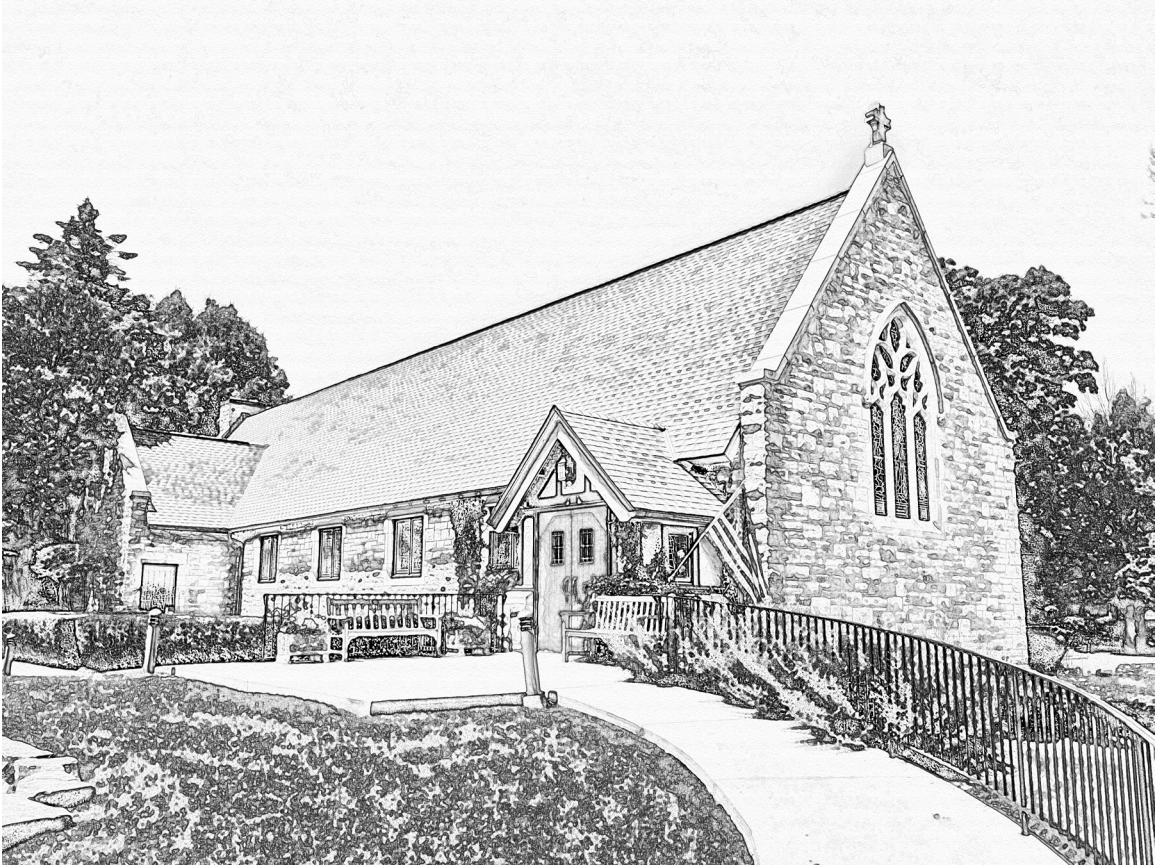

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 28, 2026

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.

Today at St. Elisabeth's

8:00 am – Spoken Eucharist

10:00 am – Sung Eucharist

11:00 am – Coffee Hour, Adult Forum, Sunday School

Sunday Forum:

Each Sunday, we gather after coffee for a discussion on the lessons, music, and sermon from the morning service; with frequent special presentations.

Children's Sunday School

Children of all ages are invited to meet in the classroom on the 2nd floor following the 10 a.m. service to learn about the Bible and have some fun with our Director of Children's Formation, Abigail Pribble.

In the Church Year: Ordinary Time

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. – *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

Entering In

The following thought and image are intended to reflect something in today's service. The Practice is intended to offer one practical way of living these reflections.

As we welcome the rich diversity of human experience in those whom God calls to Christ's table, the One whose very nature is hospitality and love welcomes us too. -- *Br. Jonathan Maury, SSJE*

Practice: Practice "welcoming" in places you might not normally think of.



