

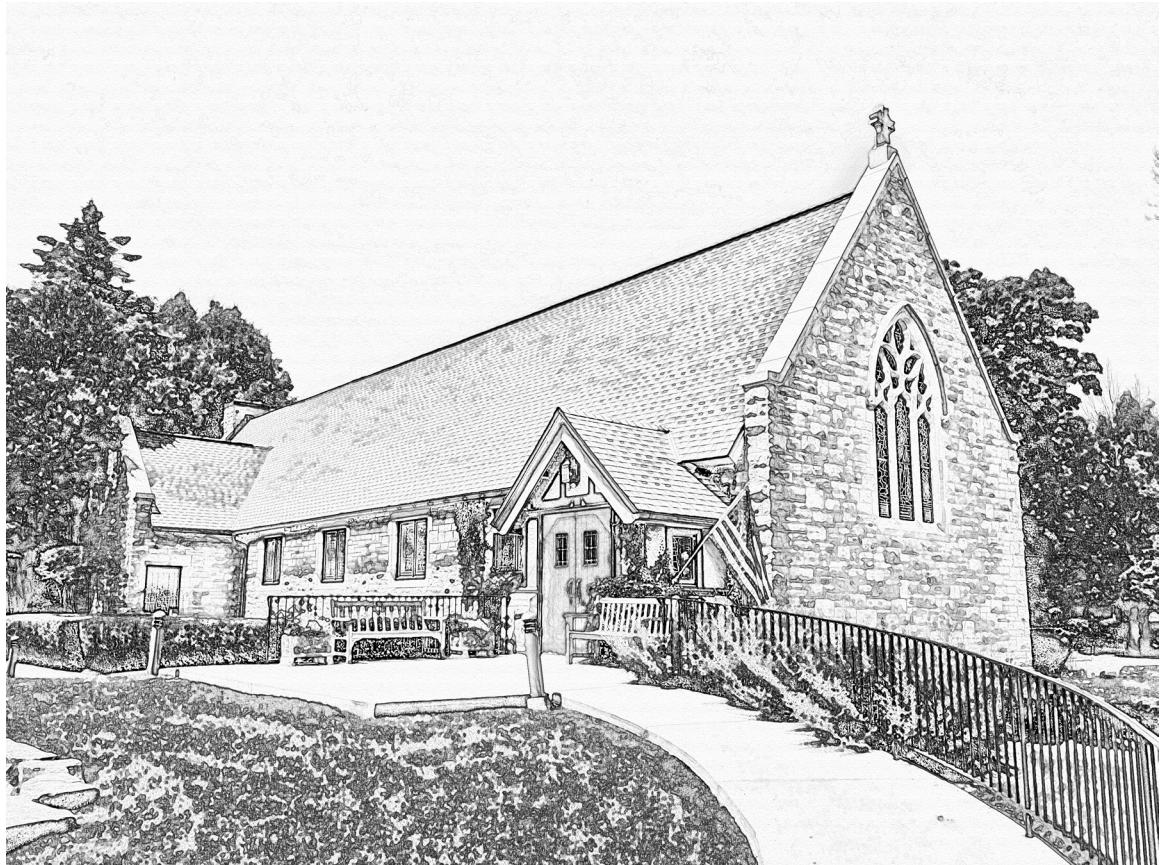
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 8, 2026

10:00 a.m.

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.

In the Church Year: 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*

Today at St. Elisabeth’s

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

11:00 a.m. – Coffee Hour, Sunday School, and Sunday Forum

Scout Sunday

The Boy Scout program which meets at St. Elisabeth’s is more than just an activity for Glencoe youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. Join us today, as we celebrate Scouting with the youth of Pack and Troop 28, and with local Girl Scouts as well. The scouts will host coffee hour, provide readings and reflections in church, and give us a tour of their newly renovated space downstairs.

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

Susan Whipple – February 12

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.

Jesus says, "You are the light of the world...Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven." If you were to say, there doesn't seem to be much light in me right now... you might be surprised. In a dark place, even a little bit of light will have a brilliant effect. You are teeming with light. – Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE

Practice: Are you experiencing a dark place in your life? Visit that place alone, or perhaps with a spiritual friend and see what little bit of light you might find. Where might that little bit of light be leading you?



Cock, representing light, fights against a turtle, representing darkness, Basilica di Aquileia, Italy, 4th c.

According to the printed material available at the basilica, "The cock is the symbol of the light of a new day, thus representing Christ, the 'light of the world.' The tortoise, whose Greek name means 'dweller of the darkness,' is instead the symbol of the Evil."

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II The Word of God

The Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

The Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language

Presider Blessed be God: Most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

Assembly And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.

