



# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

*The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 20*

September 24, 2023

10:00 AM

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



*The generous land owner and the grumbling workers  
By "liberation painter," Maximino Cerezo Barredo 1973*

*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.

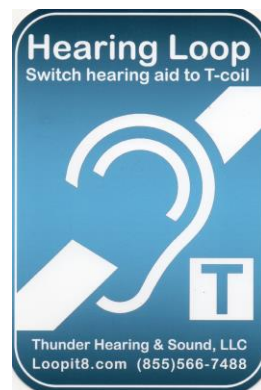
*From Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

## Entering in...

“Gratitude and generosity are similar virtues, but they differ in that gratitude is an internal characteristic and generosity is our external expression of our sense of gratitude. Basically, gratitude is how we feel, and generosity is how we express that feeling out in the world.”  
Doug Good Feather, Lakota author and activist

*Practice...*

Make a list of several things for which you are most grateful. How does your generosity match up with those things for which you are grateful?



# Holy Eucharist

## Prelude

## Opening Hymn

Hymn 404

"We will extol you"

*Old 124<sup>th</sup>*

1 We will ex - tol you, ev - er - bless - ed Lord; your ho - ly  
 2 Age shall to age pass on the end - less song, tell - ing the  
 3 You, Lord, are gra - cious, mer - ci - ful to all, close to your

Name for ev - er be a - dored; each day we live our  
 won - ders which to you be - long, your might - y acts with  
 chil - dren when on you they call; and slow to an - ger,

psalm to you we raise; you, God and King, are wor - thy of all  
 joy and fear re - late; praise we your glo - ry while on you we  
 mer - ci - ful and kind, in your com - pas - sion we your bless - ings

praise, great and un - search - a - ble in all your ways.  
 wait, glad in the know - ledge of your love so great.  
 find. We love you with our heart and strength and mind.

**Opening Acclamation**

*Presider* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*Assembly* **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

**Collect**

*Presider* God be with you.

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

God of mercy, all creation sings your praise. Like the vineyard owner, your grace is extravagant and unexpected. Lead us to repentance and the acceptance of your grace, that we may witness to your love, which embraces both those we call friend and those we call stranger through Jesus the Christ.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading**

Jonah 3:10-4:11

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah.

When God saw what the people of Nineveh did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?"

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

## **Psalm**

Psalm 145:1-8

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

1 I will exalt you, O God my King, \*  
and bless your Name for ever and ever.

**2 Every day will I bless you \*  
and praise your Name for ever and ever.**

3 Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; \*  
there is no end to his greatness.

**4 One generation shall praise your works to another \*  
and shall declare your power.**

5 I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty \*  
and all your marvelous works.

**6 They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, \*  
and I will tell of your greatness.**

7 They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness; \*  
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.

**8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

**Second Reading**

Philippians 1:21-30

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

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

*All stand.*







## Prayers of the People

*From Common Worship*

*The Assembly may kneel or stand.*

*Intercessor* In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

*Assembly* **Lord hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Almighty God, you promised through your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

*Assembly* **Lord hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Strengthen Paula our Bishop and all your church in the service of Christ, that those who confess your name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

*Assembly* **Lord hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Bless and guide Joseph our President; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that we may honor one another, and seek the common good.

*Assembly* **Lord hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors, that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

*Assembly* **Lord hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor* Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, especially

Pat Keeley, Adriene Zimmerman's brother-in-law  
Doug Willard, Adriene Zimmerman's brother-in-law  
Cheryl Porter, Adrienne Zimmerman's friend  
Elinor Keehn, Kay Rossiter's grand niece  
Bishop Michael Curry  
Maria McClurg, Michael McClurg's mother  
Janet Mygatt, Courtney Mygatt's mother  
Aidan Thomson  
Izzy Thomson

give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of your salvation

*Assembly*      **Lord hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*      Hear us as we remember those who have died, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom.

