



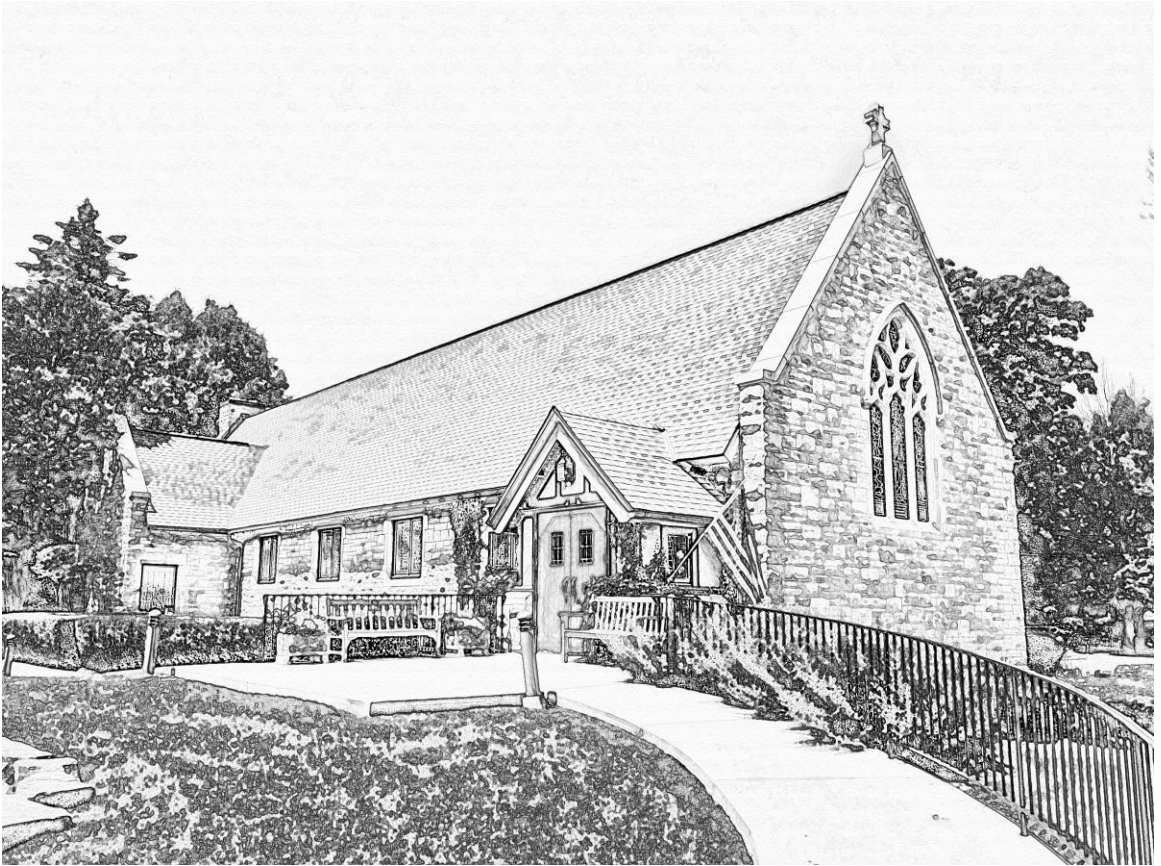
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany

February 23, 2025

10:00 AM

Welcome to Saint Elisabeth's. We are delighted to have you with us today.



This faith community invites all persons to all levels of participation, leadership and decision-making within the church regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, socioeconomic and marital status. We seek to establish meaningful connections with one another through work and play and worship as we strive to understand God's purpose for us in the church and in the world.

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Welcome – Today at St. Elisabeth’s

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer (Rite II)

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

Forum: Worship in Lent, Holy Week, & Easter

11:00 a.m. – Children’s Sunday School

The Sunday Forum

We gather weekly at Coffee Hour **after the 10:00 AM service in the Guild Room**. We will discuss the day's readings, sermon, liturgy, music and whatever else is on folks' minds. These conversations will be facilitated by the Rector.