Presider Christ our true and only Light: receive our morning prayers, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace. *Enriching Our Worship/Gelasian Sacramentary*

Enriching Our Worship/Gelasian Sacramentary

Assembly **Amen.**

The Hymn

“Thy strong word did cleave the darkness”

1 Thy strong word did cleave the dark - ness; at thy speak - ing
 2 Lo, on those who dwelt in dark - ness, dark as night and
 3 Thy strong word be - speaks us right - eous; bright with thine own
 4 God the Fa-ther, Light-Cre - a - tor, to thee laud and

it was done; for cre - at - ed light we thank thee,
 deep as death, broke the light of thy sal - va - tion,
 ho - li - ness, glo - rious now, we press toward glo - ry,
 hon - or be; to thee, Light of Light be - got - ten,

3

while thine or - dered sea - sons run: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -
breathed thine own life - giv - ing breath: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -
and our lives our hopes con - fess: Al-le - lu - ia, al - le -
praise be sung e - ter - nal - ly; Ho-ly Spi-rit, Light-Re -

3

lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
lu - ia! Praise to thee who light dost send! Al - le - lu - ia,
veal - er, glo - ry, glo - ry be to thee; mor-tals, an-gels,

3

al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia with - out end!
now and ev - er praise the Ho - ly Tri - ni - ty.

Text: Martin Franzmann (1907-1976), Music: *Ton-y Botel*, Thomas John Williams (1869-1944)

The Collect of the Day

Vanderbilt Divinity Library

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

Presider Let us pray.

O God of light, your searching Spirit reveals and illuminates your presence in creation. Shine your radiant holiness into our lives, that we may offer our hands and hearts to your work: to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe, to break every yoke and silence evil tongues, through Jesus Christ.

Assembly **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Isaiah 58:1-9a

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back!

Lift up your voice like a trumpet!

Announce to my people their rebellion,
to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me
and delight to know my ways,

as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness
and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgments,
they delight to draw near to God.

“Why do we fast, but you do not see?
Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?”

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day,
and oppress all your workers.

Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight
and to strike with a wicked fist.

Such fasting as you do today
will not make your voice heard on high.

Is such the fast that I choose,
a day to humble oneself?

Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush,
and to lie in sackcloth and ashes?

Will you call this a fast,
a day acceptable to the Lord?

Is not this the fast that I choose:
 to loose the bonds of injustice,
 to undo the thongs of the yoke,
to let the oppressed go free,
 and to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
 and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
 and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn,
 and your healing shall spring up quickly;
your vindicator shall go before you,
 the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard.

Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer;
 you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 112

Hallelujah!

Happy are they who fear the Lord *
and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; *
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, *
and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; *
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending *
and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; *
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; *
their heart is right;
they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, *
until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, *
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honor.

The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away; *
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Please stand as you are able

Sequence Hymn

“O day of God, draw nigh”

1 O day of God, draw nigh in beau - ty and in power, come
 2 Bring to our trou - bled minds, un - cer - tain and a - fraid, the
 3 Bring jus - tice to our land, that all may dwell se - cure, and
 4 Bring to our world of strife thy sov - ereign word of peace, that
 5 O day of God, draw nigh as at cre - a - tion's birth, let

1 with thy time - less judg - ment now to match our pres - ent hour.
 2 qui - et of a stead - fast faith, calm of a call o - beyed.
 3 fine - ly build for days to come foun - da - tions that en - dure.
 4 war may haunt the earth no more and des - o - la - tion cease.
 5 there be light a - gain, and set thy judg - ments in the earth.

The Hymnal 1982 #601, Text: Robert Scott (1899-1987), Music: *St Michael*, Louis Bourgeois (1510-1561)

The Gospel

Matthew 5:13-20

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

Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

“You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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.

The Creed



I be - lieve in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be,
 I be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
 I 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;

I be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and Christ
 I 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 I have claimed.

Aldrich/Spencer; Text: Apostles Creed paraphrased, Music: Racquel

The Prayers of the People

*Written by the Rev. Adam Spencer,
 adapted from the Philmont Hymn and the Scout Law*

Intercessor God be with you,
Assembly **And also with you.**

Intercessor Let us pray.

For silver on the sage, for starlit skies above, for aspen covered hills, for wind in whispering pines, and for those who walk beside us upon the trail, we praise you and we thank you, O God and Maker of All.

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

Intercessor O God of truth and goodness, you are ever faithful, our ever present helper and our strength - make us trustworthy and good. Make us loyal, for through loyalty do we reach our highest ideals. Teach us to be helpful, for through helping others, do we forget our selfishness and dwell in your love.

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

Intercessor O God our daily companion, guide us to befriend those who are lonely and sorrowing. Train us in courtesy and share with us your noble gracefulness. Make us kind that, through us, your kindness may abound in our world.

