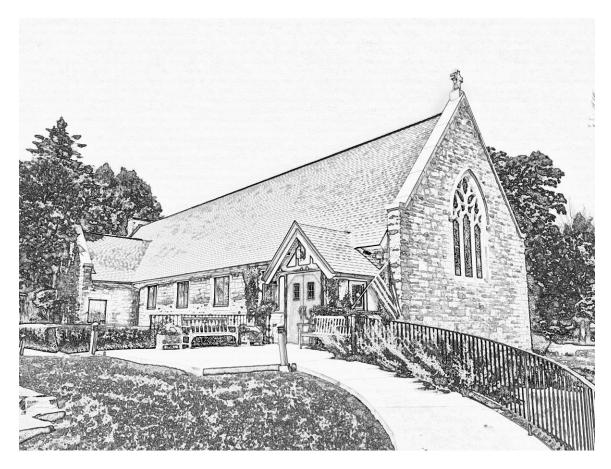


# St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 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

No one likes to eat alone; to approach a table filled with people, only to be told that despite the open chairs there isn't room for you. The rejection stings. It leaves a mark. How can we extend unconditional welcome and acceptance in a world increasingly marked by bigotry, fear, and exclusion?

John Pavlovitz, A Bigger Table

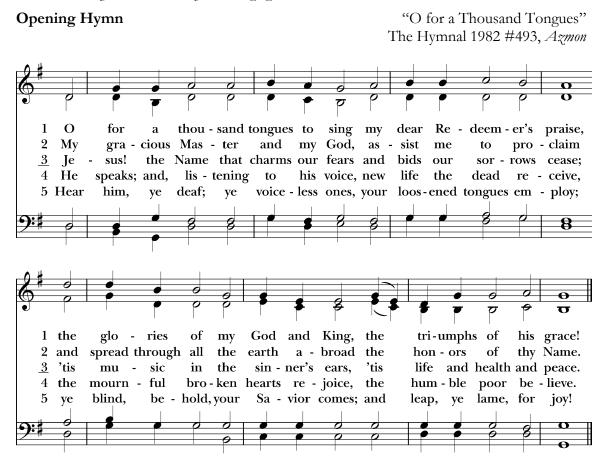
#### Practicing your faith (Orthopraxy)

What can you do this season to make a bigger table – at church, at work, at home, in your heart? Get together at coffee hour or the family pot luck and plan some ways of building a bigger table?

# The Holy Eucharist: Rite II The Word of God

#### Prelude

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



6 Glory to God and praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

#### **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.

God, whose love streams like fresh water into the deserts of our hearts, you turn us from greed and partiality to healing and justice. Make us companions of those who long for your deliverance, and give us safe passage at the last into the land of your peace. Amen

Please be seated for the readings.

#### The First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

'Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,

and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

then the lame shall leap like a deer,

and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,

and streams in the desert;

the burning sand shall become a pool,

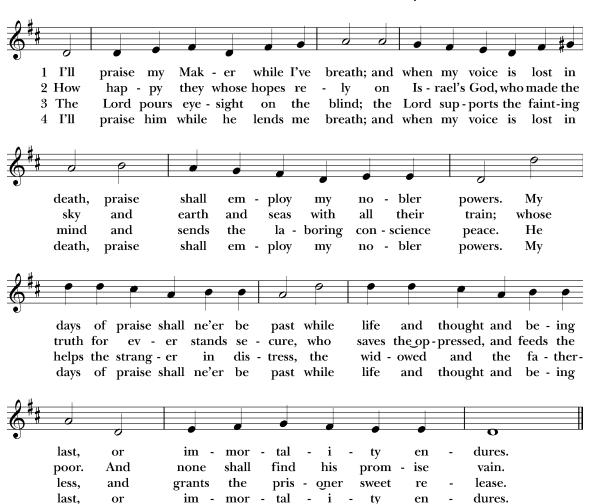
and the thirsty ground springs of water;

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

#### The Psalm

"I'll praise my Maker while I've breath" The Hymnal 1982 #429, Old 113<sup>th</sup>



#### The Second Reading

James 2:1:10, 14-17

A Reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the

one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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 Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom

and cured every disease among the people.

Assembly Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All face the Gospel Book.

The Gospel Mark 7:24-37

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

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon Louisa McKellaston

Leadership Development Officer, Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

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 all things that of We Je - sus suf - fured, scourged and scorned and cru - ci be - lieve that We be - lieve God's own spir - it, bond - ing all the saints withbe Mak of earth er the and heav keep ens, fied; tak en from · the cross. bur True Life was ied church cath in one 0 lic and ho where for ly, of the sky We be - lieve that God's and sea Jes son us, there had tru ly died. We be - lieve that on the third day y's ... frees give - ness from sin: in bod res - ur - rec for now us both Lord and Christ of the spir it Christ was raised from the up grave, then cend ed as for the break death's chain ing of life gives the that's and of Ma born bring ry to a - bun dant life. God's right to hand. He will come judge and to save. ev er - last ing. This the faith have claimed. that we

Intercessor

Prayers of the People

Common Worship: Times and Seasons, adapted

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

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.

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.

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

> 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 Graver

Izzy Thomson

Gerald

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.