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

Children’s Sunday School

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

Assisting Today

<i>Officiant</i>	Annette Johnston
<i>Preacher</i>	Annette Johnston
<i>First Reading</i>	Kay Rossiter
<i>Second Reading</i>	Linda Illes
<i>Prayers</i>	Pete Rossiter
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Kara Superfine Barb Ferry
<i>Usher</i>	Robert Fischer
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	John Tuohy Robert Fischer

Epiphany

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

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

Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Entering In

"Love your enemies," said Jesus, "do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you... Do to others as you would have them do to you."

Love your enemies. "If you were to ask, where to start? Start with three. Pray for three enemies. How long? Pray until you begin to sense the ice melting in your soul, the beginning of the flow of compassion. Keep it up. Love will come. Love will surely come.

~ *Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE*

Morning Prayer

Prelude

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

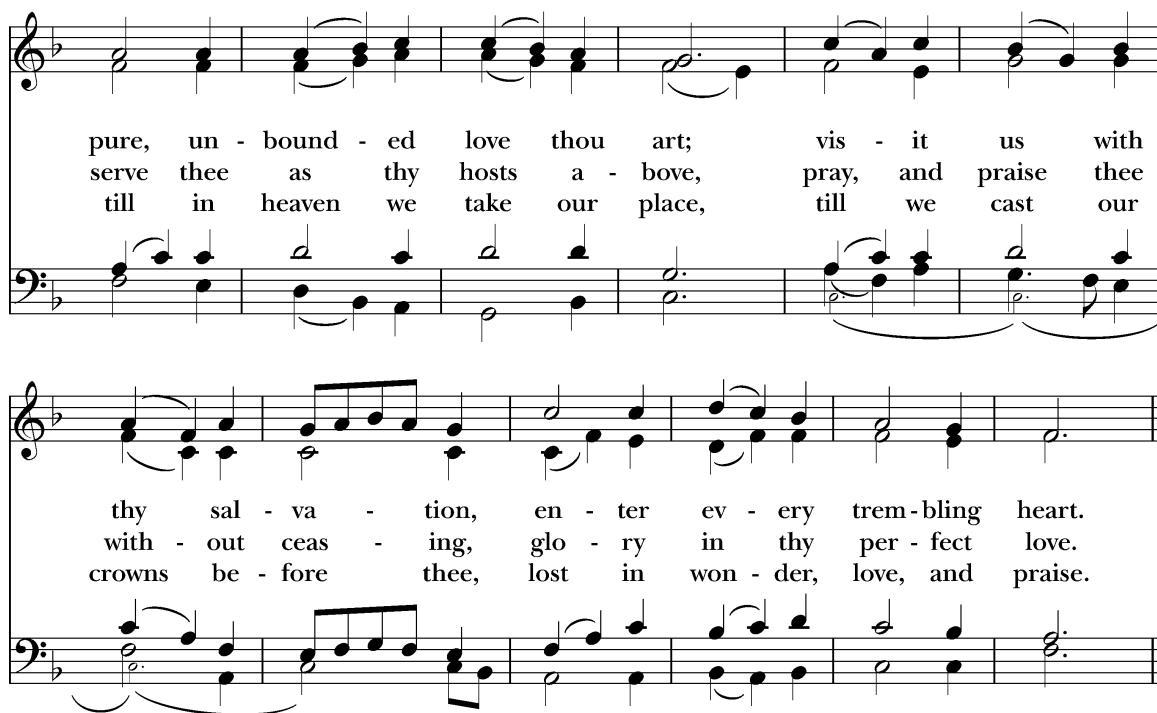
Opening Hymn

“Love divine, all loves excelling”
The Hymnal 1982 #657, *Hyfrydol*

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell - ing, joy of heaven, to
2 Come, al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy
3 Fi - nish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - way bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Opening Sentence

Officiant Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Philippians 1:2

Confession of Sin

Officiant Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

All **Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
Assembly **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