*Assembly*      **Lord hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*      Rejoicing in the fellowship of blessed Elisabeth and of all your saints, we commend ourselves and the whole creation to your unfailing love.

*Assembly*      **Lord hear our prayer.**

*Presider*      Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts, though Christ our Savior.

*Assembly*      **Amen.**

## Confession

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Presider*      Let us confess our sins to God.

*Assembly*      **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

## Absolution

*Presider*      Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

*Assembly*      **Amen.**

## Peace

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

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

*Please offer one another a sign of God's Peace.*

## Welcome and Announcements

### Birthdays

9-29 Eve Thornton

9-29 Rocky Baur

### Anniversaries

*Those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.*

## Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries

*Presider* God, thank you for the days of our lives: Look with joy, we pray, on N. and all celebrating birthdays as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

*Presider* God of our strength and joy, we thank you for the love we witness between two people because through their love for each other we get a glimpse of the love you have for each and every one of us. Through the power of your spirit may N.& N. live in fidelity and peace and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who seek and love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## 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**

*If you are financially able to support the mission of St. Elisabeth's, please put your offering in the collection plate as it is passed.*

*To make an online offering using your phone, look to the right on the menu bar of our home page at [www.steglencoe.org](http://www.steglencoe.org) for "Giving" or you can use this QR code as a shortcut.*

**Offertory Anthem**

*"Alleluia" from Exultate Jubilate*

*by W. A. Mozart*

*Solo by Valeria Rodriguez*

**Doxology***Please stand as able.*

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all

creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host:

praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving***Enriching Our Worship 1**All stand at the invitation of the Presider**Presider*        The Lord be with you*Assembly*        **And also with you.***Presider*        Lift up your hearts.*Assembly*        **We lift them to the Lord.***Presider*        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*Assembly*        **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Presider*        We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

### Sanctus

LEVAS 255

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

*Traditional*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly

ho - ly Lord God of hosts.

Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo -

ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature has one flat (F major or D minor), and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav - en and earth are filled with your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est."

Bless-ed is He who comes in the name

of the Lord, of the Lord.

Ho - san - na in the high -

est, ho - san - na in the high - est



*Presider*

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Elisabeth and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

*Assembly***Amen.**

## Lord's Prayer

*Presider* As Jesus taught his friends, as his friends we now pray,

*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.*

*Presider* The gifts of God, for the people of God.

*All are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing.*

*Gluten-free host available upon request.*

*If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest.*

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Adapted from Saint Augustine's Prayer Book*

*By The Rev. Mandy Brady*

*For congregation members not comfortable receiving communion in-person  
and for those participating online, we invite you at this time to pray this prayer for Spiritual Communion.*

*Jesus, in union with the faithful of every place and people and nation, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I believe that you are truly present in the Bread that has been blessed, broken and given. Since I cannot now receive this holy sacrament, I pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Abide with me, that I may embrace you entirely, and submit myself to your love and mercy. Let me never be separated from you, that in my waking and in my sleeping I may know the comfort of your presence. I ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.*

## Communion Music

Hymnal 660

"O Master, let me walk with thee"

*Maryton*

1 O Mas - ter, let me walk with thee in low - ly  
 2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear,  
 3 Teach me thy pa - tience; still with thee in clos - er,  
 4 in hope that sends a shin - ing ray far down the

paths of ser - vice free; tell me thy se - cret;  
 win - ning word of love; teach me the way - ward  
 dear - er com - pa - ny, in work that keeps faith  
 fu - ture's broad - ening way, in peace that on - ly

help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.  
 feet to stay, and guide them in the home - ward way.  
 sweet and strong, in trust that tri - umphs o - ver wrong,  
 thou canst give, with thee, O Mas - ter, let me live.

