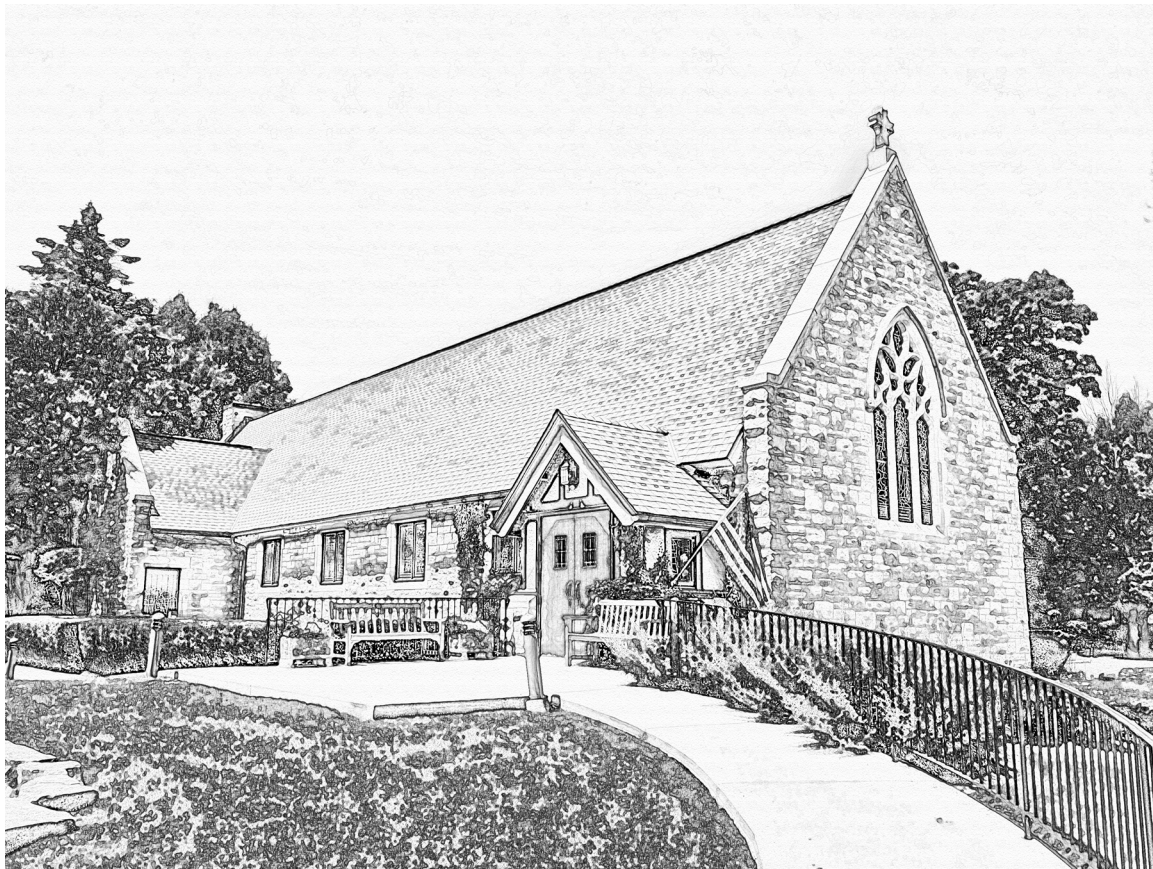

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

October 18, 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 – Spoken Eucharist

11:00 am – Coffee Hour, Sunday 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. Today we will continue our discussion of *Discovering Christianity: a Guide for the Curious* by Rowan Williams. Copies of the reading are available in the back of the church.

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.

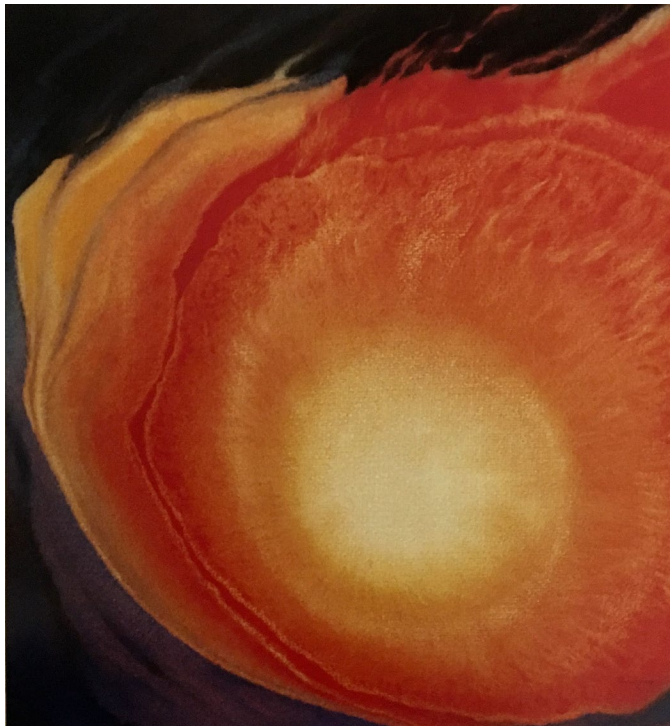
After Pentecost we settle into the growing season, nourishing the seeds planted at Easter and putting down roots in our faith.

