



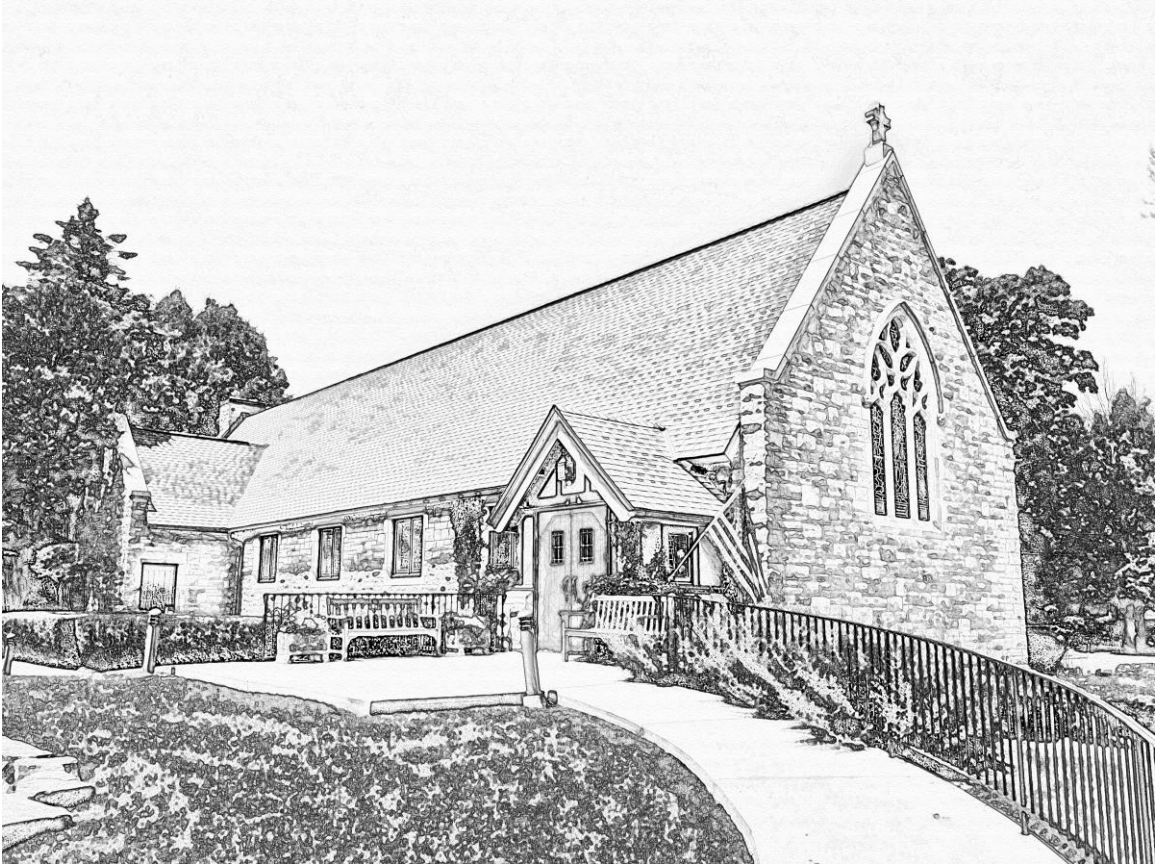
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 16, 2025

10:00 AM

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.

Welcome – Today at St. Elisabeth's

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist (Rite II)

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

Forum: The Gospel of Luke

11:00 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

The Sunday Forum

We 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.

Today join Adam and Priest Associate Larry Handwerk to learn about and discuss the Gospel of Luke which will be the Gospel read in church on most Sundays this year. Who was Luke? Why did he write his Gospel? What makes it special among the four canonical Gospels?

Children's Sunday School

Sunday School for Children, upstairs after the 10:00 am service every Sunday. Children of all ages are invited to come learn about the Bible and have some fun with our Director of Children's Formation, Abigail Pribble.

Assisting Today

First Reading

Hall Healy

Second Reading

Larry Whipple

Prayers

Susan Newcomb

Altar Guild

Lauren Edelston

Carrie Miller Mygatt

Usher

Robert Fischer

Coffee Hour

Epiphany

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “manifestation, showing forth, revelation.” This feast proclaims our faith that in Jesus, God is revealed to all people — not just to an inner circle or a chosen few, but to all people, in all places, and throughout all time. Christians believe that in the person of Jesus we see who God is, and in the words and actions of Jesus we see God at work in the world. Epiphany marks a series of occasions at which Jesus was revealed to be God’s Son.

