

St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 24

October 22, 2023

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



Roman Coin of Caesar Augustus: 1st century In the Bibliothèque nationale, Paris, France

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.

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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...

If your former experience of "God" no longer has enough meaning for you, if it's too small, too pedestrian, too local – then translate it. Find some new language to speak out of the depths of your life. Get in touch with the source of being which is your ultimate concern; get in touch with what you take seriously and without reservation.

Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE

Practice

Is there anything for you to let go of in your relationship to God. Some thought, some belief, some experience which you've hung on to from the past which is no longer the way? To whom are you really paying "taxes"?



The Holy Eucharist

"All my hope on God is founded"

Michael

Prelude

Opening Hymn

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Hymnal 665

All my hope on God is found - ed: doth still my Mor - tal pride and earth - ly glo sword and crown be ry, 3 God's great good-ness e'er his wis - dom en dur eth, deep Dai - ly doth the al might - y Giv boun - teous gifts on 5 Still from earth to God sac - ri - fice ter nal of 1 trust re new, me through change and chance he 2 tray though our trust; with care and toil we 3 pass ing thought: splen dor. life light, and at 4 us be stow; his de sire soul de our 5 praise be done, high bove all prais es 1 guid - eth, on - ly good and on ly true. God un 2 build them, tower and tem ple fall dust. But God's to 3 tend him, beau - ty spring - eth out of Ev - er nought. 4 light - eth, plea - sure leads us where we go. Love doth 5 prais - ing Christ doth for the gift of Christ, his son.

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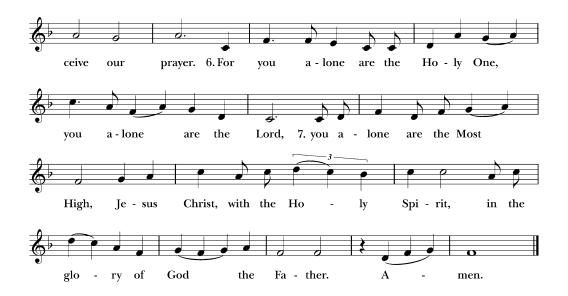
Opening Acclamation

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

Assembly Glory to God forever and ever.

Gloria





Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Holy One of the teasing riddle, whose questions undo our certainty and set us on a different path: give us a heart of passion, a searching mind, gentle strength of body and unseen depths of soul, so that we might love you wholly and our neighbor as ourselves; through Jesus Christ, the law of grace.

Assembly Amen.

Please be seated for the lessons.

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Word of God

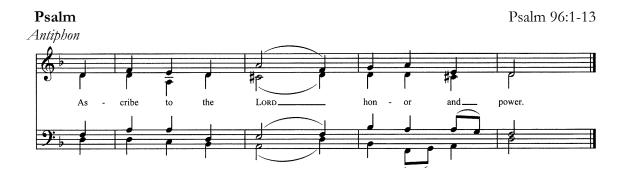
First Reading Isaiah 45:1-7

A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him--and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.



1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.
2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.

Antiphon

3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.
4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.

Antiphon

5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.

6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!

Antiphon

7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.
8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.
9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.

Antiphon

10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved;
he will judge the peoples with equity."

11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad;
let the sea thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.

Antiphon

12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.

13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.

Antiphon

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Stand for the Gospel, as able.

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia, alleluia"

Alleluia



Choir
Assembly
Cantor
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Your word is truth, O Lord:
consecrate us in the truth.
Assembly
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All face the Gospel Book.

Gospel Matthew 22:15-22

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

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows.

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Lux eoi

Creed

Moravian Book "We believe in God the Father" of Worship 699 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: earth and heav - en all cre - at - ed sprang to be - ing, things be - gan. suf - fered un - der Pon-tius Pi - late, he de-scend-ed to the dead. saints of God in one com - mu - nion, one in ho - li - ness and love. We be-lieve in Christ the Sav-ior, Son of God in hu-man frame, We be-lieve in Je - sus ris - en, heav-en's king to rule and reign, So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav-ior, Lord and Friend, vir - gin - born, the child of Mar - y up - on whom the Spir - it came. to the Fa-ther's side as-cend-ed till as judge he comes a-gain. we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

Prayers of the People

Common Worship

Intercessor Let us give thanks to God, the God of all peoples of the earth. For the

color and forms of your creation and our place within it, we bring our

thanks, good Lord:

Assembly Your mercy endures for ever.

