

St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 25

October 29, 2023

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



Tile from Peace Wall in Hamilton, New Zealand, 20th Century

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...

The best way to help the world is to start by loving each other, not blandly, blindly, but realistically, with understanding and forbearance and forgiveness."

Madeleine L'Engle

Practice

Where can you love someone realistically with understanding and forbearance and forgiveness? Perhaps take one step at a time. Choose someone you don't understand and work to understand them; then choose someone who you have a hard time tolerating who might profit from your patience and forbearance; then choose another who needs your forgiveness. This is more than a three-week project, but we need to start somewhere. It will give you muscle to do it again and again.



The Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Opening Hymn

Please stand as able.



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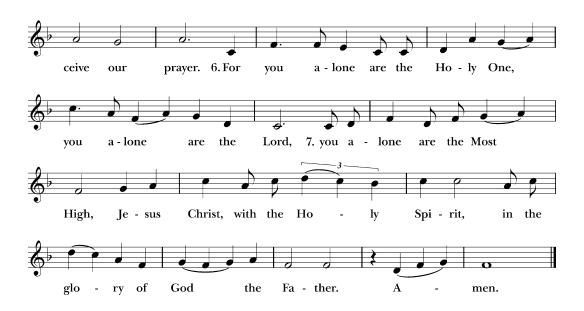
Opening Acclamation

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.

Source of salvation, your Word is at work in all who trust in you. Grant us the gift of humility, so that we might walk gently on the earth in service of all your creatures, for the sake of your servant, Jesus, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Assembly Amen.

Please be seated for the lessons.

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Word of God

First Reading Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

A Reading from the Book of Leviticus.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying:

Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord.

You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1



1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, * nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, * and they meditate on his law day and night.

Antiphon

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; * everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; * they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

Antiphon

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, * nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, * but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Antiphon

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Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

A Reading from the first letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Stand for the Gospel, as able.



Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Assembly Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Cantor Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord,

and my Father will love him and we will come to him.

Assembly Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All face the Gospel Book.

Gospel Matthew 22:34-46

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

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

"The Lord said to my Lord,
"Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet"?

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Phil Kasey

A period of silence follows.

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Lux eoi

Creed

Moravian Book "We believe in God the Father" Of Worship 699 God the Fa-ther, God Al-might - y, be-lieve in 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 Hear our prayer.

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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 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.

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Welcome and Announcements

Birthdays Anniversaries

10-30 Libby Hinds11-1 Linda Cline

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.

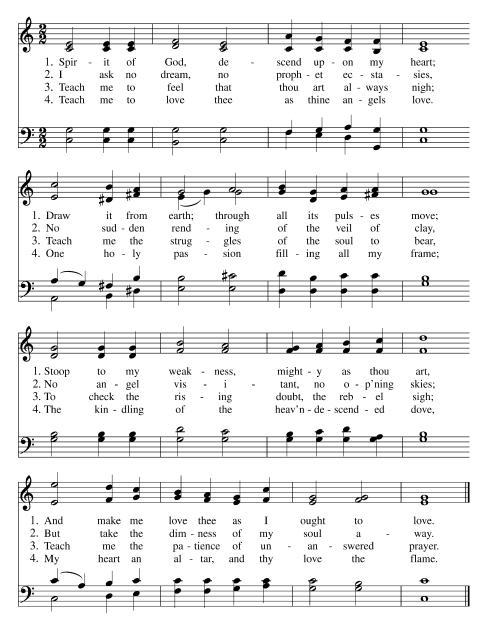


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Offertory Hymn

Lift Every Voice and Sing 119

"Spirit of God, descend upon my heart"



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.

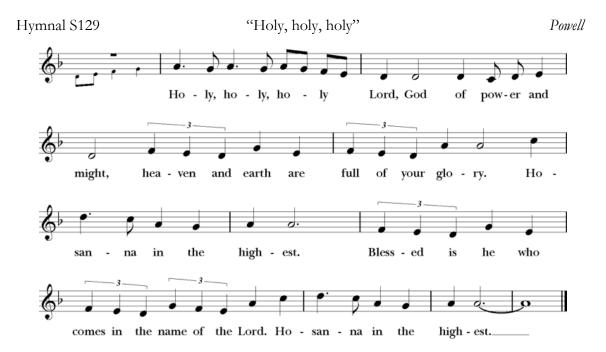
Presider Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your

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, 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