The feast of Epiphany and the weeks that follow are a time when we reflect on several “manifestations” of Jesus, as he was recognized as the Messiah (or Christ) by many different people. We hear about Jesus’ baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist and the visit of the magi, or wise men, who followed the star to Bethlehem at Jesus’ birth. We share the amazement of the guests at the wedding party at Cana as Jesus performs his first miracle by turning water into fine wine. And at the end of the season we see Jesus’ glory shown to three of his disciples on the mountain as he is transfigured before them in a blaze of light.

Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Entering In

Trust vs. Certitude. Rational certitude is exactly what the Scriptures do not offer us. They offer us something much better and an entirely different way of knowing: an intimate relationship, a dark journey, a path where we must discover for ourselves that grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness are absolutely necessary for survival in an uncertain world.

~ *Richard Rohr*

What are the big uncertainties in your life? Choose one or two this week and explore how an act of grace, love, mercy and forgiveness toward those uncertainties might change your perspective and free you from the need for certitude

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

We welcome as our guest musician today guitarist Jim Baur.

Prelude

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Kyrie

Presider Lord, have mercy.

Assembly **Christ, have mercy.**

Presider Lord, have mercy.

The Collect of the Day

Presider God be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

God, you root those who trust in you beside streams of healing water. Release us from the bonds of disease, free us from the power of evil, and turn us from falsehood and illusion, that we may find the blessing of new life in you through the power of Christ.

Assembly **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A Reading from the book of the prophet Jeremiah.

Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse--
who can understand it?

I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,

to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 1

Read responsively by whole verse.

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!

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

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.

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

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A Reading from the first letter to the Corinthians.

Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation has been in vain and your faith has been in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ--whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Luke 5:1-11

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

Jesus came down with the twelve apostles and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
 for yours is the kingdom of God.

“Blessed are you who are hungry now,
 for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
 for you will laugh.

“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.”

"But woe to you who are rich,
 for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
 for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
 for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

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

Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows the sermon, beginning and ending with a chime.

Please stand as you are able.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, Form III

Leader God, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
Assembly **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
Assembly **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
Assembly **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
Assembly **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
Assembly **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
Assembly **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest.
Assembly **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
Assembly **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially:

Susan Chadd

Sally Graver

Ginny Broms

Aidan Thomson

Ben Whipple, son of Larry & Susan Whipple

Bill Howell, cousin of Anne Tuohy

Brian Scully, brother-in-law of Anne Tuohy

Joe Bessinger, nephew in law of Kay Rossiter

Are there others?

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Concluding Collect

Presider O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

All **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.**

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. **Amen.**

The 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.

Walter Aldrich – February 17

Andy Wittleder – February 17

Mimi Newcomb – February 20

Blair Cline – February 22

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

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 Music

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 2
Please stand as you are able.

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 say:

All

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory,**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

Presider

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. **Amen.**

The 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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Assembly **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

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.

Communion Music

Post Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are 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.**

The 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.**

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Monday, February 17

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Thursday, February 20

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 21

11:00 a.m. – Bible Study

Saturday, February 22

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Sunday, February 23

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

Forum: Worship

11:00 a.m. -- Children's Sunday School

Coming Up Next at St. Elisabeth's

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The St. E's Bible Study group meets **weekly on Fridays at 11:00 am** upstairs in the former parish library. We are currently reading the Gospel of John. For more information, please contact Larry Whipple.

Sunday Forum: Worship in Lent, Holy Week, and Easter

Adam and Walter invite you to join them **after the 10:00am service on Sunday, February 23**, for the next in a seasonal forum series on our worship together. They will share a bit about the changes to the liturgy and some of the musical selections upcoming in the Lent and Easter seasons and will reflect with you about our common prayer. This conversation will be moderated by Peter Rossiter.

Volunteers Needed for Parish Life and Fundraising Teams

It's time to start planning the St. Elisabeth's social calendar for the year ahead and the vestry would love for more member involvement in planning for such events. If you'd be interested in helping out, please contact Carrie Miller-Mygatt.

Prayer List

After the last Sunday of each month, the prayer list is reset. Submit prayers and thanksgivings by the first of each month to Caryl in the office at office@steglencoe.org.

Pastoral needs, hospital calls, nursing/rehab & homebound 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 Spencer by phoning the office at 847-835-0458 and leave a private message in the rector's voicemail. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org.

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Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist: Rite II
- 11:00 a.m. 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.*

