthen us for our journey with this holymeal, the body and blood of Christ. Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth. Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:

Assembly **The earth is full of your glory. 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

Glory to God 498

“Loaves Were Broken”

Beach Spring

The musical score is written on five staves in a 3/8 time signature with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The melody is simple and hymn-like. Chord symbols are placed above the staff: r, Dm, Bb, Dm, Bb, and F. The lyrics are: "Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here. Jesus speaks across the ages: 'I am with you; do not fear!' By your body broken for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord."

Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in faith we
gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the a - ges: "I am
with you; do not fear!" By your bod - y bro - ken
for us, by your wine of life out-poured, Je - sus, feed a -
gain your peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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.

All Creation Sings 975

“O God, Whose Word Well Planted”



1 O God, whose word well-plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold,
2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac - es grant - ed to those who sowed of old,
at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant - ing be in vain.
will test with truth the proud - est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
Send show - ers of your Spir - it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free - dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
and love and joy will flour - ish to clothe the earth with peace.

Post Communion Prayer

All Creation Sings

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly **Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory. Through Christ, and with all your saints we offer ourselves and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ, the servant, our friend and brother. Amen.**

Blessing

Presider The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

Hymnal 657

“Love Divine all Loves Excelling”

Hyfrydol

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Love Divine all Loves Excelling". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The music is in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with some accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff, with three verses of text. The first verse is "1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to", the second is "2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy", and the third is "3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less". The music ends with a final cadence in the treble clef.

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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	Zuzu Arnell
Second Reading	Carla Arnell
Prayers	Hall Healy
Altar Guild	JoAn Anderson, Glenna Foley
Usher	John Tuohy
Coffee Hour	<i>Volunteer Needed</i>

This Week

Monday, June 17	AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Thursday, June 20	Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM)
Friday, June 21	Zoom Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Saturday, June 22	AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

Up Next

<u>Sunday, June 23</u>	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM)
<u>Pride Sunday</u>	Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM)
	Pride Picnic (11:00 AM)
June 27	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)
June 28	Zoom Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Announcements

St. Elisabeth's Pride Sunday is June 23!

Please join us for the 10:00 AM service featuring special prayers and music followed by fun and games and a sumptuous picnic hosted by Team LGBTQ.

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 The St. E's Bible Study group meets weekly on **Fridays at 11:00 am**. During the summer months, we will be reading the Acts of the Apostles **on Zoom** beginning June 7th and continuing through the first Friday in September. (Following the missionary journeys of Paul as we embark on our own summer adventures) The Zoom link is available in the weekly parish e-news. We will return to in-person meetings on September 13th. For more information, contact Larry Whipple. This week we are reading Acts Chapters 5-6.

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.

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.

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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

Summer Office Hours June, July and August

Tuesday by appointment, Wednesday, and Thursday 12:00 PM to 4:00 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.*