



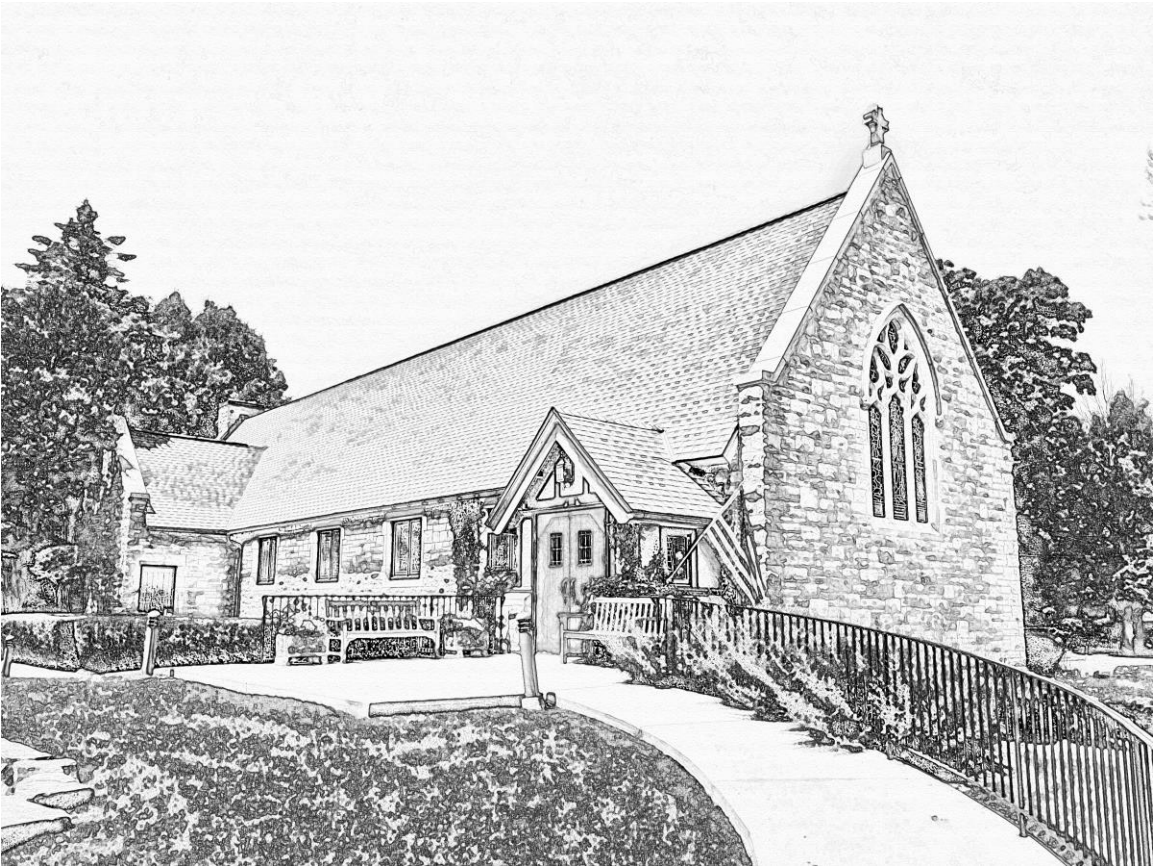
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 15, 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

Those who agree *to carry and love what God loves*, both the good and the bad of human history, and to pay the price for its reconciliation within themselves—these are the followers of Jesus. -- Richard Rohr

Orthopraxy (Practice)

Find two or three things in the news this week that reflect both the good and bad of human history. How might you carry and love them as God does?

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude


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

Opening Hymn


“When in our music God is glorified”
The Hymnal 1982 #420, *Engelberg*




1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
 3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____



1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
 2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, _____
 3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, _____
 4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? _____
 5 Let all re - jice who have a voice to raise! _____



1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
 3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
 4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____



— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

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.**

Collect for Purity*All Creation Sings*

Presider To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. **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.

Through suffering and rejection, O God, you bring forth our salvation, for in Jesus you embrace our humanity and transform our lives by the glory of his cross. Grant that for the sake of the gospel we may rebuke the lure of this world, take up our cross, and follow your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Isaiah 50:4-9a

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

The Lord God has given me
the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain
the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens--
wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.
The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious,
I did not turn backward.
I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face
from insult and spitting.
The Lord God helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;
he who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.

Who are my adversaries?
Let them confront me.

It is the Lord God who helps me;
who will declare me guilty?

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

The assembly sings the Antiphon, and the Choir chants the verses of the Psalm.

Assembly Antiphon

Turn a - gain to your rest, O My
Soul; the Lord has treat - ed you well.

I love the Lord, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, *
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me; *
I came to grief and sorrow.

Antiphon

Then I called upon the Name of the Lord: *
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."
Gracious is the Lord and righteous; *
our God is full of compassion.

