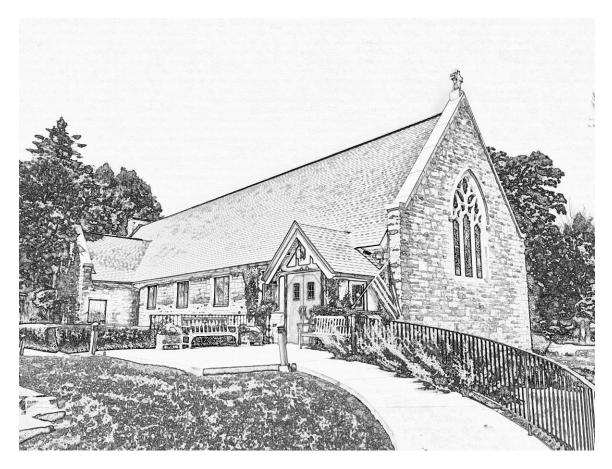


St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 25, 2024 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.

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

Union: If God is at the center, we want to be moving inward to that center. It's like spokes on a wheel: as we come closer to the center, we come closer to others, who are also bound toward that center. That is Jesus' intention: gathering around himself the children of God from every tribe and language and people and nation. -- Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE

Practice (Orthopraxy)

Reach out to someone from another tribe, language, people or nation. What did you experience?

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II The Word of God

Prelude

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



Opening Acclamation

All Creation Sings

Presider

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us and all of creation.

Assembly Amen.

Song of Praise

"O God beyond All Praising, v. 1" GATHER #674, *Thaxted*



The Collect

Presider God be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Gracious God, although we once were strangers, you receive us as friends and draw us home to you. Set your living bread before us that, feasting around your table, we may be strengthened to continue the work to which

your Son commissioned us. Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18

A Reading from the book of Joshua.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

The Psalm Psalm 34:15-22

Read responsively by whole verse.

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, * and his ears are open to their cry.

The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, * to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them * and delivers them from all their troubles.

The Lord is near to the brokenhearted * and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

Many are the troubles of the righteous, * but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.

He will keep safe all his bones; * not one of them shall be broken.

Evil shall slay the wicked, * and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, * and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 6:10-20

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a

message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

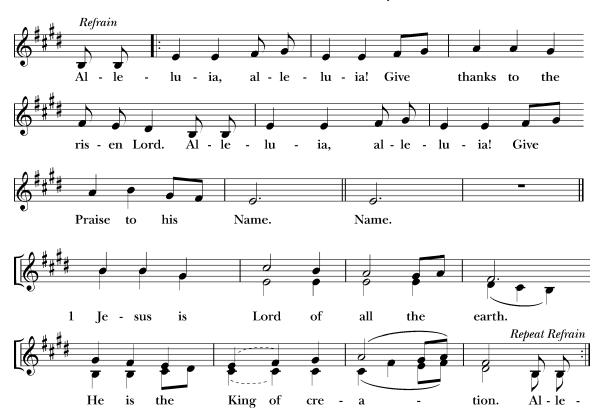
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia, alleluia" The Hymnal 1982 #178, *Alleluia No. 1*



All face the Gospel Book.

The Gospel John 6:56-69

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

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows. Please stand as you are able for the creed and prayers.

The Creed

"We Believe" Aldrich/Spencer, Hyfrydol



Prayers of the People

Common Worship: Times and Seasons, adapted

Intercessor Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for your church; for Paula

our bishop, and for all who teach and guard the faith. May the word of Christ dwell righly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love

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Intercessor Let us pray.

Assembly Hear us, O God.

Intercessor We pray for the leaders of nations, and for those in authority under them.

Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things.

Intercessor Let us pray.

Assembly Hear us, O God.

Intercessor We pray for this village of Glencoe and for the surrounding towns, for those

who live, work and visit here, and for all who seek the common good. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ

has served us.

Intercessor Let us pray.

Assembly Hear us, O God.

Intercessor We pray for those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness, and we pray for

the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially

Benjamin Whipple and family

Walter Tuohy, John Tuohy's brother Karin Youngberg, aunt of Carla Arnell

<u>Izzy</u> Thomson <u>Susan</u> Chadd

Patricia Katherine Emily Becker Lizzy Arnell

The people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine

Are there others?... (Silence)

May Christ the living Word bring them comfort and healing.

Intercessor Let us pray.

Assembly Hear us, O God.

Intercessor We give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose

faith is known to you alone, and we rejoice with Elisabeth and all your saints,

trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.

Assembly Lord of the Church, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and

mind to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

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.

Assembly Amen.

Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the peace of God.

Please be seated for the announcements.

Welcome and Announcements

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

Those traveling and those celebrating birthdays or anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.

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.