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.

If your former experience of “God” no longer has enough meaning for you, if it's too small, too pedestrian, too local – then translate it. Find some new language to speak out of the depths of your life. Get in touch with the source of being which is your ultimate concern; get in touch with what you take seriously and without reservation. -- *Br. Curtis Almquist, SSJE*

Practice: Is there anything for you to let go of in your relationship to God. Some thought, some belief, some experience which you've hung on to from the past which is no longer the way? To whom are you really paying “taxes”?



Churinga (pure light, glory of God) by Frank Wesley

Wesley was born in Azamgarh, Uttar Pradesh into a fifth generation Christian family of Hindu and Muslim descent. He belongs to the Lucknow school of painting. His paintings reflect this influence and that of the Chughtai school of painting that flourished in India at the turn of the century. Wesley made art based on both biblical and secular themes. He used water colours, oil paintings, miniatures and wooden carvings. Wesley's painting "Blue Madonna" was used for the first UNICEF Christmas card, while five of his paintings were exhibited at the 1950 Holy Year Exhibition in the Vatican. He is also known for designing the funeral urn for Mahatma Gandhi's ashes.

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

Jim Baur, guitar

Please rise as able at the ringing of the bell.

The Opening Acclamation

Enriching Our Worship

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

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

Presider God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Collect

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

Presider God be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

You know each of us by name, O God, and in your sight we have found favor, yet our minds cannot comprehend the vision of your glory or the vastness of your love. Grant that as we glimpse your greatness, reflected in your many gifts, we may always return to you the praise that is yours alone. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Exodus 33:12-23

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

Moses said to the Lord, “See, you have said to me, ‘Bring up this people’; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, ‘I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” He said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.”

The Lord said to Moses, “I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Show me your glory, I pray.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, ‘The Lord’; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.” And the Lord continued, “See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.”

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 99

The Lord is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.

**The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.

**"O mighty King, lover of justice,
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.**

He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

**O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Please stand as you are able.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:15-22

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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 Nicene Creed

Assembly

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the
dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
 With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
 He has spoken through the Prophets.
 We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
 We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
 We look for the resurrection of the dead,
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Written by the Rev. Adam Spencer

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

Intercessor Let us pray,
 Holy One, dwelling in light inaccessible, your Essence outpaces all of our images and all of our ideas about you. There is no name that we can give you, no description we can generate, no creed we can devise which encompasses the fullness of your divine Self. Even so, we try here in this sacred place to offer you faithful praise with our fleeting, imperfect words and to listen faithfully for your eternal Word. We come here, gathered as your people to bring our gifts and our needs to you, to lift up our hearts, to receive your Body and Blood, to seek your face. We pray to you today, in a particular way, for this parish of St. Elisabeth's and for your Church here in the Diocese of Chicago and the Evanston Deanery, especially for Bishop Clark and the people of St. Luke's Church in Evanston and Kat their rector. Reveal your glory to your whole Church, O God, as you revealed it to Moses and our forebears in faith - as a shining and a piercing Light. Make us holy as you are holy.

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

Intercessor

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on our warring, wounded world. Your infinity reflects back to us our finitude. Your ways are not our ways. You are high above all peoples. O Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity and executed justice and righteousness. Shape the hearts and imaginations of those in leadership, those who hold public office in our village, county, state and nation that their actions might accord with your commandments. Guide them - and us - to live with humility, justice, and kindness, to care for the widow and the orphan, the poor and destitute, to comfort those who mourn, to satisfy those who hunger and thirst, and to welcome those who are strangers in the land. Remind all decision-makers that they will be held to account for their decisions by an authority well beyond their own. Kindle the hearts of our leaders that they conduct their affairs and the affairs of state as people after your own sacred heart, O Lord.

Intercessor

God in your mercy,

Assembly

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Luminous Darkness, you surround and enfold our lives and enlighten and penetrate our hearts. You know us each by name. Send your divine Presence among those living in the shadow of warfare, poverty, disease, natural disaster and famine. We pray to you for all who suffer or struggle around the world this day - for all those affected by the hurricanes in the United States and Mexico and for the people of Ethiopia, Iran, Panama, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Ukraine and Russia, Gaza and Israel, and for all those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud...for...

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Isabelle Thomson

Norris Byrnes, cousin of Libby Hinds

Donna, friend of Walter Aldrich

Leigh, niece of Annette & Fred Johnston

Patricia & Richard, friend of Annette & Fred Johnston

George

Pope Leo

Are there others?

