



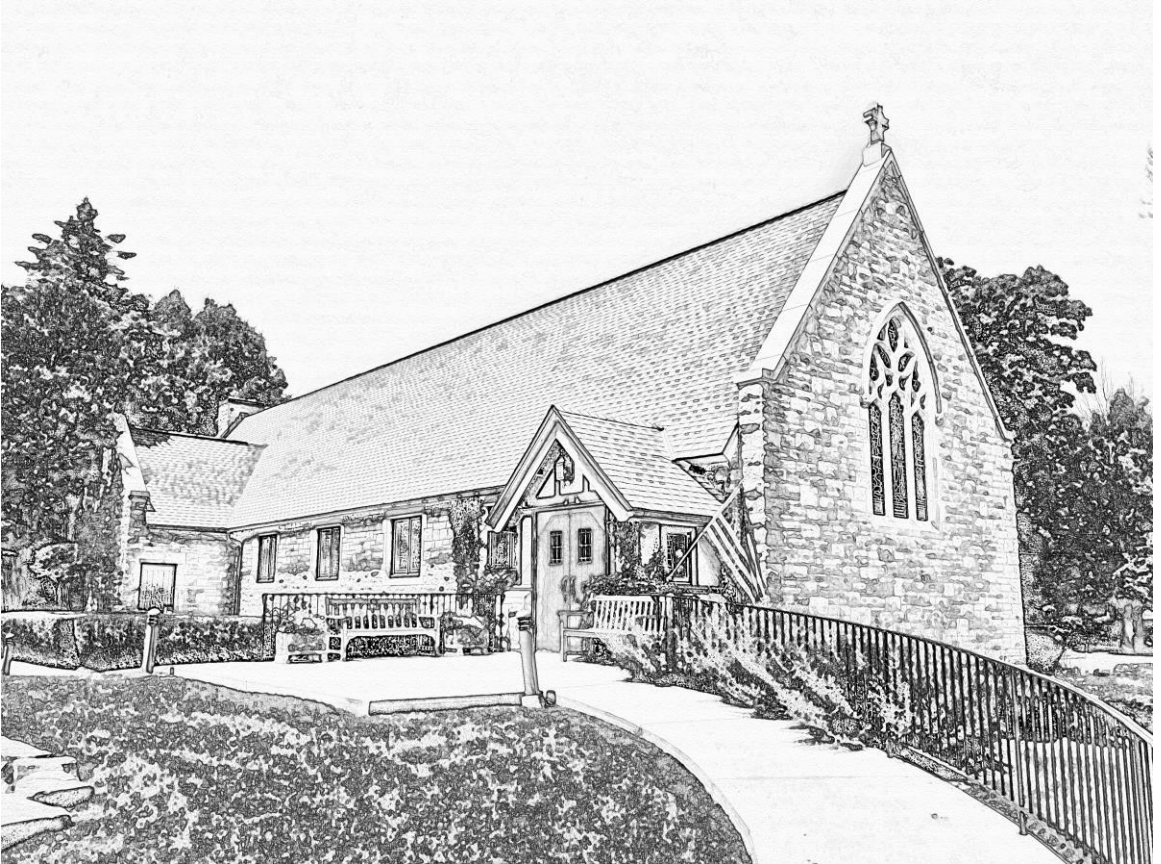
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Feast of St. Francis

October 6, 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

Perseverance. We are called to live with our wills open to cooperate with God’s creative power. Desmond Tutu, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize for his efforts to end apartheid in South Africa, summed this up well when he said, “We are only the light bulbs, and our job is just to remain screwed in!” – Richard Rohr

Practicing our faith - Orthopraxy

Tutu says that our job is to remain “screwed in” to our creativity with God. This week have you been tempted to be “unscrewed”? How did you manage that? How might you manage your “screwed-in-ness” next week? Share that with a trusted friend or spiritual companion.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

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

Opening Hymn

“All Creatures of our God and King”

The Hymnal 1982 #400, *Lass tuns erfrenen*



1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Please be seated for the readings.

The First Reading

Job 39:1-18

A Reading from the book of Job.

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth?
Do you observe the calving of the deer?

Can you number the months that they fulfil,
and do you know the time when they give birth,
when they crouch to give birth to their offspring,
and are delivered of their young?

Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open;
they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free?
Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass,
to which I have given the steppe for its home,
the salt land for its dwelling-place?

It scorns the tumult of the city;
it does not hear the shouts of the driver.

It ranges the mountains as its pasture,
and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you?
Will it spend the night at your crib?

Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes,
or will it harrow the valleys after you?

Will you depend on it because its strength is great,
and will you hand over your labour to it?

Do you have faith in it that it will return,
and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly,
though its pinions lack plumage.

For it leaves its eggs to the earth,
and lets them be warmed on the ground,

forgetting that a foot may crush them,
and that a wild animal may trample them.

It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own;
though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear;

because God has made it forget wisdom,
and given it no share in understanding.

When it spreads its plumes aloft,
it laughs at the horse and its rider."

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

Teach__ us to num - ber our days__ oh__ Lord,

that we may ap - ply our hearts to__ wis__ dom.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; *
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Antiphon

He will not let your foot be moved *
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

Antiphon

The Lord himself watches over you; *
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *
nor the moon by night.

Antiphon

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; *
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *
from this time forth for evermore.

Antiphon

The Second Reading

Acts 4:32-35, 5:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

But a man named Ananias, with the consent of his wife Sapphira, sold a piece of property; with his wife's knowledge, he kept back some of the proceeds, and brought only a part and laid it at the apostles' feet. "Ananias," Peter asked, "why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back part of the proceeds of the land? While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, were not the proceeds at your disposal? How is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You did not lie to us but to God!" Now when Ananias heard these words, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard of it. The young men came and wrapped up his body, then carried him out and buried him.

After an interval of about three hours his wife came in, not knowing what had happened. Peter said to her, "Tell me whether you and your husband sold the land for such and such a price." And she said, "Yes, that was the price." Then Peter said to her, "How is it that you have agreed together to put the Spirit of the Lord to the test? Look, the feet of those who have buried your husband are at the door, and they will carry you out." Immediately she fell down at his feet and died. When the young men came in they found her dead, so they carried her out and buried her beside her husband. And great fear seized the whole church and all who heard of these things.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn

“Let All Creation”

Wonder, Love and Praise #885, *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, peal 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

Luke 12:13-21

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Assembly **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
Assembly **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows the sermon, begun and ended with a chime.

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**Intervenor*

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
Susan Chadd
Sally Graver
All those affected by the damage caused by Hurricane Helene
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.**

Blessing of the Animals

Intervenor On this day, God, we offer thanks for our pets, who are your daily instruments of joy and comfort in our lives. As you demonstrate care for us, move us also to demonstrate care for our pets and for all your creatures, knowing that, in so doing, we are blessed to share in your love of creation. We pray in the name of Jesus, in whose power we are made a new creation.

Assembly **Amen.**

Intervenor O Lord, how manifold are your works.

Assembly **You stretch out the heavens like a tent.
You set the earth on its foundations.
You make springs gush forth in the valleys
And give drink to every animal.**

Intercessor You plant trees where birds may build their nests.

Assembly **You cause the grass to grow for the cattle
And plants for people to use.
You open your hand and give all creatures
Their food in good season.**

Intercessor Let us pray together a prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.

Assembly **Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.**

**O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to
console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

The Presider blesses the water.

Presider Bless this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit. May our pet companions continue to provide us delight and a reminder that we are called to care for all of God's creatures and celebrate the wonder of God's creation through Jesus Christ our Savior.

+Bless each of these beloved companions in the name of the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Presider sprinkles each pet.

Presider God our Creator, we give thanks to you for making cats and dogs, the birds and the fish, and all the animals which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we care for our pets. May we always celebrate the wonders of this world and may God use us as instruments of blessing for all companions great and small.

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

Stewardship Moment

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

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

Adrienne Zimmerman – October 6

Larry Whipple – October 10

Robin Lake – October 12

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

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
John Rutter, sung by the St. Elisabeth's Choir

*All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.
Each little flow'r that opens, Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colors, He made their tiny wings.*

*The purple beaded mountain, The river running by,
The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them ev'ry one;*

*All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.
He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.*

Sanctus

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

The Hymnal 1982 #S130, *Deutsche Messe*

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.