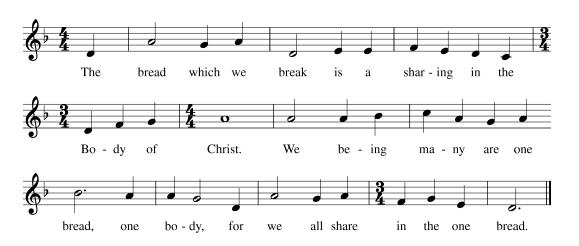
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the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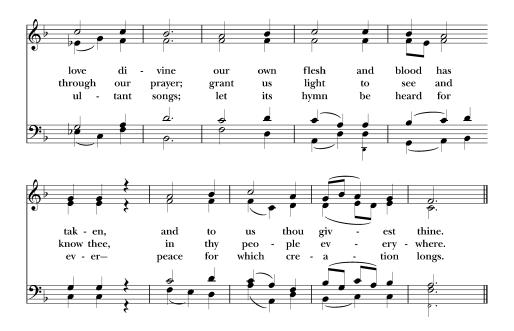
Communion Music

Hymnal 336

"Come with us, O blessed Jesus"

Werde munter





Post Communion Prayer

Enriching our Worship

Please stand as able.

Presider

Let us pray.

Assembly

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. Amen.

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Blessing

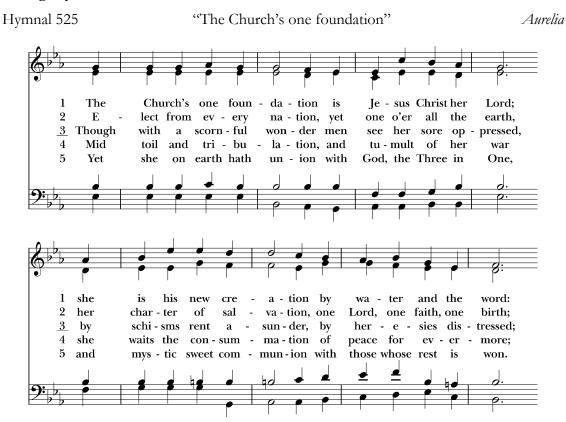
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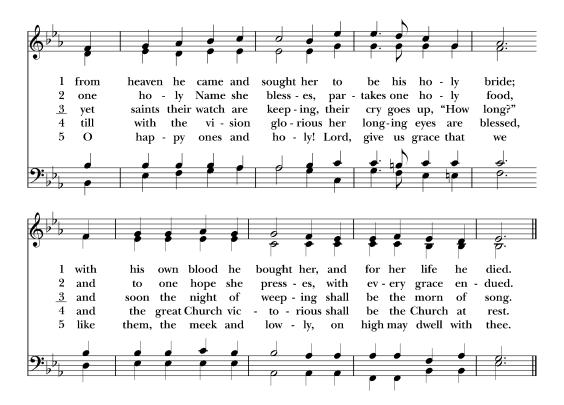
May God, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour a blessing upon all things created, and upon you, that you may use the gifts you've been given to God's glory and for the welfare of all peoples; and the blessing of Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of all, be upon you and remain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

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Diocesan Institutions and Organizations: Brotherhood of St. Andrew, Daughters of the King, Episcopal Church Women, and for ministries in our Companion Dioceses of SE Mexico and Renk.

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Assisting Today

First Reading Peter Flynn

Second Reading Susan Newcomb

Prayers Hall Healy

Altar Guild Susan Chadd, Lauren Edelston, Carrie Mygatt

Usher Phil Miller

Coffee Hour Susan & Chuck Chadd

This Week

Monday, October 30 AA Meeting (8:00 PM)

Wednesday, November 1 Boy Scout Troop #28 (7:15 PM)
Thursday, November 2 Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

Friday, November 3 Bible Study (11:00 AM) Saturday, November 4 AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

Up Next

Sunday, November 5 Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM)

Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM)

November 9 Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

Soup Kitchen

November 10 Bible Study (11:00 AM)

November 11 Confirmation Class and Christianity 101 (4:30 PM) St. E's

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 Eucharist at **7:30 AM every Thursday**.

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study: The Bible Study group meets weekly on **Fridays at 11:00 AM** in the Guild Room. For this Friday, we will be reading Exodus chapters 7-12. 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 beginning today, Sunday, October 15. 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.

The Stewardship Campaign Ingathering will be Sunday, November 12. Pledge cards will be brought forward and blessed in church that day. Pledge materials are available at the back of the church. If you have any questions about making a pledge, please talk with Adam or with Mark Tilton.

ReVive Christmas Baskets: The Sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway. The boxes are **due** back to the church by **9:00 AM on Friday, December 8**.

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The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

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Mark Tilton

John Tuohy, asst. Treasurer

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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