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

Intercessor O God, you order our days and our steps, make us obedient to ever walking in your Way with cheerfulness. Train us in thrift that we will be wise stewards of all the good gifts you give us.

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

Intercessor O God, make us brave in every season of life – in both the darkness and in the light. Purify our hearts that we are whole and clean in our thoughts, our speech, our deeds.

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

Intercessor We bring to you in prayer today, merciful and mighty One, all those in need of prayer, all who are sick, who suffer, who grieve, or who are in any kind of trouble, particularly those we now name, silently or aloud...

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Aidan Thomson

Isabelle Thomson

Anne Tuohy

Ben Whipple, son of Larry & Susan Whipple

Chuck Southwick & family, friend of Susan & Larry Whipple

Are there others?

And we pray to you for all who have died, especially Yolanda Fraioli. Lead them into your realms of light eternal.

Intercessor God in your mercy,

Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Above all, O God, help us to be reverent towards all created things which you have made for our enjoyment and to draw us nearer to you: the streams, the trees, the hillsides. Lead us to be ever mindful that it was you who made the waters to flow, the trees to reach heavenward, the mountains to endure for the long ages of the earth. We ask you, Eternal One, to help us to live out the oaths we have pledged with generosity and courage. May your care and love for us shine through all that we do and all that we are. Walk with us, O God, along all the pathways of our days.

Intercessor God in your mercy,

Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Silence

Presider Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

The Book of Common Prayer

Assembly **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

The Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

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 our Savior 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.**

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.**

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

The Offertory Sentence

Presider 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.



The Offertory Hymn**“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”**

Verses 1, 2, 4



1. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
 2. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. Where
 4. Make me a chan - nel of your peace. It



there is ha - tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned, in



there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord, And
 there is dark - ness, on - ly light, And
 giv - ing of our - selves that we re - ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.
 dy - ing that we're born to e-ter - nal life.

1. || 2., 4. |

Please turn the page for verse 3 and then back for verse 4.

Verse 3

3. Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be con-
soled as to con - sole. To be un-der-stood as to un-der-
stand. To be loved as to love with all my soul.

Gather #828, Text: Prayer of St Francis, adapted by Sebastian Temple (1928-1997),
Music: Sebastian Temple

Please stand as you are able.

The Doxology

To God, all glor-ious heav-enly light; To Christ, re - vealed in earth - ly night;
To God, the Spir - it now we raise; Our joy - ful songs of thank - ful praise.

Music: *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Book of Common Prayer, Prayer A, Expansive Language

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Music score for a hymn, likely for a two-part choir or organ. The score consists of four systems of music, each with a treble clef and a bass clef, and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The music is in common time. The lyrics are as follows:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and
might, _____
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might, _____
heaven and earth are
full, _____
full of your glo - ry. Ho -

The score includes several musical markings: fermatas over the words "Lord" and "glo - ry", a dynamic of ff (fortissimo) over the first "full", and a dynamic of p (pianissimo) over the second "full". There are also several grace notes and slurs.

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.

The Hymnal 1982 S130, Franz Schubert/arr. Richard Proulx

You are invited to remain standing or to kneel.

Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper 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 shed for you and for many 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 We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for 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 The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

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

The Communion Hymn

“I want to walk as a child of the light”

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see the brightness of God.
 3 I'm looking for the coming of Christ.

I want to follow Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right - eous - ness, shine on my path, and
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, we

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - sus.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.
 ther.

Refrain

In him there is no dark - ness at all. The

night and the day are both a - like. The

Lamb is the light of the ci - ty of God.

rit.

a tempo

Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #811, Words and Music Bob Dufford, SJ

Please stand as you are able.

The Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Please be seated for the announcements.

Announcements

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

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

The Blessing

The Book of Occasional Services

Please stand as you are able.

Presider God be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

“This Little Light of Mine”

1. This lit - tle light of mine
 2. Ev - 'ry - where I go,
 3. Je - sus gave it to me,

I'm gon-na let it shine,
 I'm gon-na let it shine,
 I'm gon-na let it shine,

This lit - tle light of mine
 Ev - 'ry - where I go,
 Je - sus gave it to me,

I'm gon-na let it shine;
 I'm gon-na let it shine;
 I'm gon-na let it shine;

This lit - tle light of mine
 Ev - 'ry - where I go,
 Je - sus gave it to me,

I'm gon - na let it shine,
 I'm gon - na let it shine,
 I'm gon - na let it shine,

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
 Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Lift Every Voice and Sing #221, Text and Music: Spiritual

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The Postlude

Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

Quarterly Giving: The Night Ministry

Last fall, we began a new outreach initiative -- Quarterly Giving. Four times a year, we will be donating our plate offering to an outreach ministry in our area. For the month of February, our donations will go to The Night Ministry in Chicago.