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Offertory Hymn

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"God the sculptor of the mountains" Wonder, Love and Praise #746, Sandria



- sculp-tor of the moun-tains, God the sand.
- 2. God the the Pha - raoh, God the cleav-er of nui-sance to the sea,
- 3. God the un - ex - pect - ed in - fant, God the calm, de-ter-mined youth,
- 4. God the dress - er of the vine - yard, God the plant-er of the



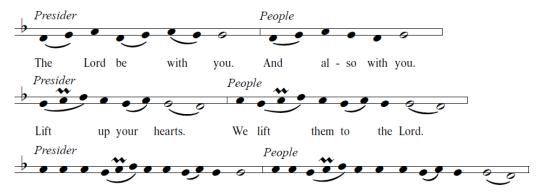


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The Great Thanksgiving

All Creation Sings, adapted

Please stand as you are able.



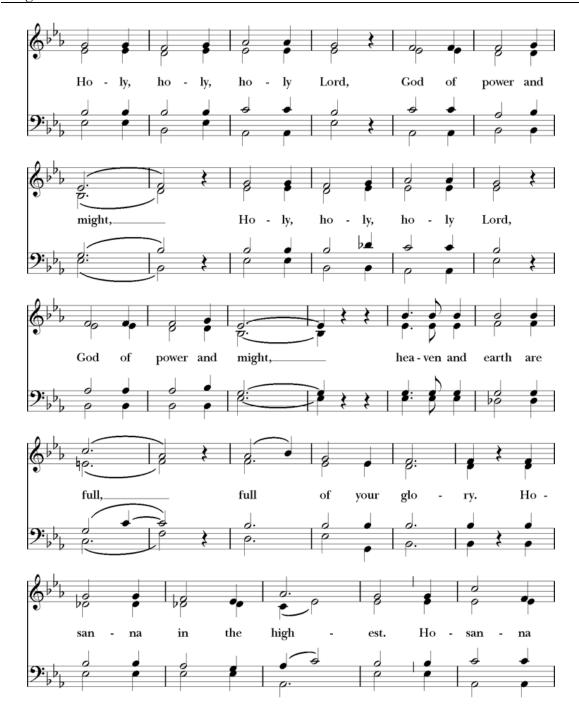
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanksand praise.

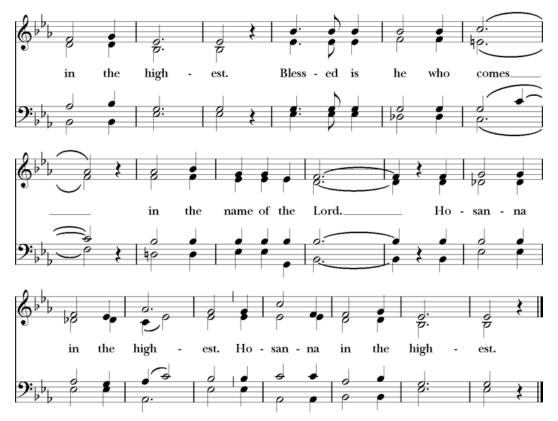
Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, O God Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
The Hymnal 1982 #S130, Deutsche Messe
Music on next page.





Presider

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal: you we praise and glorify, you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourish the lands with water. You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This is my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Assembly

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the first-born of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming, when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing, until, needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb; through whom all glory and honor is yours, O God, O Living One, With the Holy Spirit, In your holy church, Now and forever.

Assembly

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.

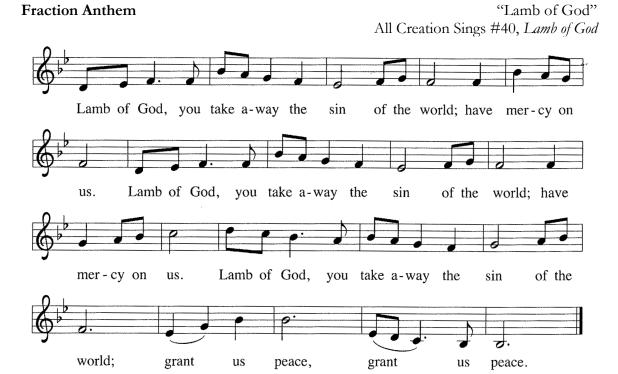
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.

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.



Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing at this time. Gluten-free host available upon request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, simply cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, please inform an usher so our clergy can bring communion to you in the pew.

Music during Communion

"As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring" All Creation Sings #1040, Hokelund



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Post Communion Prayer

All Creation Sings

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through

the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one

another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

Presider The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and

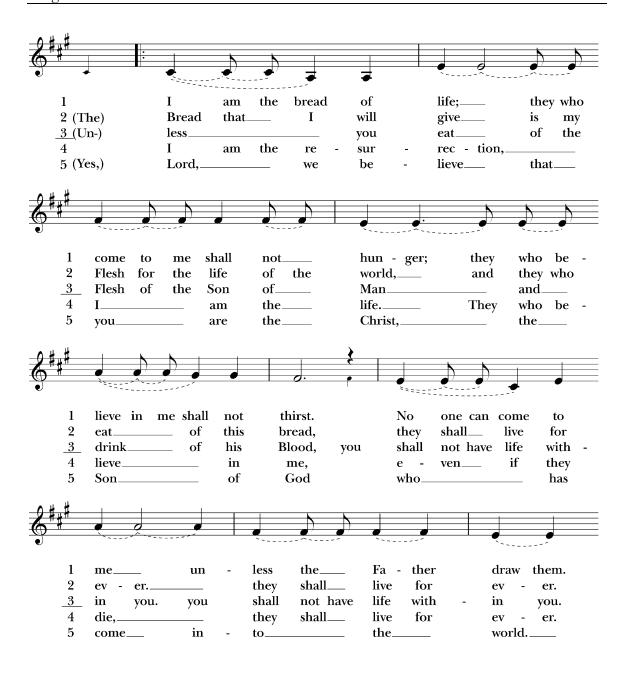
minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy

