



ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 1, 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

Jesus clearly intends for us to see clearly, so that we can be of real help to other people. We absolutely cannot convincingly proclaim God’s love and forgiveness, while we remain unloving and unforgiving ourselves. -- Br. John Braught, SSJE

Practice (Orthopraxy)

What act of loving or forgiving do you need to do this week? Be specific, as to person, time and place. Share your resolve with someone else to help you on that path.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

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

Opening Hymn

“Blessed Assurance”

Lift Every Voice and Sing #184, *Fanny Crosby*

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! — O what a
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, — Vi - sions of
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, — I in my

1. fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine! — Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of
 2. rap - ture now burst on my sight; — An - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a -
 3. sav - ior am hap - py and blest; — Watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a -

1. God, — Born of His spir - it, washed in His blood. —
 2. bove — Ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. —
 3. bove, — Filled with His good - ness, lost in His love. —

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, Prais - ing my
sav - ior all the day long; This is my sto - ry, this is my
song, Prais - ing my sav - ior all the day long.

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*



1. O God be - yond all prais - ing, we wor - ship you to - day
 And sing the love a - maz - ing that songs can - not re - pay;
 For we can on - ly won - der at ev - 'ry gift you send,
 At bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end.
 We lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word;
 We hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.

The Collect

Presider

God be with you.

Assembly

And also with you.

Presider

Let us pray.

O Father of lights, from whose word of truth we have been born as firstfruits of your creatures: make us quick to listen and slow to speak, that the word implanted in us may take root to nourish all our living, and that we may be blessed in our doing and fruitful in action. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9

A Reading from the book of Deuteronomy.

Moses said: So now, Israel, give heed to the statutes and ordinances that I am teaching you to observe, so that you may live to enter and occupy the land that the Lord, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. You must neither add anything to what I command you nor take away anything from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God with which I am charging you.

You must observe them diligently, for this will show your wisdom and discernment to the peoples, who, when they hear all these statutes, will say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and discerning people!" For what other great nation has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is whenever we call to him? And what other great nation has statutes and ordinances as just as this entire law that I am setting before you today?

But take care and watch yourselves closely, so as neither to forget the things that your eyes have seen nor to let them slip from your mind all the days of your life; make them known to your children and your children's children.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 15

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

**Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

**In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the Lord.**

He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

**He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

The Second Reading

James 1:17-27

A Reading from the letter of James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Assembly **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Cantor The Father willed to give us by birth the word of truth
that we may be kind of first fruits of his creatures.

Assembly **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

All face the Gospel Book.

The Gospel

Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

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

Assembly **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

in vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.”

You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Gospeler
Assembly

The Gospel of the Lord.
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*



We be - lieve in God al - migh - ty, Au - thor of all things that
We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
We be - lieve in God's own spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with -



be Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, keep - er
fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied True Life for -
in one church cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for -



of the sky and sea We be - lieve that God's son Jes - us,
there had tru - ly died. We be - lieve that on the third day
give - ness frees from sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion



now for us both Lord and Christ of the spir - it
Christ was raised up from the grave, then as - cend - ed
for the break - ing of death's chain gives the life that's



and of Ma - ry born to bring a - bun - dant life.
to God's right - hand. He will come to judge and save.
ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that we have claimed.

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 richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the bond of your love.

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

Katherine

Susan Chadd

Patricia

Emily Becker

Lizzy Arnell

Cheryl

Sally Graves

Izzy Thomson

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.

Linda Staubitz – September 1
Robert Fischer – September 3

Barbara & Russ Miller – September 3
Vicki Handwerk – September 4

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 Hymn

“Lord, whose love in humble service”
Moravian Book of Worship #688, *Sacred Harp: Beach Spring*

1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home-less; still the hun - gry cry for bread,
3 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice forth in your dear name we go.

who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, worked your mer - cy's per - fect deed:
still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
to the child, the youth, the ag - ed, love in liv - ing deeds to show,

we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship not of voice a - lone, but heart,
As you, Lord, in deep com - pas - sion healed the sick and freed the soul,
hope and health, good will and com - fort, coun - sel, aid, and peace we give,

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes

in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na

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

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.

Fraction Anthem

“Lamb of God”

All Creation Sings #40, *Lamb of God*



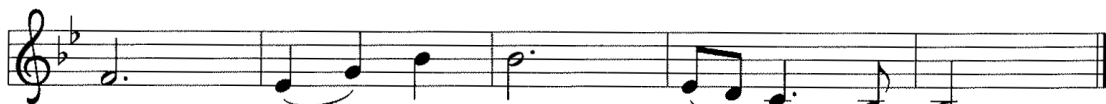
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the



world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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.

Music during Communion

“Spirit, Open my Heart”

All Creation Sings #1043, *Wild Mountain Time*

Refrain



Spir-it, o - pen my heart to the joy and pain of



liv-ing. As you love may I love, in re - ceiv - ing



and in giv - ing. Spir - it, o - pen my heart.



1 God, re - place my ston - y heart with a heart that's



2 Write your love up - on my heart as my law, my



3 May I weep with those who weep; share the joy of



kind and ten - der. All my cold - ness and



goal, my sto - ry. In each thought, word, and



friend and neigh - bor. As I live from day to

Refrain



fear to your grace I now sur - ren - der.



deed, may my liv - ing bring you glo - ry.



day, love will be my fin - est la - bor.

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

“God of Grace, and God of Glory”
The Hymnal 1982 #594, *Cwm Rhondda*
Music on next page.

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as - sail his ways!
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.
 From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise:
 shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.
 let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this
 grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the liv - ing of these
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's
 Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.
 days, for the liv - ing of these days.
 goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.
 dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

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

<i>First Reading</i>	Polly Baur
<i>Second Reading</i>	Kay Rossiter
<i>Prayers</i>	Peter Rossiter
	Lauren Edelston
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Carrie Mygatt
	Polly Baur
<i>Usher</i>	Larry Whipple
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	

This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Sunday, September 1

- 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, September 2 – Labor Day

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

Thursday, September 5

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

Friday, September 6

- 11:00 a.m. – Zoom Bible Study

Saturday, September 7

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

Sunday, September 8

- 8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)
- 10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist (Rite II)
- 11:00 a.m. – Fellowship and Children's Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. – Lay Worship Leader Training

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 27 & 28.**

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 its fall gala event at the Epiphany Center for the Arts. More information about this event can be found at episcopalcharities.org.

Festive Gathering of Baehr Legacy Fund Society Members – Sunday, October 6

This gathering on Sunday, October 6, beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the church, If you are not currently a member of the Baehr Legacy Fund Society and would like to become a member and/or know more about this ministry of St. Elisabeth's, please contact Anne Tuohy at atuohy@aol.com.

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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Carrie Miller-Mygatt
Peter Rossiter, *Warden*

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

Sunday Schedule

- 8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist: Rite I
10:00 AM Sung 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.*