Sacrifice of Isaac, Mosaic in the chapel at St. Vitale, Ravenna, Italy

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

Please rise as able at the ringing of the bell.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Assembly **Glory to God for ever and ever.**

Presider Loving Jesus: Protect and sustain us with your hand. Open the door of your love that, sealed with your wisdom, we may be free to serve you with joy. *(a prayer of St. Gertrude)*


Assembly **Amen.**

The Song of Praise

“Lord, speak to me”

1 Lord, speak to me, that I may speak in
2 O lead me, Lord, that I may lead the
3 O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the

liv - ing ech - oes of thy tone; as thou has sought, so
wand - ering and the wav - ering feet; O feed me, Lord, that
pre - cious things thou dost im - part; and wing my words, that



let me seek thy err - ing child - ren lost and lone.
I may feed thy hun - gry ones with man - na sweet.
they may reach the hid - den depths of many a heart.

Voices Found #98, Text: Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879) Music: *Canonbury*, adapt. Robert A. Schumann (1810-1856)

The Collect

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Presider God be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Ruler of the universe, you call us to radical trust. Grant us strength to offer ourselves to you as people who have been raised from death to life through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Genesis 22:1-14

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place

in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.” And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide”; as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 13

Cantor

How long, O Lord?

will you forget me for ever? *

how long will you hide your face from me?

How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,

and grief in my heart, day after day? *

how long shall my enemy triumph over me?

Look upon me and answer me, O Lord my God; *

give light to my eyes, lest I sleep in death;

Lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him," *

and my foes rejoice that I have fallen.

But I put my trust in your mercy; *

my heart is joyful because of your saving help.

I will sing to the Lord, for he has dealt with me richly; *

I will praise the Name of the Lord Most High.

Response – Gloria Partii

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.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn

“No saint on earth”

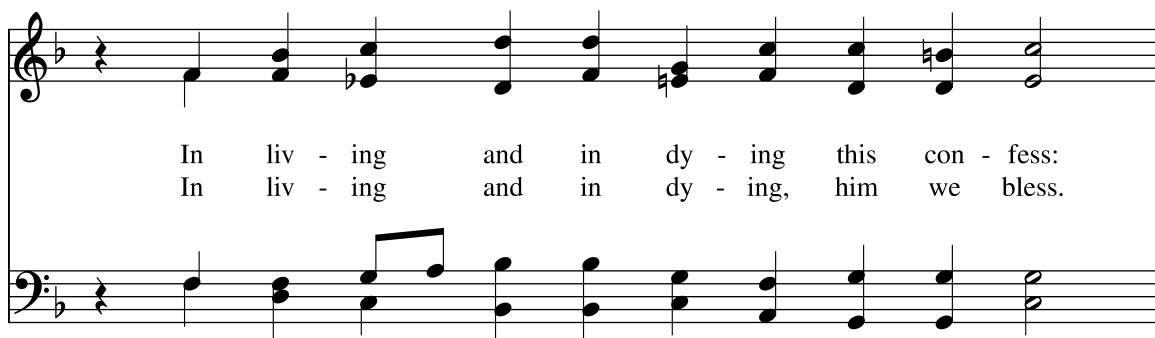
1. No saint on earth lives life to self a - lone
 2. For to this end our Lord by death was slain,

or dies a - lone, for we with Christ are one.
 that to new life he might a - rise a - gain.

So if we live, for Christ a - lone we live,
 Through sor - row on to tri - umph Christ has led,



and if we die, to Christ our dy - ing give.
and reigns o'er all: the liv - ing and the dead.



In liv - ing and in dy - ing this con - fess:
In liv - ing and in dy - ing, him we bless.



we are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.
We are the Lord's, safe in God's faith - ful - ness.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #776, Text: J. W. Schulte-Nordholt
Music: *Song I*, Orlando Gibbons, harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Gospel

Matthew 10:40-42

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

Jesus said, “Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows the Sermon, beginning and ending with a chime.

Please stand as you are able for the Creed and the Prayers of the People.

The Creed

Assembly **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

The Prayers of the People

Common Worship Times and Seasons

Intercessor God be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Intercessor Let us pray.

Intercessor O Lord, listen to the prayers of your people, gathered at your table.

Intercessor God in your mercy,

Assembly **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Here, where we celebrate how Christ gave us his body to be our spiritual food, listen as we pray for his body the Church, spread throughout the world.

Intercessor God in your mercy,

Assembly **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Here, where we recognize the presence of Christ, who takes away the sin of the world, listen as we pray for that world and for its peoples for whom his blood was shed.