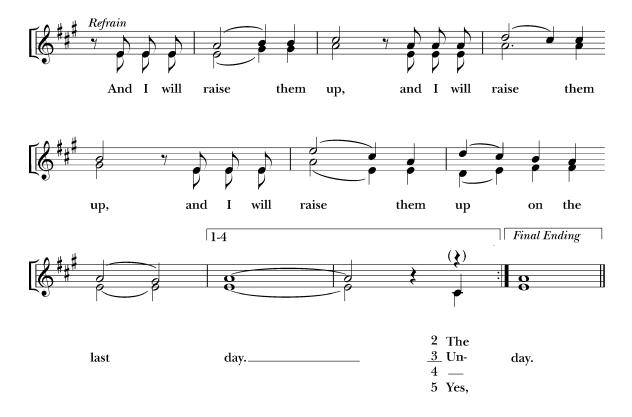
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Assembly Amen.

Closing Hymn

"I am the bread of life"
The Hymnal 1982 #335, I Am the Bread of Life
Music on next page.





Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Postlude

You are invited to come forward to listen to the postlude.

All are invited for coffee hour and conversation in the dining room down the hall immediately following the service. Sunday School for children is offered on the second floor.

Assisting Today

First Reading
Second Reading
Prayers
Altar Guild
Usher
Coffee Hour

Robert Fischer
Larry Whipple
Susan Whipple
Polly Baur
John Tuohy

This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Sunday, August 25

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist (Rite II) – Outdoor Worship 11:00 a.m. – Fellowship, Sunday Forum, Children's Sunday School

Monday, August 26

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in the Guild Room

Thursday, August 29

7:30 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite II)

Friday, August 30

11:00 a.m. – Zoom Bible Study

Saturday, August 31

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in the Guild Room

Sunday, September 1

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist (Rite II)

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

Announcements

Sunday Forum

We will gather **weekly at Coffee Hour after the 10:00 AM service** in the Guild Room. We will discuss the day's readings, sermon, liturgy, music and whatever else is on folks' minds. These conversations will be facilitated by the Rector. On select Sundays, we will continue to have guest speakers and teachers on various topics.

Weekday Worship

Join us before work or school at **7:30 AM every Thursday** for a short service of Holy Communion with a brief homily on the readings assigned for the day.

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The St. E's Bible Study group meets weekly on **Fridays at 11:00 am.** During the summer months, we will be reading the Acts of the Apostles **on Zoom.** The Zoom link is available in the weekly e-news. We will return to in-person meetings on September 13. For more information, contact Larry Whipple. **This week we are reading Acts Chapters 25& 26.**

St. Elisabeth's Choir begins on Thursday, September 5

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth's Choir for its first rehearsal at 7:30PM on Thursday, September 5! Come for a fun night of singing, learning, and fellowship! All are welcome - and no experience, background, or skill is required. If you don't regularly sing with the choir, but want to give it a try or just want to learn more about your voice, this rehearsal would be a perfect opportunity. If you have any questions, you can reach Walter at music@steglencoe.org or catch him after a Sunday service. Hope to see you there!

Lay Worship Leader Training - Sunday, September 8

Are you interested in learning how to lead the service of Morning Prayer? Being part of a team of lay leaders who lead worship from time to time (when our clergy are away, at other special times of the year)? Join Adam and Louisa McKellaston, Leadership Development Officer for the Diocese of Chicago, in church after the 10:00 a.m. service on Sunday, September 8, for this special training.

Homecoming Luncheon and Blessing of Backpacks - Sunday, September 15

As we return from our summer adventures and gather back together at church for the fall, join us on **Sunday, September 15th** for a special lunch in place of coffee hour after the 10:00am service. At the 10:00am service that same day, we will bless backpacks for all kids as they begin a new school year. If you have special dietary needs for lunch, please let Caryl or Adam know. Hope to see you there!

Episcopal Charities Autumn Soiree - Friday, September 27

Episcopal Charities will hold it's fall gala event at the Epiphany Center for the Arts. More information about this event can be found at episcopalcharities.org.

Pastoral needs, hospital calls, nursing/rehab and home-bound parishioners

If you have a pastoral need or emergency and would like to speak to Fr. Spencer, or know of someone who would like to schedule a pastoral visit, please contact Adam by phoning the office at 847-835-0458 and leave a private message in the rector's voicemail. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org.

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Kara Superfine Mark Tilton, *Treasurer* John Tuohy, *asst. Treasurer*

Sunday Schedule



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

11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School

Office Hours

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

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