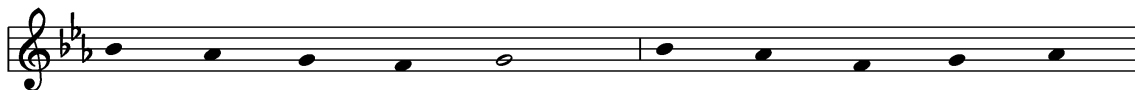
Music during Communion

“Creator of all time and space”

Voices Found #102, *Ruth Duck/Conditor aime siderum*



1 Cre - a - tor of all time and space, we read your
 2 We thank you for the hu - man mind, in mys - tic
 3 O God of plan - et, moon, and sun, we won - der,
 4 For mir - a - cles as large as space, as small as



im - age on each face. Great Spir - it of the
 har - mo - ny de - signed, for word and im - age,
 know - ing all you've done, that you be - friend the
 cells, as deep as grace, we of - fer you our



cos - mic whole, you made us bod - y, mind, and soul.
 dream and thought, for les - sons learned and an - swers sought.
 hu - man race, and fill our lives with love and grace.
 thanks and praise, and pledge to serve you all our days.

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

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Glory to God #14, Dix




1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Dismissal

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

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

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| <i>First Reading</i> | Robert Fischer |
| <i>Second Reading</i> | Kay Rossiter |
| <i>Prayers</i> | Pete Rossiter |
| <i>Altar Guild</i> | JoAn Andeson Kara Superfine |
| <i>Usher</i> | Jim Baur |
| <i>Coffee Hour</i> | |

This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Sunday, October 6

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Outdoor Sung Eucharist (Rite II) with Pet Blessing

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

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

12 noon – St. Elisabeth's Book Group

7:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting

Thursday, October 10

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Friday, October 11

11:00 a.m. – Bible Study

Saturday, October 12

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

Sunday, October 13

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Holy Baptism with Sung Eucharist (Rite II)

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship and Children's Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Forum with Matthew Berryman, Executive Director of Episcopal Charities

Happening Today

Sunday Forum & Fellowship

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.

We are in need of volunteers for Coffee Hour. Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway outside the church to indicate your willingness to host a coffee hour, or you may speak with Mark Tilton.

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

Holy Baptism and Brunch

The Kutko family invites you to join them for the Baptisms of Dorian, Shields and Stefan which will take place on **Sunday, October 13** during the 10am Sung Eucharist. A brunch will be served directly after, in the parish Dining Room, in celebration. (Fear not, Forum attendees - the Sunday Forum with Rev. Matt Berryman is still scheduled for the 13th - the brunch items will be grab and go!)

If you plan to join us for food, please RSVP to the invitation you receive via email, so the family can get a proper head count. And please plan to join us for this festive and very special occasion!

Learn About Work of Episcopal Charities

Join Adam and Rev. Matt Berryman after coffee hour (at our usual Sunday Forum time) on **Sunday, October 13**, for a presentation on the work of Episcopal Charities. A number of our St. Elisabeth's parishioners have been active in the work of Episcopal Charities - the social outreach arm of the Diocese of Chicago.

LGBTQ Meeting

Team LGBTQ is hosting a short meeting on **Saturday, October 19** at 9:00 a.m. at church to consider our next steps. In past years, our group has hosted workshops, programs and picnics. All are welcome to share ideas about what our future should look like at St E's. Please join us!

Living in Community

St. Elisabeth's Choir

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth's Choir for rehearsals at **7:30 pm 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!

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 studying the Gospel of Matthew, this week focusing on Matthew 9 and 10. For more information, contact Larry Whipple.

St. Elisabeth's Book Group

In Order to Accept the Idea of Sin, Is It Necessary to Believe in God? What do you think? St. E's Book Group will discuss Nathaniel Hawthorn's short story "Ethan Brand—A Chapter from an Abortive Romance" at its monthly meeting **Tuesday October 8**, at noon in the parish Fireside Room. Bag lunches are optional.

Hawthorne's story, originally "The Unpardonable Sin." was first published in 1850 and appeared later in his final short story collection, *The Snow-Image and Other Twice-Told Tales*. In this short work of fiction, the author considers two themes— the search for truth and transgression. If you are looking for a lively discussion, this is the group for you. There is a loaner copy of the current book available in the office.

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.