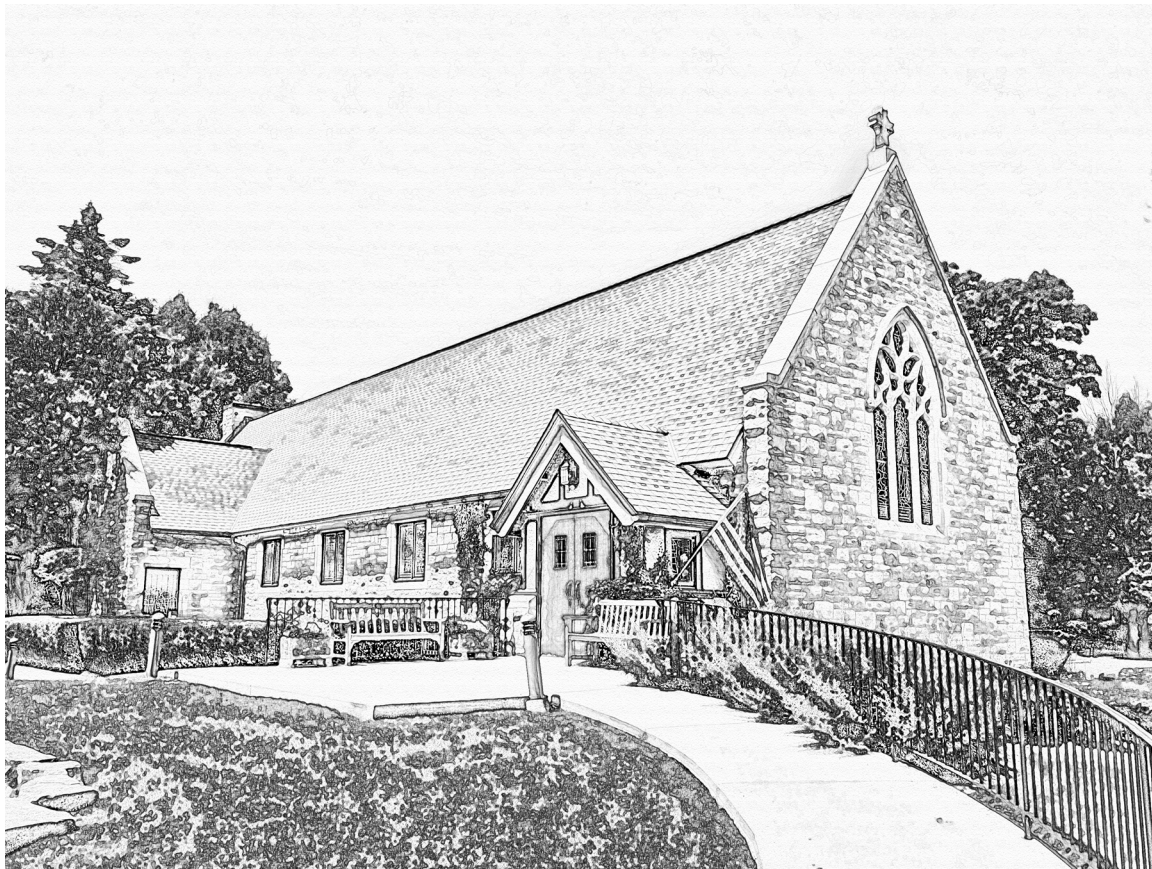

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 6, 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 – Lemonade on the Patio and Sunday School

Lemonade on the Patio

Join us for Lemonade on the Patio following today's service. All are welcome!

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: Season of Creation

From September 1 to October 4, Christians observe the Season of Creation, a relatively recent development in the liturgical calendar.

In 1989, the ecumenical patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church, Dimitrios I, proclaimed September 1 a day of prayer for the environment, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. In 2000, a Lutheran congregation in Australia developed a four-Sunday program to follow it – and the idea for a “season” of creation began. Others adopted it, first across Australia and then more widely. Eventually, the Vatican picked up the practice, and the World Council of Churches promoted the new liturgical season. In the final years of the twentieth century, a mini church season, or a season within a larger season, was added to the year.

During these weeks, Christians are urged to recognize this theological centrality of God the Creator, Creation itself, the human vocation of caring for Creation, and the need to do justice on behalf of the earth and all her inhabitants.

