



# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

July 14, 2024

10:00 AM

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



*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**

The prophet Amos’ “simple image of a plumb line against a crooked wall sends a powerful message to [his] crumbling nation. Crippled by the negative consequences of its economic success and misaligned by its religious idolatry, Amos attempts to re-center the people of Israel to right relationship with one another and with Yahweh.” -- *Walter Brueggeman*

## **Practice (Orthopraxy)**

How does Amos’ plumb line affect you when looking at the news, your neighborhood, our nation? What helps you to “re-center” yourself in the midst of our current political, social and religious issues? Take time to talk about this with a friend.

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

## The Word of God

### Prelude

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

### Opening Hymn

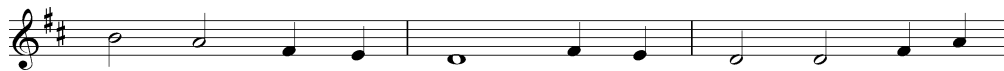
Hymnal 686

“Come thou font”

*Nettleton*



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



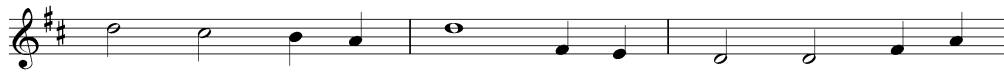
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

## 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 376

“Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee”

*Hymn to Joy*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

I Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;  
hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;  
giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.

## Collect

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Steadfast God, your prophets set the plumb line of your righteousness and truth in the midst of your people. Grant us the courage to judge ourselves against that standard. Straighten all that is crooked or warped within us until our hearts and souls stretch upright, blameless and holy, to meet the glory of Christ, in whose Name we pray.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

**First Reading**

Amos 7:7-15

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Amos.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel;  
I will never again pass them by;  
the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate,  
and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste,  
and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword,  
and Israel must go into exile  
away from his land.' "

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

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

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

**The Psalm**

Psalm 85

*Read responsively by whole verse, with the reader leading.*

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people  
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

**Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

**Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.**

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

**Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.**

## **Second Reading**

Ephesians 1:3-14

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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

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

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Gospel Acclamation

Moravian Book of Worship 441

“May the Grace of Christ our Savior”

*Stuttgart*

1 May the grace of Christ our Sav-ior and the Fa-ther's bound-less love,  
2 May we now re - main in un-ion with each oth - er and the Lord,

with the Ho - ly Spir - it's fa - vor rest up - on us from a - bove.  
and pos - sess, in sweet com - mun - ion, joys that earth can - not af - ford.

*All face the Gospel Book.*

## Gospel

Mark 6:14-29

*Gospeler  
Assembly*

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

*Gospeler  
Assembly*

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**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**

"We Believe in God Almighty"

*Aldrich/Spencer*

*Please stand as you are able.*

*(Music on the next page)*



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

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

12  
 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, 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*  
*Assembly*

Guide the leaders of the nations into the ways of peace and justice.  
**Hear us, O God.**

*Intercessor*  
*Assembly*

Guard and strengthen your servant Joseph our President, that he may put his trust in you, and seek your honor and glory.  
**Hear us, O God.**

*Intercessor*  
*Assembly*

Endue the Congress of the United States and all who serve in public office with wisdom and understanding.  
**Hear us, O God.**

*Intercessor*  
*Assembly*

Bless those who administer the law, that they may uphold justice, honesty, and truth.  
**Hear us, O God.**

*Intercessor*  
*Assembly*

Give us the will to use the fruits of the earth to your glory, and for the good of all creation.  
**Hear us, O God.**

*Intercessor*  
*Assembly*

Help and comfort the lonely, the bereaved and the oppressed  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*Intercessor*  
*Assembly*

Keep in safety those who travel, and all who are in danger.  
**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:

Benjamin Whipple and family  
Crystal Olson, mother of Mark Tilton  
Anne Tuohy  
Walter Tuohy, John Tuohy's brother  
Karin Youngberg, aunt of Carla Arnell  
Izzy Thomson  
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, especially Faye Handwerk Harper and Bee Butler Jameson, and grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.  
*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**

## Confession and Absolution

*New Zealand Prayer Book*

*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 you.**

*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

7-17 David Graver  
7-18 Ross Shanley-Roberts

#### Anniversaries

7-19 Bud & Glenna Foley

## 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 QR code to donate online.*



### Offertory Hymn

Moravian Book of Worship 456

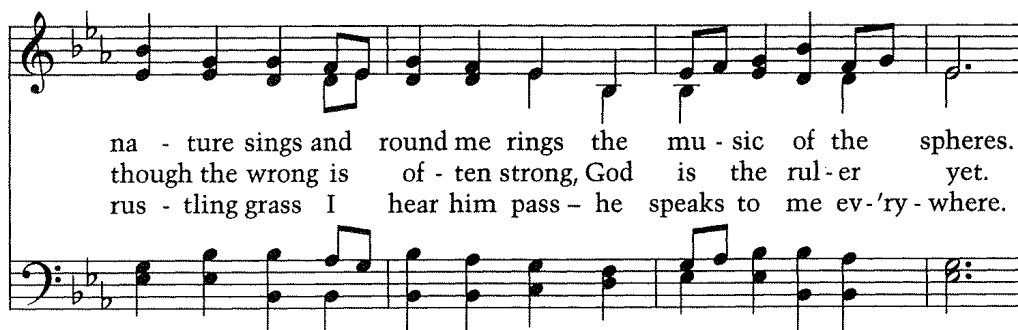
“This is My Father’s World”