Silence

Restore them, strengthen them, and give them rest from all anxiety, sorrow and pain.

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Alpha and Omega, beginning and ending of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. We lift up to you all those who have died and all those who mourn, those we now name silently or aloud...

(Silence)

Enfold them in your neverending rest and peace until we are reunited with them in your Presence, upon another shore and in a greater light.

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Presider

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

-- *Book of Common Prayer*

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.

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

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.



Offertory Music

Jim Baur, guitar

Please stand as you are able.

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 3

Presider The Lord 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 All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

All

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Elisabeth, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All

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.

Communion Music

Jim Baur, guitar

All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing. Please stand or kneel at the altar rail. 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.

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever 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.

The Blessing

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Holy eternal Majesty,
Holy incarnate Word,
Holy abiding Spirit,
Bless you for evermore.

Assembly **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Jim Baur, guitar

Annual Appeal in Support of the Ministries of St. Elisabeth's

I want to thank all of you for the myriad ways in which you support St. Elisabeth's: by helping prepare for services, taking care of our beautiful building, getting your kids to church, helping with Sunday School, and much, much more. During October I invite you to prayerfully consider how you might again contribute a portion of your time and money to the work of the church in 2027. You should have received a copy of our Annual Stewardship Appeal and a pledge card in the mail. **Please submit the pledge card by Friday, October 30th, so that we can bless it on Sunday, November 1st.**

You can submit your pledge anytime by:

- mailing it to the church
- putting it in the offering plate any Sunday
- dropping it by the office or handing it to Adam or me
- or as a last resort, you can just email me: mark@tiltonkohl.com

Mark Tilton

Stewardship Committee Chair

Upcoming at St. Elisabeth's

Sunday, October 18 -- Sunday Forum: *Discovering Christianity – A guide for the curious*

Thursday, October 29 -- Haunted House

Saturday, October 31 -- Deadline for ordering Scout Christmas Wreaths

Sunday, November 1 -- All Saints Day
Ingathering of Pledges for 2027

Sunday, November 8 -- Sunday Forum
Thanksgiving Potluck Supper

Halloween Haunted House

St. Elisabeth's is hosting a Halloween Haunted House at the church on **Thursday, October 29** from 6:00 to 8:00 pm for school-aged children, roughly 7 to 11 years old. (You must judge your child's readiness.) Suggested donation is \$20 per family. All proceeds will benefit Family Service of Glencoe.

If you would like to help with the Haunted House, please contact Carrie Miller-Mygatt.

Scout Wreath Sales

Our Scout Troop and Pack are conducting their annual Wreath Sale in support of their

outings, campouts, summer camp, and other activities. The scouts are offering three options this year. You may purchase a wreath or other decoration for your home or business, or you may donate a wreath to St. Elisabeth's to be used to beautify the church for Christmas or you may donate a wreath to a local family in need. (The donation options are at the bottom of the page.) The deadline for purchasing a wreath is **Saturday, October 31**. Please scan the QR code to place your order



All Saints Day

On **Sunday, November 1**, we will celebrate the Feast of All Saints at each of our services. Here are some ways you are invited to commemorate this special day when we honor our beloved dead.

- Write the names of loved ones who have died in the Necrology binder at the back of the church. The necrology will be read during our services on All Saints.
- Bring a photo, memento, candle, or other personal item to put on our remembrance table to recognize the presence of “those we love but see no longer.” You may bring your item to the church during the week leading up to All Saints, or place it on the table when heading into church on All Saints.

Thanksgiving Family Potluck

We will gather on **Sunday, November 8**, for a Thanksgiving-themed potluck. All are invited to attend. Jamie Kim is organizing a craft table for children. The doors open at 4:00 pm, and the potluck begins at 4:30 pm. Please sign up to bring a dish to share on the bulletin board or by scanning the QR code.



November Book Group Meeting

This year St Elisabeth's Book Group is reading selections from *The Art of the Short Story* (Gioia and Gwynn). Postponed from October, we will talk about **Paul's Case** by Willa Cather. This is the story of a high school student whose version of the life he wants doesn't correspond to the life he has. We will meet in the Chapel at 1:00 PM on **Tuesday, November 10**. Linda Illes will lead the discussion.

Living in Community

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The St. Elisabeth's Bible Study group meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome!

We are currently reading *Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World* by historian Tom Holland. A history of the Christian idea throughout time, as the dust jacket says, "From Babylon to the Beatles, Saint Michael to #MeToo, Dominion tells the story of how Christianity transformed the modern world." For more information, contact Chuck Chadd.

St. Elisabeth's Choir

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth's Choir. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings, beginning at 7 p.m. (Please note the earlier start time this year.) All are welcome - no experience, background, or skill is required. If you have any questions, you can reach Walter at music@steglencoe.org or catch him after a Sunday service. See you there!

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 and Pastoral Visitation

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. 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 (September – June)
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.*