Few words echo through the ages as profoundly as God's directive to Moses: *Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.*

Holy ground. The same soil from which God created Adam—the sacred dust of our very being. Take off your shoes. Feel the earth underfoot, your toes in the sand or mud, or loam, the stuff of creation.

Those words surely never left him. *What if we let them haunt us, too? What if we recalled them daily? How would they change who we are, our experience of God, and how we act toward the earth?*

-- Diane Butler Bass

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.

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us, "where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

Practice: When gathered with "two or three" in Jesus name, how did you perceive his presence? What difference does it make?



The Sacrificial Lamb -- Josefa de Ayala (Portuguese, ca. 1630-1684)

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

Please rise as able at the ringing of the bell.

The Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

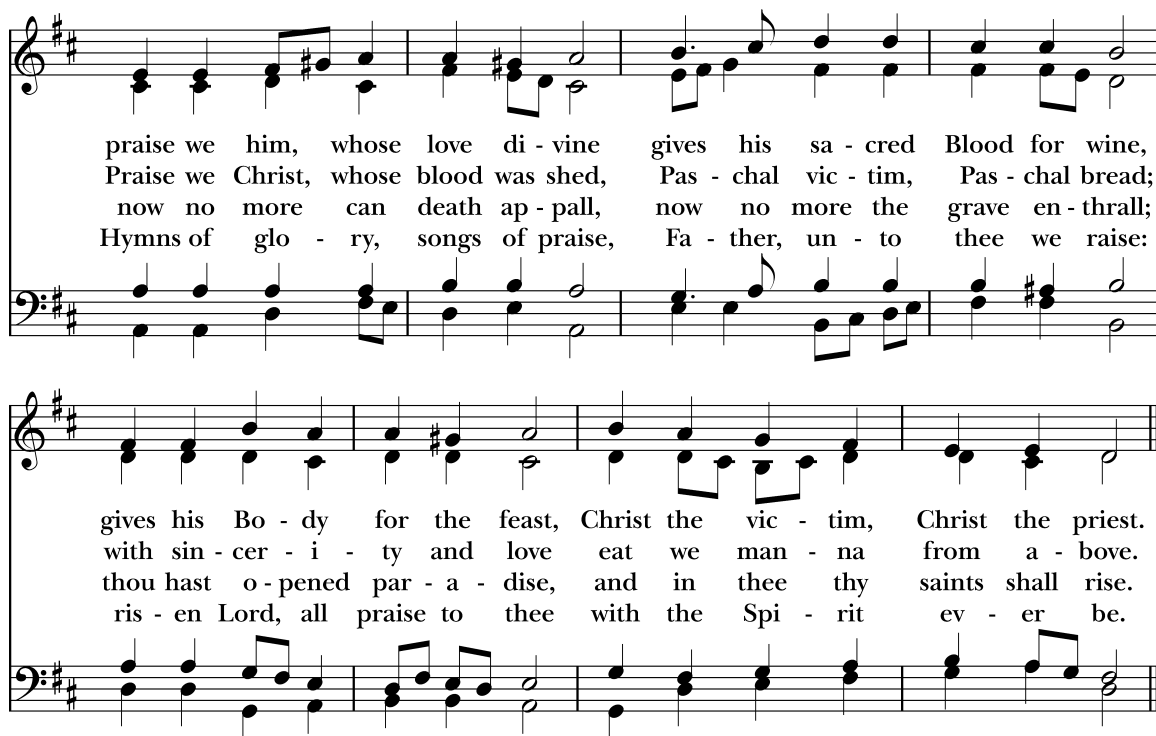
Assembly **Amen.**

The Song of Praise

“At the Lamb’s high feast”

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our vic - to - rious King,
2 Where the Pas - chal blood is poured, death's dark an - gel sheathes his sword;
3 Might - y vic - tim from on high, hell's fierce powers be - neath thee lie;
4 Eas - ter tri - umph, Eas - ter joy, these a - lone do sin de - stroy.

who hath washed us in the tide flow - ing from his pierc - ed side;
Is - rael's hosts tri - um - phant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
thou hast con - quered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light:
From sin's power do thou set free souls new - born, O Lord, in thee.



praise we him, whose love di - vine gives his sa - cred Blood for wine,
 Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Pas - chal vic - tim, Pas - chal bread;
 now no more can death ap - pall, now no more the grave en - thrall;
 Hymns of glo - ry, songs of praise, Fa - ther, un - to thee we raise:

gives his Bo - dy for the feast, Christ the vic - tim, Christ the priest.
 with sin - cer - i - ty and love eat we man - na from a - bove.
 thou hast o - pened par - a - dise, and in thee thy saints shall rise.
 ris - en Lord, all praise to thee with the Spi - rit ev - er be.