Intercessor God in your mercy,

Assembly **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Here, where we come together as Christ gathered with his friends to give us this meal of holy fellowship, listen as we pray for all whom you have given us, our friends and all whose lives are joined with ours.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
Assembly **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Here, where we remember the night of Christ's agony and trial, listen as we pray for all who share his sufferings through fear or pain or distress of many kinds, particularly

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Aidan Thomson

Isabelle Thomson

Norris Byrnes, cousin of Libby Hinds

Andre Stoken, brother of Deidre McClurg

Donna, friend of Walter Aldrich

Liz Miller, friend of Anne Tuohy

Alicia Rapelye, sister of Annette Johnston

Tyler & Anna

Adele & Rick Ferretti

Intercessor God in your mercy,
Assembly **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Here, where we join our praises with the whole company of heaven, listen as we pray for all those who have died and for all who have trusted Christ's promise to raise up on the last day those who eat his flesh and drink his blood.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
Assembly **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Lord, satisfy our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Intercessor God in your mercy,
Assembly **hear our prayer.**

Presider Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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.**

The Absolution

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.
Amen.

The 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.

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Prisider

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

If you are financially able to support the mission of St. Elisabeth's, please put your offering in the collection plate as it is passed or use the QR code to donate online.



Offertory Hymn

“Where cross the crowded ways of life”

1 Where cross the crowd - ed ways of life, where sound the
2 In haunts of wretch - ed - ness and need, on sha - dowed
3 The cup of wa - ter given for thee still holds the
4 O Mas - ter, from the moun - tain side, make haste to
5 till all the world shall learn thy love, and fol - low

1 cries of race and clan, a - bove the noise of
2 thresh - olds dark with fears, from paths where hide the
3 fresh - ness of thy grace; yet long these mul - ti -
4 heal these hearts of pain; a - mong these rest - less
5 where thy feet have trod; till glo - rious from thy

1 self - ish strife, we hear thy voice, O Son of Man.
 2 lures of greed, we catch the vi - sion of thy tears.
 3 tudes to see the true com - pas - sion of thy face.
 4 throgs a - bide, O tread the ci - ty's streets a - gain;
 5 heaven a - bove, shall come the ci - ty of our God.

The Hymnal 1982 #609, Text: Frank Mason North (1850-1935) Music: *Gardiner*, arr. William Gardiner (1770-1853)

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, the Word in
 flesh born low; Praise Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er -
 -more; One God, Tri - une, whom we a - dore.

Music: *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1

Presider God be with you.
Assembly **And also with you.**

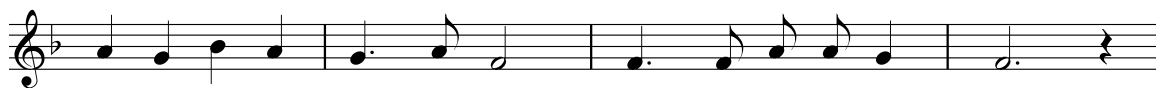
Presider Lift up your hearts
Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
Assembly **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give thanks to you, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,



heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



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



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -



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

The Hymnal 1982 #S125, Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (b 1937)

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: “Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Elisabeth and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All **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.

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

Assembly **We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one
bread.**

The 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. Please stand or kneel at the altar rail as the choir does. Assist the minister to guide the chalice to your lips. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free host available upon request.

Communion Hymn

“O Jesus, I have promised”



1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,



be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;



I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

The Hymnal 1982 #655, Text: John Ernest bode (1816-1874, Music: *Nyland*, adapt and harm. David Evans (1874-1948)

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

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

Abgail Tilton-Kohl – June 29

Skip & Linda Cline – July 3

The Blessing

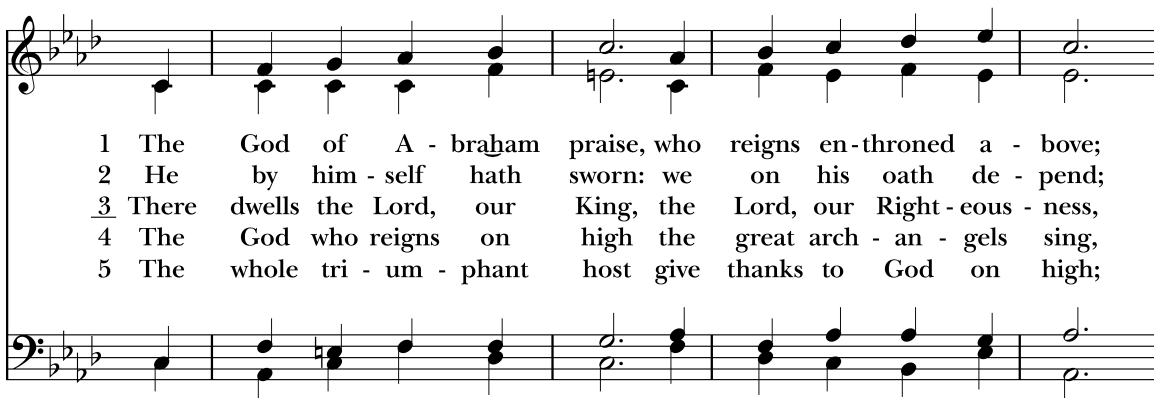
Enriching Our Worship – source: Celtic

Presider The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the Name of the one, holy and undivided Trinity.