Antiphon

The Lord watches over the innocent; *
 I was brought very low, and he helped me.
 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, *
 for the Lord has treated you well.

Antiphon

For you have rescued my life from death, *
 my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
 I will walk in the presence of the Lord *
 in the land of the living.

Antiphon

The Second Reading

James 3:1-12

A Reading from the letter of James.

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn

“Let All Creation”

Wonder, Love and Praise #884, *Whitehead*



1. Let all cre - a - tion bless the Lord, till heav'n with praise is ring - ing.
 2. All liv - ing things up - on the earth, green fer - tile hills and moun-tains,
 3. O men and wo - men ev - ery-where, lift up a hymn of glo - ry;



Sun, moon, and stars, peel out a chord, stir up the an - gels' sing - ing.
 sing to the God who gave you birth; be joy - ful, springs and foun-tains.
 let all who know God's stead - fast care tell our sal - va - tion's sto - ry.



Sing, wind and rain! Sing, snow and sleet! Make mu - sic, day, night, cold and heat: ex -
 Lithe wa - ter life, bright air - borne birds, wild rov - ing beast, tame flocks and herds: ex -
 No tongue be si - lent; sing your part, you hum - ble souls and meek of heart: ex -



alt the God who made you.
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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 went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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*

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
 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 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.

Rose Sengenberger – September 16

Carol Heitman Mazzocco – September 20

Ross & Lani Miller – September 19

Blessing of Backpacks

Prayer for Students and Education

Presider Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great teacher and savior, bless these your servants as they begin the school year. You were once yourself a child learning and teaching in the temple. Grant that all who enter into places of learning as students and educators this year be filled with your grace and heavenly wisdom—that all their efforts be directed by your Holy Spirit, and work to your praise and glory.

Assembly Amen.

Backpack Blessing

Presider Almighty God, we bring before you these instruments of teaching, learning, and working. We pray that your Holy Spirit of wisdom go forth with all who carry them this year that all bearers of backpacks will rest secure in the knowledge of your abiding strength, peace and love. May they, like the young Jesus, grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with society. Bless these backpacks and their bearers, O Lord, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly Amen.

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

“Bring Many Names” (adapted)
 All Creation Sings #1094, *Westchase*
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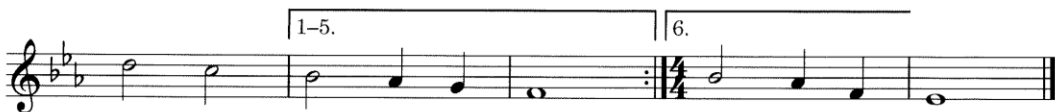
Bring man - y names, beau - ti - ful and good,
 Strong moth - er God, work - ing night and day,
 Warm fa - ther God, guard - ing ev - 'ry child,
 Old, ach - ing God, gray with end - less care,
 Young, liv - ing God, ea - ger, on the move,
 Great, Ho - ly God, nev - er ful - ly known,



cel - e - brate, in par - a - ble and sto - ry, ho - li - ness in
 plan - ning all the won - ders of cre - a - tion, set - ting each e -
 feel - ing all the strains of hu - man liv - ing, car - ing and for -
 calm - ly pierc - ing e - vil's new dis - guis - es, glad of good sur -
 say - ing no to false - hood and un - kind - ness, cry - ing out for
 joy - ful dark - ness far be - yond our see - ing, clos - er yet than

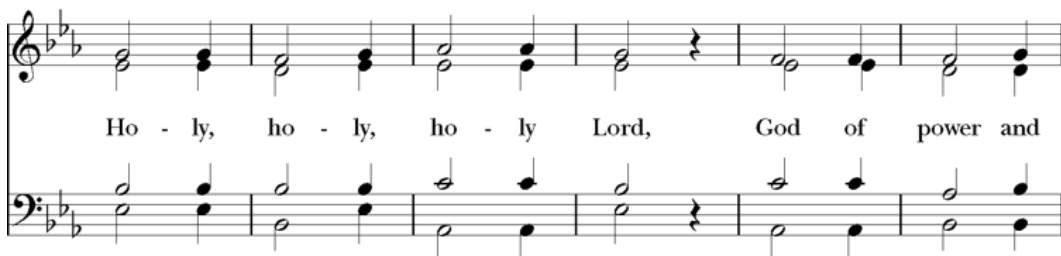


glo - ry, liv - ing, lov - ing God. Hail and ho -
 - qua - tion, gen - i - us at play: Hail and ho -
 - giv - ing till we're rec - on - ciled: Hail and ho -
 - pris - es, wis - er than de - spair: Hail and ho -
 jus - tice, giv - ing all you have: Hail and ho -
 breath - ing, ev - er - last - ing home: Hail and ho -