The Hymnal 1982 #174, Text: Latin, 1632; Music: *Salzburg*, Jakob Hintze (1622-1702);
 harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

The Collect

Season of Creation

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

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, O Father, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the powerful who oppress and dominate your Creation, so you never forsake your creatures who live in harmony with nature's order; through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Exodus 12:1-14

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 149

Cantor

Hallelujah!

Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;

To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

Response – Gloria Patri

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

“As we gather at your table”

1. As we gather at your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is

stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -

claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your

ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age in the world you died to save. *to verse 3*

3. Gra-cious Spi-rit, help us

sum-mon oth-er guests to share that Feast where tri-

um-phant Love will wel-come those who had been last and

least. There no more will en-vy blind us nor will

pride our peace des-troy, as we join with saints and

an-gels to re-peat the sound-ing joy.

Wonder, Love and Praise #763, Text: Carl P Daw, Jr (b. 1944); *Raquel*, Skinner Chavez-Melo (1944-1992)

The Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Gospeler

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Assembly

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a

Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

Gospeler

The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Stacy Alan

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. 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.

Intercessor Creator God, Mother of All, we thank you for all that you have made. We raise to you, in this Season of Creation, grateful praise for the countless gifts that you have bestowed upon us, especially for this good earth which you have given us to steward on your behalf. For its rich variety and unfolding complexity, for all in it which leads us to awe and wonder, we adore you and we bless you.

Intercessor God in your mercy,

Assembly **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We thank you, Eternal Lord of All, for the seasons of the year which reveal to us those mighty cycles of rising and falling, growth and decay, light and darkness, life and death. We praise you for the Springtime - for green shoots rising from the frozen earth, for blossoms brightening the gray, the birdsong a symphony of morning beauty. We ask that you fill us, your servant Church, with such joy and consolation that we might share the Good News of your Risen Life with those in most need of such hope. We pray to you today, in a particular way, for your Church here in the Diocese of Chicago and the Evanston Deanery, especially for Bishop Paula Clark and the people of St. Giles Church in Northbrook and Court their rector. Make of us, and of your whole Church, a sign of hope, beauty, and renewal in the cold and dark of this uncertain age.

Intercessor God in your mercy,

Assembly **hear our prayer.**

Intervenor

Sun of Righteousness, so gloriously risen, we praise you for the Summer, even as it wanes. You are shown forth majestic and magical in fields of wildflowers, in the pleasures of sea and sand, the warming heat of the sun, the gentle flight of the butterfly and the acrobatics of the barn swallow. We rejoice in all the fiery brightness that kindles joy and generosity in our lives. Fill with the warmth of your Holy Spirit the hearts of those in public service who care not for the poor, the weak, the oppressed, the neglected and who do not take seriously our responsibility to care for this world you have given us. Make of our nation a place where all are able to shine as brightly as the Midsummer sun, undimmed by the clouds of hatred, fear, selfishness and greed which obscure the light of your truth, goodness, and beauty in us.

Intervenor

Assembly

God in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intervenor

O Jesus, Man of Sorrows, we thank you for the fading light and mournful pleasures of autumn. We thank you for that “season of mists and mellow fruitfulness” in which we glimpse your beauty and grace even as summer fades. Help us to notice your presence in the misty mornings, in bonfires and crisp apples and in your fiery tapestry of red, yellow, and orange ablaze upon the treetops. Be with all those who experience pain and grief in their lives today as you are with us in this season of decay and decline. Grant us that grace which never fades. We pray to you for all who suffer or struggle around the world - for the people of Nepal, of Ukraine and Russia, of 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

Andre Stoken, brother of Deidre McClurg

Adele & Rick Ferretti

Donna, friend of Walter Aldrich

Leigh, niece of Fred & Annette Johnston

Quinn, friend of Aria Ellis

Griffin & Cheryl, friends of Adrienne Zimmerman

Patricia, friend of Fred & Annette Johnston

Are there others? (*Silence*)

Accompany them, sorrowful One, and surround them with your merciful care, and with ours, even as the world grows colder.