Intercessor For our daily food, and for those whose work and skill bring your good

gifts to us, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

Assembly Your mercy endures for ever.

Intercessor For the gifts and graces inspired in human minds and hearts; for insight

and imagination, for the skills of research which bring healing and fulfilment to the lives of many; we bring our thanks, good Lord:

Assembly Your mercy endures for ever.

Intercessor For the light and shades of the changing seasons, and their variety and

dependability; for new life and growth out of barrenness and decay; we bring

our thanks, good Lord:

Assembly Your mercy endures for ever.

Intercessor For all in whose lives we see goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience and

humility, and all the fruits of the Spirit, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

Assembly Your mercy endures for ever.

Intercessor For the life we have been given, and for all those whom you have given us

to share it with, we bring our thanks, good Lord:

Assembly Your mercy endures for ever.

Intercessor We pray for the Diocese of Chicago and Paula our bishop, for Michael our

Presiding Bishop, for Justin Archbishop of Canterbury, and we give thanks

for the Anglican Communion around the world. Lord of all fellowship:

Assembly Your mercy endures for ever.

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Intercessor

We pray for governments and aid agencies and their leaders, and those areas of the world where there is disaster, drought and starvation. For the agencies and ministries which our congregation supports: Interfaith Action Soup Kitchen, Family Promise, New Trier Township Food Pantry, and Orphans of the Storm. By the grace of your Spirit, touch our hearts, and the hearts of all who live in comfortable plenty, and make us wise stewards of your gifts. Lord of all justice:

Assembly

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We pray for those who are sick and suffering, and for those who have asked for our prayers, especially:

Leslie Alter

Walter Tuohy, John Tuohy's brother

<u>Linda</u> Staubitz Peter Staubitz

Trude Roselle, Kay Rossiter's friend

Bishop Michael Curry

The people of Israel and Palestine

are there others?...

Lord of all compassion:

Assembly

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We remember those who have died, particularly for those we now name silently or aloud.

The assembly may share aloud or silently.

We entrust them to your eternal love in the hope of resurrection to new life. Lord of all peace:

Assembly

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

We offer ourselves to your service, asking that by the Spirit at work in us others may receive a rich harvest of love and joy and peace. Lord of all faithfulness:

Assembly

Hear our prayer.

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 live.

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.

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Welcome and Announcements

Birthdays		Anniversaries
10-24	Jill Ernst-McOmber	
10-25	Deidre McClurg	
10-27	Sam Badger	
10-28	Annie Thornton	

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.

Stewardship Testimonial

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 or use the QR code to donate online.



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Offertory Anthem

"Come to Us"

by Rory Cooney Sung by the St. Elisabeth's Choir

Come to me, come to us, you who are burdened.

Come to the word, and come to the meal.

Come without question or pressure or price:

Come, be embraced by the body of Christ.

Come to me, come to us, pilgrim or stranger, Looking for change, or challenge, or light. We are the people whose calling is care, Bearers of mercy, nourished in prayer.

Come to me, come to us, broken or building.
Come with your children, your choices, your chains.
All are invited to friendship or rest,
to share in our struggle, Our call and our quest.

Doxology

Please stand as able.



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Great Thanksgiving

Common Worship

Presider God 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 Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

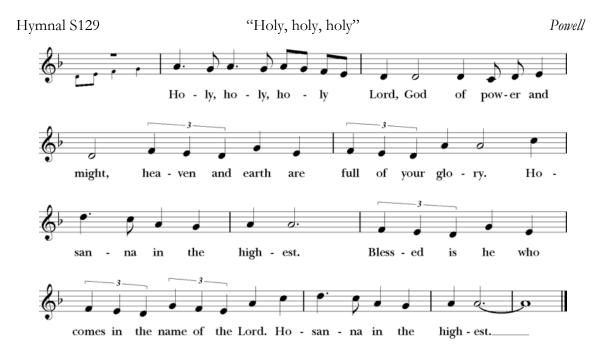
You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds. You give us the fish in the sea, the birds of the air, and every plant and tree; the life that sleeps in the winter earth, and awakens again in the spring. You give us your love, even when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain. Through him you wipe

away our tears, and fill us with your peace. You give us happy times and things to celebrate. In these we taste your kingdom, a feast for all your

children.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels and sing your praise:

Sanctus



The assembly may stand or kneel.

Presider

We thank you, loving God, because, when we turned away from you, you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, at supper with his friends, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: "This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me."