The Night Ministry was established in 1979 when a diverse group of Chicago North Side congregations hired Rev. Tom Behrens to provide outreach in nighttime areas where vulnerable populations, especially homeless youth, gathered. In late 1980, the Outreach and Health Ministry was launched with a used mobile van to provide basic health care in the neighborhoods. In 1992 Open Door Shelter serving homeless youth, ages 14-21, was opened and The Night Ministry has continued to grow. Today a customized Health Outreach Bus operating six nights a week has expanded to include South Side neighborhoods and additional shelters have been opened. From a small group operating out of Tom Behren's trunk the Night Ministry has become an innovative leader in providing support to homeless and vulnerable youth and young adults.

St. Elisabeth's Book Group

The Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, February 10**, at 11:30 am at the home of Susan & Larry Whipple for lunch and to discuss Eudora Welty's short story, "*A Still Moment*," published in 1943. The author, a native of Jackson Mississippi and a Pulitzer Prize winner, transcends regional literature and, to quote The Great Books Foundation, "depicts universal themes, innovative literary techniques and psychological subtlety." Her story can be found in *Great Conversations 5* or on line. Please RSVP to Susan (whippletoo@yahoo.com), if you plan to attend the lunch.

A Quiet Morning of Reflection: From the Mountaintop to the Wilderness

On **Saturday February 14**, St. Augustine's Church at 1140 Wilmette Ave in Wilmette is offering a Quiet Morning Retreat as we move from the season of Epiphany turn towards Lent. The morning will include a reflection, spiritual practices, and a time for sharing, all facilitated by Deborah DeManno, St. Augustine's Spiritual Director in Residence. Doors open at 8:30 for gathering and refreshments with the retreat program time from 9 am-noon. Please register to help us plan using the QR code.



Sunday Forum: The Gospel of Matthew, Part 2

In 2026, our Sunday Gospel readings will largely be taken from the Gospel of Matthew. Join Priest Associate Larry Handwerk for the second in a series of forums on **Sunday, February 15**, after the 10:00 am service, as we continue to explore Matthew's

Gospel and the ways in which its unique perspective might help us understand Jesus differently.

Sunday Supper and Family Worship

Our next Sunday evening worship and potlucks is coming up on **Sunday, February 15**. We will open the church doors at 4:00, and worship begins at 4:30. After that, we will enjoy some great food. Our theme this month is CHOCOLATE. There is a sign up sheet on the board in the hall, as well as a link to the electronic sign up in the E-news. We hope you can attend --it's a fun way to pray and we always have lots of food.

Ash Wednesday

We enter the Lenten season on **Wednesday, February 18**, with a service of Holy Communion with Sermon and the Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 p.m.

New Discussion Group for Parents

St. Elisabeth's is starting a discussion group to support the parents of young daughters and sons. "Young" includes anyone from infants through college age. The gatherings will enable the parents of young people to talk with each other and with older parents. In the conversations, parents may talk freely about the good and bad parts of child raising. Parents can ask each other for advice. They can share happiness, or vent about problems. The young parents may also bounce ideas off the older parents. In this case, the older parents are Susan Whipple and Fred Johnston. Susan and Fred (and their spouses) raised children. They are also grandparents. They can share insights from their own experiences. In short, we want the conversations to support the younger mothers and fathers.

The first group session is set for **Sunday February 22** after worship. It will take place in the meeting room upstairs. At the first gathering, Susan and Fred want to see what works--and doesn't work--with the discussion. We want a conversation format that works for the young parents. We want the younger parents to offer suggestions on things like meeting times, locations and other practical considerations.

Please note that our conversations will be confidential. The conversations must remain confidential. If you have questions about the upcoming event, please contact Fred at frederickpjohnston@gmail.com.

Assisting Today

<i>Reading</i>	A Scout
<i>Prayers</i>	A Scout
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Polly Baur
<i>Usher</i>	Phil Miller
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Scout Sunday

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The Rev. Adam Spencer	<i>Rector</i>
The Rev. Larry Handwerk	<i>Priest Associate</i>
Walter Aldrich	<i>Director of Music</i>
Caryl Medsker	<i>Director of Administration</i>
Abigail Pribble	<i>Director of Children's Formation</i>
Elizabeth Clemmitt	<i>Associate for Spiritual Wellness</i>

2026 Vestry

Polly Baur	Fred Johnston	Kara Superfine
Robert Fischer, <i>Warden</i>	Jamie Kim	Mark Tilton, <i>Treasurer</i>
Hall Healy	Carrie Miller-Mygatt, <i>Warden</i>	John Tuohy, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>

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.*