**Post Communion Prayer***Common Worship**Presider* Let us pray.

*Assembly* **Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**Blessing***Common Worship*

*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.**

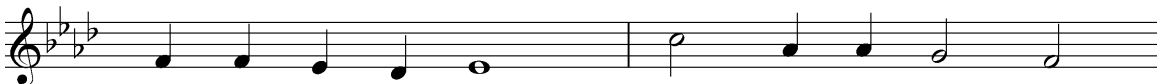
**Closing Hymn**

Hymn 541

“Come, labor on”

*Ora Labora*

1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my	is	
<u>3</u>	Come,	la - bor	on.	A -	way	with	gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
<u>3</u>	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1 waves the gold - en grain?                      And to each ser - vant  
 2 snatch the seed a - way;                      while we in sleep our  
 3 may do ser - vice here:                      by feeb - lest a - gents  
 4 Gos - pel glad - ness bear:                      re - deem the time; its  
 5 o'er our path - way lie,                      and a glad sound comes



1 does the Mas - ter say, "Go work to - day."  
 2 du - ty have for - got, he slum - bered not.  
 3 may our God ful - fill his right - eous will.  
 4 hours too swift - ly fly. The night draws nigh.  
 5 with the set - ting sun, "Ser - vants, well done."

## Dismissal

*Presider*                      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Postlude

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:** The Dioceses of Province Five: Indianapolis; Northern Indiana; Eau Claire; Northern Michigan; Western Michigan; Chicago; And for our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk

### Assisting Today

First Reading	Kara Superfine
Second Reading	Susan Newcomb
Prayers	Peter Rossiter
Altar Guild	Polly Baur
Usher	Larry Whipple
Coffee Hour	<i>Volunteers needed</i>

### This Week

Monday, September 25	AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Thursday, September 28	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)
Friday, September 29	Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Saturday, September 30	Confirmation at St. Gregory's (10:00 AM)

### Up Next

<u>Sunday, October 1</u>	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM)
	Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM)
October 5	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)
	Choir Rehearsal (7:00 PM)
October 6	Bible Study (11:00 AM)

## Announcements

**Weekday Worship:** Come join Adam before work or school for a short service of Holy Communion with a brief homily on the readings assigned for the day. We will have a weekly weekday morning celebration of the Spoken Eucharist Rite II at **7:30 AM every Thursday**.

**This summer's Last outdoor worship date is:**

### **October 1 – The Blessing of the Animals**

Bring a favorite lawn chair, if you'd like, and join us on the parish lawn as we praise God in God's Creation. ***PLEASE NOTE:*** the 10:00 AM service will not be streamed or recorded. The 8:00 am service will be streamed as usual.

**St. Elisabeth's Bible Study** Our brand-new St. E's Bible Study group will meet weekly in person, **Fridays at 11:00 AM** in the Guild Room. We will be reading through entire books of the Bible beginning with Genesis and Exodus. For more information, contact Mark Tilton.

**SAVE THE DATE:** St. Elisabeth's Legacy Society Members This year's dinner will be Sunday night, **October 29** at Skokie Country Club at **5:30 PM** -- Invitations will go out in the mail. We have 24 members now and are looking forward to adding new members to our list. The dinner is a THANK YOU for members who have made gift donations or financial commitments in the present or in future to support the continued life of the church. Funds as collected are deposited in the Baehr Legacy Fund. For more information contact: The Rev. Adam Spencer or Anne Tuohy

**The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago**The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, *Bishop***Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church****Clergy & Staff**

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The Rev. Larry Handwerk	<i>Assisting Priest</i>
Walter Aldrich	<i>Director of Music</i>
Pam Green	<i>Director of Administration</i>
Elizabeth Clemmitt	<i>Associate for Spiritual Wellness</i>
Seán Hansen	<i>Seminarian</i>

**Vestry**

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Lizzy Arnell	Carrie Miller-Mygatt	Mark Tilton
Robert Fischer	Susan Newcomb	John Tuohy, <i>asst. Treasurer</i>

**Sunday Schedule**

8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist: Rite I  
 10:00 AM Choral Eucharist: Rite II

**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.*