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.'

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So, with this bread and this cup we celebrate Christ's love, death, and risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Savior. Help us, God, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with Elisabeth and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

Assembly

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Presider

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

Assembly

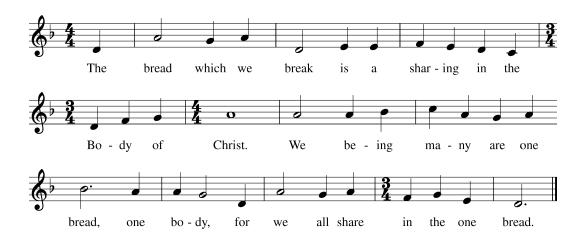
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the 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.

Fraction Anthem

Wonder Love "The bread which we break" Haywood and Praise 867



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

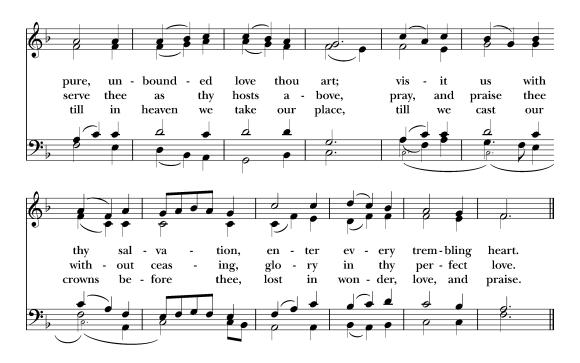
For congregation members not comfortable receiving communion in-person and for those participating online, we invite you at this time to pray this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

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.

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Communion Music

Hymnal 657 "Love divine, all loves excelling" Hyfrydol all of Love $_{
m di}$ vine, loves ex - cell - ing, joy heaven, to might - y 2 Come, al to de - liv - er, let all thy us Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; spot - less pure and - fix thy hum - ble dwell - ing, earth come down, in us all life sud - den ceive; - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er let be; let thy great sal va - tion per - fect us us see 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, - to ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo ry in glo - ry,



Post Communion Prayer

Enriching our Worship

Please stand as able.

Presider

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

Assembly Amen.

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Blessing

Presider

May God, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour a blessing upon all things created, and upon you, that you may use the gifts you've been given to God's glory and for the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all, be upon you and remain with you always.

Assembly

Amen.

Closing Hymn





Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Altar Flowers: Are given by Barbara Ferry to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for the generosity of the parishioners at St. Elisabeth's.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: For the growth and vitality of our congregations And for ministries in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk.

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Assisting Today

First Reading Duke Baur Second Reading Anne Tuohy Prayers John Tuohy Altar Guild Polly Baur Usher Robert Fischer LGBTQ+ Team Coffee Hour

This Week

Monday, October 23 AA Meeting (8:00 PM)

Wednesday, October 25 Boy Scout Troop #28 (7:15 PM) Thursday, October 26 Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

Friday, October 27 Bible Study (11:00 AM) Saturday, October 28 AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

Up Next

Sunday, October 29 Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM)

Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM) St. E's Legacy Society Dinner (6:00 PM)

Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM) November 2

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

November 3 Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Announcements

Join the Choir: Choir rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:30 PM! All are invited to join. Background or education in music is not required to participate. We will work together to learn our hymns and anthems, while building basic singing skills along the way! For more information, talk to Walter or any member of the choir.

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.

Spirit Day Today: Please join the LGBTQ team on for lunch and a workshop **after the 10:00 AM service** to recognize Spirit Day. Spirit Day was started in 2010 in response to a number of bullying-related LGBTQ suicides. Lizzy Appleby, LCSW from Youth Services, will facilitate the workshop and help us to reconceptualize bullying from an anti-oppression framework and to understand what we can do about bullying behavior and the silence and shame in which it thrives.

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.

On **Sunday, November 5**, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints' here at St. Elisabeth's at both the 8:00 AM and 10:00 AM services. Here are some special ways to worship and pray and commemorate this day when we honor our dead:

- Write the names of loved ones who have died in the Necrology binder at the back of the church. Necrology means list of deaths; the names of those persons you have shared in the binder will be read aloud during the service on November 5.
- Bring a photo, memento, candle, or a personal item to put on St. Elisabeth's
 remembrance table in the church to recognize the presence of your beloveds among
 us, commemorating those who have died. You can bring them in the week of
 October 29 during our normal church office hours or place them on the table when
 heading into the service on November 5.

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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

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.

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