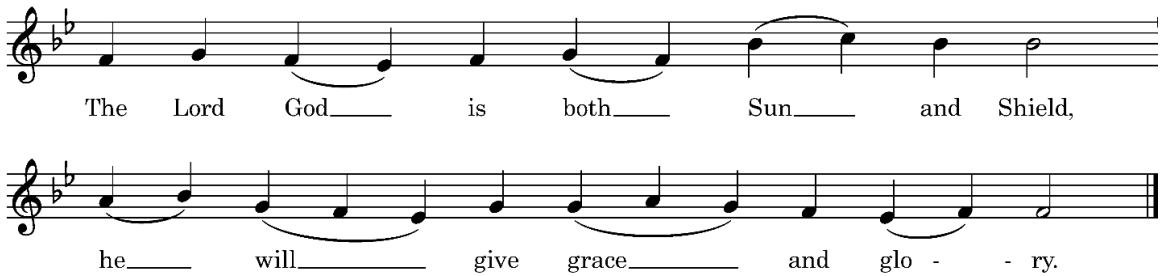
Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
Assembly **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in
the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Jubilate

Officiant The mercy of the Lord is everlasting: Come let us adore him..

Officiant Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.



The Lord God is both Sun and Shield,
he will give grace and glo - - ry.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Antiphon

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.

Antiphon

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; *
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and rescue them; *
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them,
because they seek refuge in him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Antiphon

The Lessons

The First Reading

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.""

And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

The Canticle

Canticle 9 – The First Song of Isaiah
 “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me”
 The Hymnal 1982 #679, *Thomas Merton*



1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not
 2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed



fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his



help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with



va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the



liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

The Second Reading

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your

shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

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

Canticle

Canticle 16 – The Song of Zechariah
 “We Bless You, God of Israel”
 Aldrich/Spencer, *The Eighth Tune, Tallis*



We bless you, God of Is - ra - el; you come to set your peo - ple free. In
 You prom-ised through the proph-et's word to save your peo-ple from their foes; in
 This child will go be - fore the Lord, the van - guard of Mes - si - ah's way, preach-
 Your ten - der love, like ear - ly dawn, her-alds the day of end - less peace; the



Je - sus, born of Da - vid's line, sal - va - tion springs for all to see.
 free - dom they will wor - ship you, fear - less, de - liv - ered from their woes.
 ing for - give - ness full and free, the pre - lude to God's per - fect day.
 dark - ness of death's shad - ow fades; your jus - tice reigns, and will not cease.

Sermon

Annette Johnston

A period of silence follows the reflection, begun and ended with a chime. Please stand as you are able for the creed and prayers.

The Creed

“We Believe”

The Aldrich/Spencer Songbook



We be - lieve in_ God al - migh - ty, Au - thor_ of all_ things that be,
We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
We be - lieve in_ God's own Spir - it, bond - ing_ all the_ saints with - in



Mak - er_ of the_ earth and heav - ens, Keep - er_ of the_ sky and sea.
tak - en_ from the_ cross, was bur - ied; True Life there had tru - ly died.
one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from sin;



We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for_ us both Lord and_ Christ
We be - lieve that on the_ third day Christ was raised up from the_ grave,
in the_ bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's chain



of the_ Spir - it_ and of Mar - y born to_ bring a - bun - dant life.
then as - cend - ed_ to God's right hand. He will come to_ judge and save.
gives the_ life that's ev - er - last - ing, This the_ faith that We have claimed.

Welcome and Announcements

Blessings for Birthday, Anniversaries, and Travelers

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Assembly **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

All

**Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your Name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us from the time of trial,
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
 now and for ever. Amen.**

Officiant Show us your mercy, O Lord;

Assembly **And grant us your salvation.**

Officiant Clothe your ministers with righteousness.

Assembly **Let your people sing with joy.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;

Assembly **For only in you can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under your care;

Assembly **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let your way be known upon earth;

Assembly **Your saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Assembly **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;

Assembly **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant O perfect Love, whose compassionate power transforms sin into health and temporal dust into eternal glory: grant us a gracious faith, so that like Joseph, when he was sold into slavery, we may face our trials with confidence, and become a blessing to friend and enemy alike in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

Officiant O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Officiant Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

Officiant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Elisabeth's Church. You can leave a donation in the offering plate or use your phone to scan the QR code to donate online.