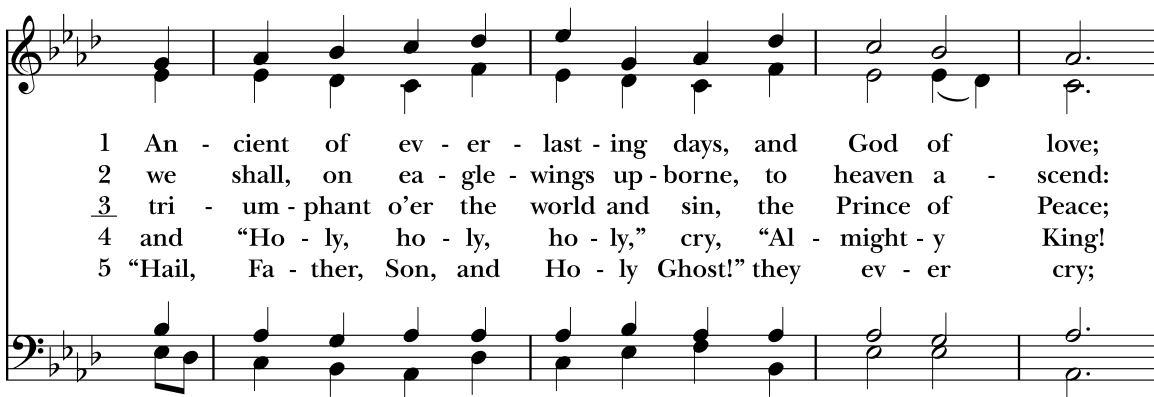
Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

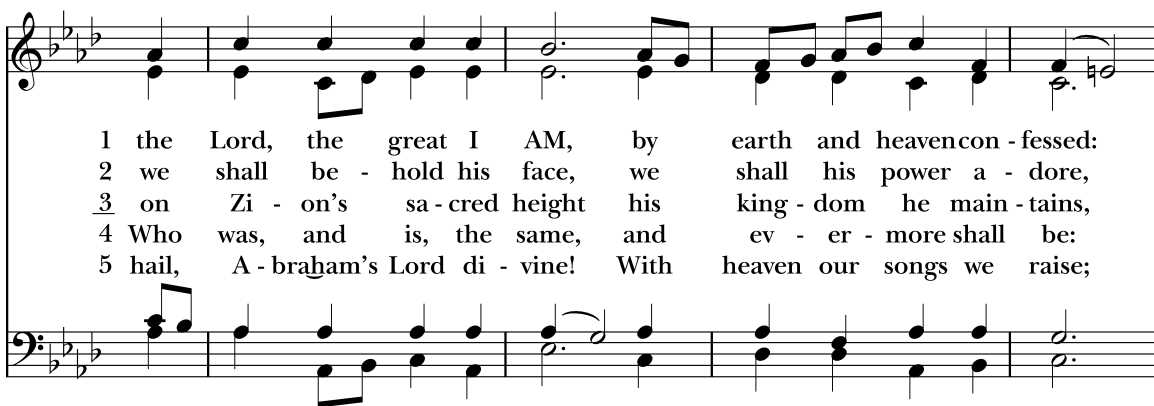
"The God of Abraham praise"



1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
 2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;
 3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,
 4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,
 5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
 2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:
 3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;
 4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!
 5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
 2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,
 3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,
 4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:
 5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

The Hymnal 1982 #401, Text: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799) Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Partners in Outreach

Summer Food Drive

St. Elisabeth's Sunday School Food Drive resumes **in June**. Victor, Hero, and Valoria Kim chose to donate canned fruit this month. All collections will be delivered to the New Trier Food Pantry. Collection bins are located in the back of the church.

Feeding People with Interfaith Action

It's time again to host diners at the Evanston Methodist Church. On **Thursday, July 9** we will need help with preparing sack lunches at St. Elisabeth's and then preparing a hot meal at the Methodist Church. Keep us in mind! — Susan Newcomb and John Tuohy

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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 – 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

We at St. Elisabeth's share an adventurous spirit and a commitment to radiate God's love within and beyond our red doors.