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Holy Spirit, Breath of God, breathe in us so that we are strengthened in experiences of cold and emptiness. We trust that you are no further from us in Winter than in high Summer. We praise you for the harsh beauty of snow and ice and for the privilege of warm homes and loved ones to draw near to amidst gales and perils and the encroaching chill. Remembering this season when all seems dark and doomed, we ask you to enfold in your mercy all who have died, and all who are dying. We lift up to you all those we now name silently or aloud...(*Silence*)

Lead with your love all who have died and all who grieve through their season of darkness into the promise and hope of that ever dawning Spring wherein all Creation shall be made new.

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Presider Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Book of Common Prayer*

Assembly **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Season of Creation

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **Merciful and sustaining God, we have sinned against you.**

We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives.

We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life.

We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control.

We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.

Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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

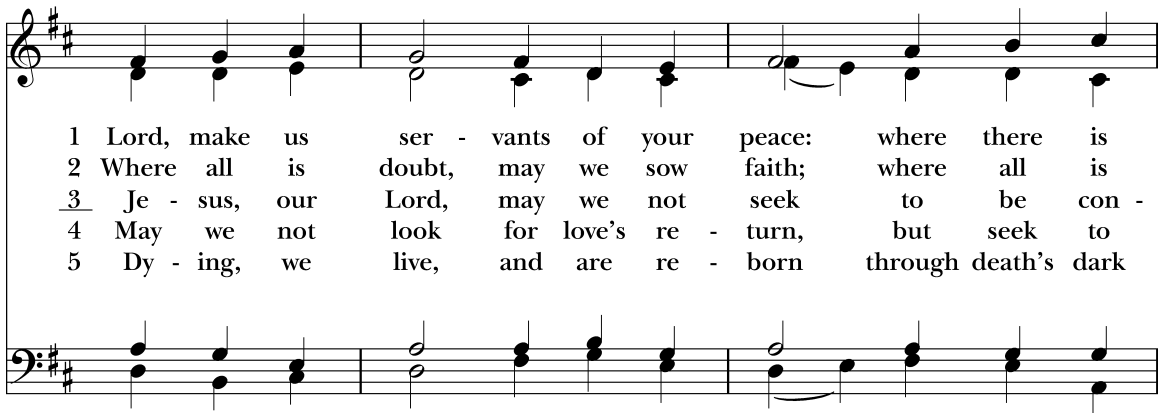
Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
 an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

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.