Aidan Thomson – September 8

Jim & Polly Baur – September 13

# **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

"His Eye is on the Sparrow" Lift Every Voice and Sing #191, Civilla Martin/ Charles Gabriel



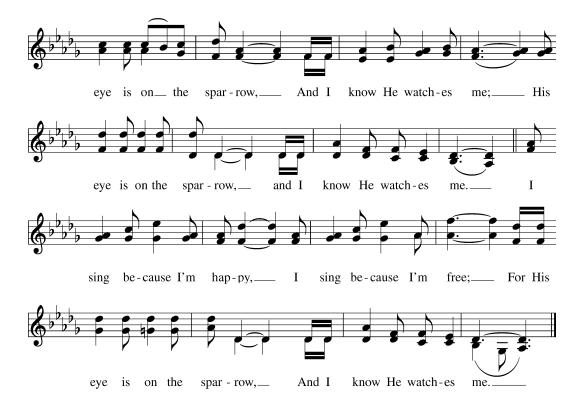
- 1. Why should I feel dis-cour-aged, Why should the shad-ows come,
- 2. "Let not your heart be trou bled," \_ His ten der word I hear,\_\_\_\_
- 3. When ev er I am tempt-ed, \_\_\_ When ev er clouds a rise, \_\_\_



- 1. Why should my heart be lone-ly,\_\_\_\_ And long for heav'n and home;\_ When
- 2. And rest ing on His good-ness,\_\_ I lose my doubts and fears;\_\_Though
- 3. When songs give place to sigh-ing, When hope with in me dies, I



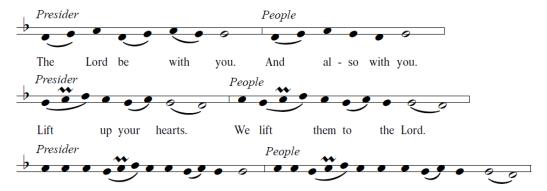
- 1. Je sus is \_\_\_ my por-tion? \_\_\_ My con-stant friend is He: \_\_\_ His
- 2. by the path\_ He lead-eth,\_\_\_\_ But one step I\_\_\_\_ may see;\_\_\_ His 3. draw the clos er to Him,\_\_\_ From care He sets\_\_ me free;\_\_\_ His



#### 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.

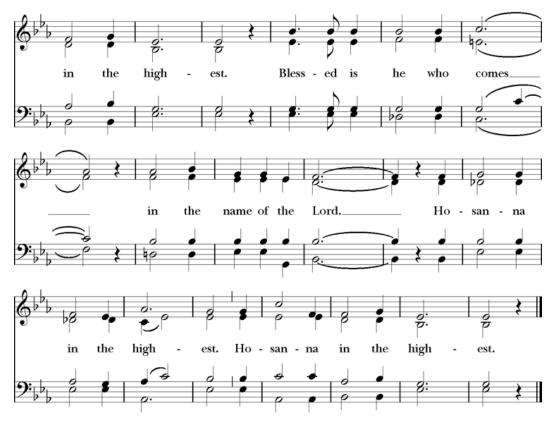
Presider

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.

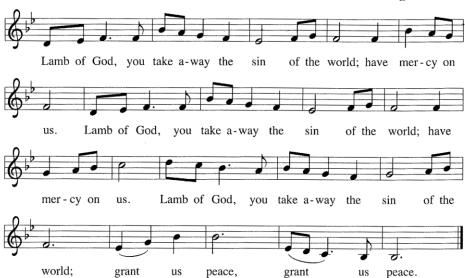
#### The Breaking of the Bread

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

#### **Fraction Anthem**

"Lamb of God"

All Creation Sings #40, Lamb of God



#### Invitation to Communion

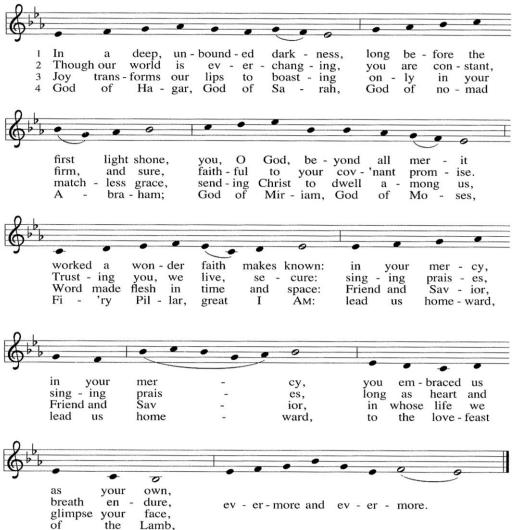
Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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**

"In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness" All Creation Sings #1093, *Divinum Mysterium* 



#### 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.

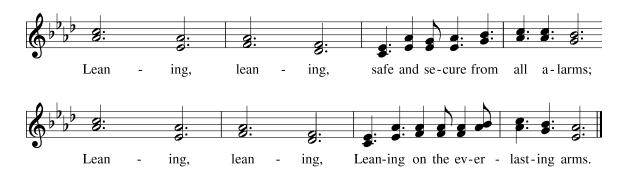
Assembly

Amen.

#### **Closing Hymn**

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" Lift Every Voice and Sing #196, *Hoffman/Showalter* 





#### 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 Anne Tuohy
Second Reading Hall Healy

Prayers Susan Newcomb

JoAn Anderson

Altar Guild Barb Ferry

Kara Superfine

Usher Rod Zimmerman

Coffee Hour

#### This Week at St. Elisabeth's

#### Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist (Rite II)

11:00 a.m. - Fellowship, Children's Sunday School, Lay Worship Leader Training

#### Monday, September 9

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

#### Tuesday, September 10

12:00 p.m. – St. E's Book Group

7:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting

#### Thursday, September 12

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

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

#### Friday, September 13

11:00 a.m. – Bible Study

#### Saturday, September 14

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

#### Sunday, September 15 - Homecoming Luncheon & Backpack Blessing

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. – Homecoming Luncheon and 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.** This week we will begin studying together the Gospel of Matthew. For more information, contact Larry Whipple.

#### St. Elisabeth's Choir

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth's Choir for rehearsals at 7:30PM on Thursday nights. 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 – TODAY

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.

# 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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The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop

# Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Larry Handwerk Assisting Priest

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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.