Offertory Music

“Ubi Caritas”

Maurice Durufle, *sung by the St. Elisabeth's Choir*

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero. Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.	Where charity and love are, God is there. Love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice in Him and be glad. Let us fear, and let us love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love. Where charity and love are, God is there.
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Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, Form III

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Susan Chadd

Sally Graver

Ginny Broms

Aidan Thomson

Ben Whipple, son of Larry & Susan Whipple

Bill Howell, cousin of Anne Tuohy

Brian Scully, brother-in-law of Anne Tuohy

Joe Bessinger, nephew in law of Kay Rossiter

Are there others?

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

Concluding Collect

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of your faithful people is governed and sanctified: Receive our supplications and prayers which we offer before you for all members of your holy Church, that in their vocation and ministry they may truly and devoutly serve you; through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Assembly **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom

Officiant Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Grace

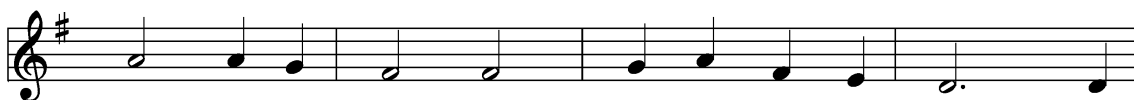
Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

"Give thanks for life"

Wonder, Love, and Praise, #775, *Sine Nomine*

1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,
 2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
 3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
 4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain



mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet
 caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who
 thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a
 ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in



sing to God our hope, our love, our - praise,)
 touched the truth, who burned for what is right,) Al -
 love not changed by time or death or dread,)
 res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain. }



le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

Officiant
Assembly

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Monday, February 24

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

Thursday, February 27

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, February 28

11:00 a.m. – Bible Study

Saturday, March 1

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

Sunday, March 2

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

Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

Holy Baptism

At the 10:00am service on **Sunday, March 2**, the Kim children will be baptized and incorporated as full members of Christ's one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. Please come and celebrate with the Kim family and our St. Elisabeth's community in church and at Coffee Hour afterwards.

Ash Wednesday

We enter the Lenten season on **Wednesday, March 5**, with a service of Holy Communion with the Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Elisabeth's. Services are also available with our Better Together friends at St. Lawrence, Libertyville at 8:30 a.m. and Trinity, Highland Park at noon.

Clean Up Day

St. Elisabeth's is organizing a cleanup day on **Sunday, March 9, following the 10:00 church service**. Please come dressed to work, and lunch will be provided. The house committee has identified seven designated areas to focus on. Our main priorities include reorganizing, and sorting through old items to better utilize unused space, so that we can have more functional working rooms for parish youth and adult ministries. The house committee hopes you can join them and promises to make it a fun time for all ages. Your help and support is appreciated.

Discernment Retreats

At the Annual Meeting of the parish last month, the rector and wardens shared their hopes for this year - that 2025 might be a year of discernment for St. Elisabeth's. A time of seeking to understand God's call to us as a community of faith.

Our first step together will be a discernment retreat for the whole parish. We are offering a choice of two dates: **Saturday, March 15, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, March 23, from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Lunch will be served at each. Please sign up at the link in the e-News, or on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary.

Sunday Supper and Family Worship

Our next gathering will be held on **Sunday, March 16, beginning at 4:30 p.m.** Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to join in on the fun, fellowship, and fabulous food with our faith family! Bring your favorite dish to share (copy of recipe is welcomed!) at this season's next rip-roar'n celebration around an evening prayer table. A sign-up sheet is available on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary. Please add your name, email the office at office@steglencoe.org or call 847-835-1410 to let us know that we may look forward to seeing you. Questions? Please contact Susan or Larry Whipple.

Living in Community

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The St. E's Bible Study group meets weekly on **Fridays at 11:00 am in the room formerly known as the Baehr Library.** We are currently studying the Gospel of John. For more information, contact Larry Whipple.

Prayer List

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

Pastoral needs, hospital calls, nursing/rehab 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.*