*Terra Beata*

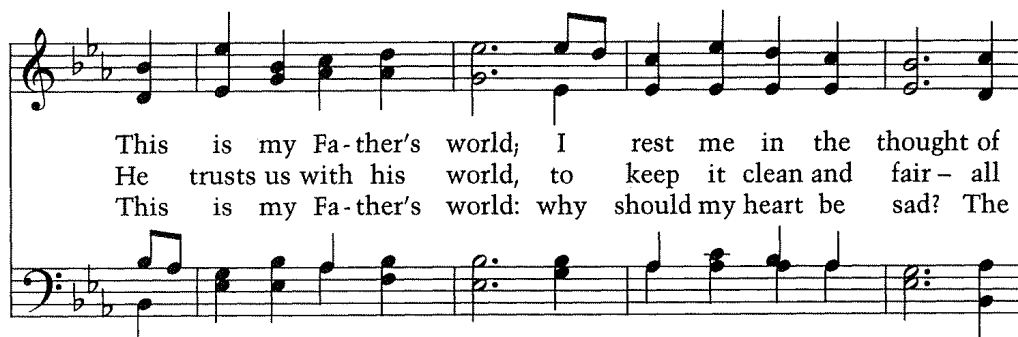
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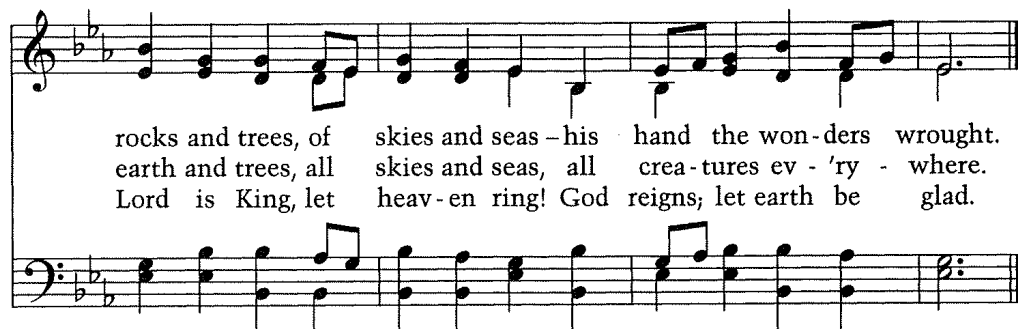
1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all  
 2 This is our Fa-ther's world: O let us not for - get that  
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in



na - ture sings and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.  
 though the wrong is of - ten strong, God is the rul - er yet.  
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass - he speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.



This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of  
 He trusts us with his world, to keep it clean and fair - all  
 This is my Fa-ther's world: why should my heart be sad? The



rocks and trees, of skies and seas - his hand the won - ders wrought.  
 earth and trees, all skies and seas, all crea - tures ev - 'ry - where.  
 Lord is King, let heav - en ring! God reigns; let earth be glad.



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 holy meal, 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*



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 blood 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.*

Hymnal 488

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Slane*



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;  
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,



all else be nought to me, save that thou art—  
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!



thou my best thought, — by day or by night,  
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;  
Heart of my heart, — what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.  
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

## 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, 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

Glory to God 14

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

*Dix*

*(Music on the next page)*

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,  
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,  
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,  
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,  
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;

for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:  
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:  
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:  
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:  
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

*Refrain*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful 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	Peter Flynn
Second Reading	Larry Whipple
Prayers	Susan Whipple
Altar Guild	JoAn Anderson, Barb Ferry, Kara Superfine
Usher	Larry Whipple
Coffee Hour	Joyce Newcomb

## This Week

Monday, July 15	AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Thursday, July 18	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)
Friday, July 19	Zoom Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Saturday, July 20	AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

## Up Next

<u>Sunday, July 21</u>	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM)
	Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM)
	Coffee Hour, Forum, Children's Sunday School (11:00 AM)
July 25	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)
July 26	Zoom Bible Study (11:00 AM)

## Announcements

**Weekday Worship:** 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 13 & 14.

**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](mailto:rector@steglencoe.org).

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**2024 Vestry**

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**Sunday Schedule**

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



**Office Hours**

Tuesday - Thursday – 9:00 am to 12:00 noon

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