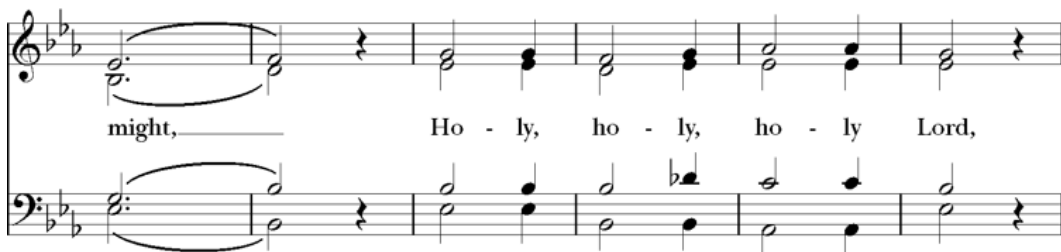


- san - na! Bring man - y names!
 - san - na, strong moth - er God!
 - san - na, warm fa - ther God!
 - san - na, old, ach - ing God!
 - san - na, young, liv - ing God!
 - san - na,

great, ho - ly God!



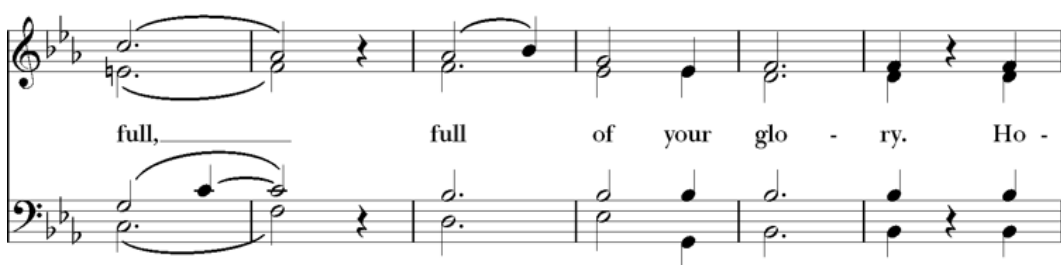
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and



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*

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a single system, all in a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The lyrics are: "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." The music is written in a style suitable for a congregational or school song.

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

“Eternal God”

John Rutter, *sung by St. Elisabeth’s Choir*

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for music,
Blest gift from heav’n to all your servants here on earth:
In time of joy a crown, in sorrow consolation;
Companion through our days of tears and mirth.*

*We give you thanks for ev’ry sound of beauty:
For sweetest harmony that echoes in our hearts,
For melodies that soar on high like birds at morning,
For voice and instrument in all their parts.*

*As we are blest, so may our gift bless others:
May hearts be touched and spirits lifted up anew.
Let music draw together those who live as strangers,
Bring joy to those we love, in thankfulness true.*

*And when at last we come into your kingdom,
All discord over and all earthly labour done,
Then sound and silence yield before an equal music,
And with the Giver shall our souls be one.*

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

“Earth and all stars”
The Hymnal 1982 #412, *Earth and all stars*
Music on next page.



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the
 2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the
 3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the
 4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the
 5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the
 6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



1 Lord _____ a new song! O vic - to - ry,
 2 Lord _____ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,
 3 Lord _____ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,
 4 Lord _____ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,
 5 Lord _____ a new song! Ath - lete and band,
 6 Lord _____ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!
 6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord _____ a new song!



He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

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>	John Tuohy
<i>Prayers</i>	Anne Tuohy
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Libby Hinds Glenna Foley
<i>Usher</i>	Robert Fischer
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	

This Week at St. Elisabeth's

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

Monday, September 16

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

Thursday, September 19

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

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 20

11:00 a.m. – Bible Study

Saturday, September 21

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

Sunday, September 22

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. – Fellowship, Forum, and Children's Sunday School

Happening Today

Homecoming Luncheon and Blessing of Backpacks – TODAY

As we return from our summer adventures and gather back together at church for the fall, join us for a special lunch in place of coffee hour after the 10:00am service. At the 10:00am service, 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!

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.

Special Events in the Weeks Ahead

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.

The CAT is Back – Hear the Results of the Survey on Sunday, September 29

In May 2024, 64 parishioners completed the Church Assessment Tool or CAT. This survey was designed to give us information about how the Church is doing in the eyes of its members. The Vestry has been reviewing the compiled results over the Summer, and it's now time to share them with everyone.

After the 10:00 AM service on **Sunday, September 29**, The Rev. Andrea Mysen, Canon to the Ordinary in the Diocese of Chicago, will present an overview of the results. With the Rector and Wardens, she will answer questions and lead a discussion of what the CAT results mean for us going forward. We'll have a light lunch available so hunger pangs don't cut the discussion short, and we'll extend Sunday School a bit so children are happily occupied.

The CAT results give us useful information and will guide the Vestry in moving the Church forward. Your reactions and input will be very helpful. Please plan to join this important meeting on September 29.

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.

Living in Community

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.

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**. We are studying the Gospel of Matthew, this week focusing on Matthew 3 and 4. 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, attending a 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!

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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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.*