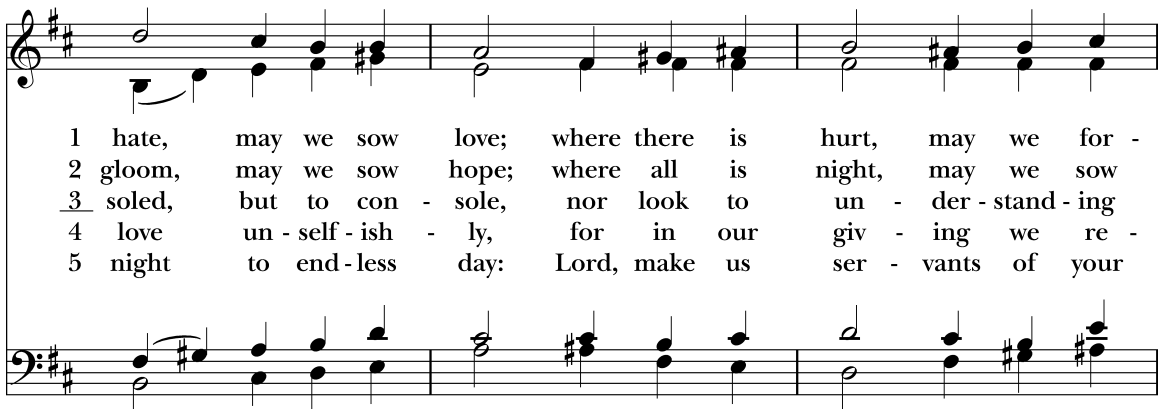


Offertory Music

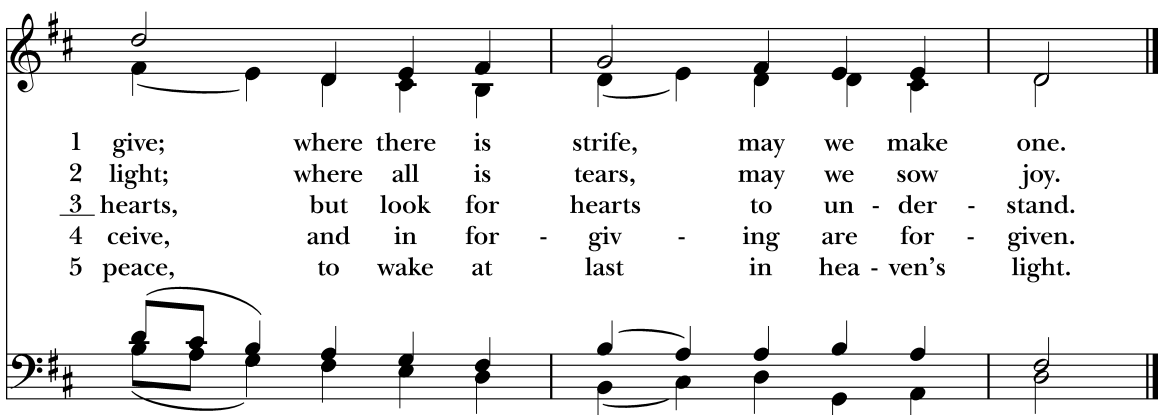
“Lord, make us servants of your peace”



1 Lord, make us ser - vants of your peace: where there is
 2 Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is
 3 Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -
 4 May we not look for love's re - turn, but seek to
 5 Dy - ing, we live, and are re - born through death's dark



1 hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we for -
 2 gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow
 3 soled, but to con - sole, nor look to un - der - stand - ing
 4 love un - self - ish - ly, for in our giv - ing we re -
 5 night to end - less day: Lord, make us ser - vants of your



1 give; where there is strife, may we make one.
 2 light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.
 3 hearts, but look for hearts to un - der - stand.
 4 ceive, and in for - giv - ing are for - given.
 5 peace, to wake at last in hea - ven's light.

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

Book of Common Prayer, Prayer C, Expansive Language

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 our loving God.

Assembly **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

Presider At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

Assembly **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Assembly **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

Assembly **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, 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."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Assembly **We celebrate Christ's death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Assembly **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

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.. 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 Music

"Lamb of God



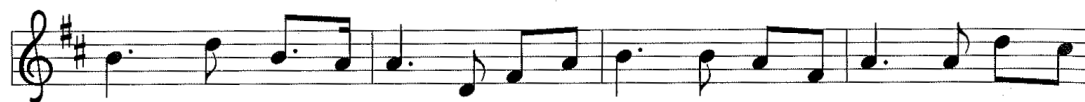
1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but you have
 2 Your gift of love we cru - ci - fied. We laughed and
 3 I was so lost, I should have died, but you have



sent him from your side to walk up - on this guilt - y
 scorned him as he died. The hum - ble king we named a
 brought me to your side to be led by your staff and



sod and to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God. O Lamb of
 rod and to be called a lamb of God.



God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me



in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #336, Text and Music: Twila Paris (b. 1958)

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Season of Creation

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly **Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

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

Aidan Thomson – September 8

The Blessing

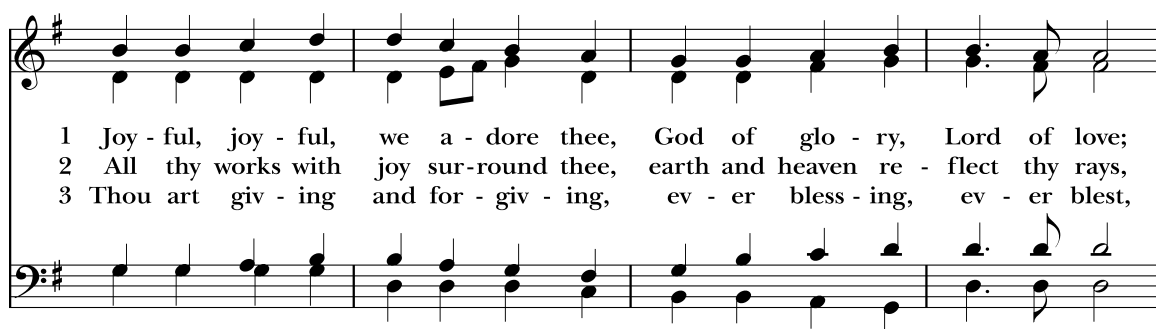
Common Worship

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.

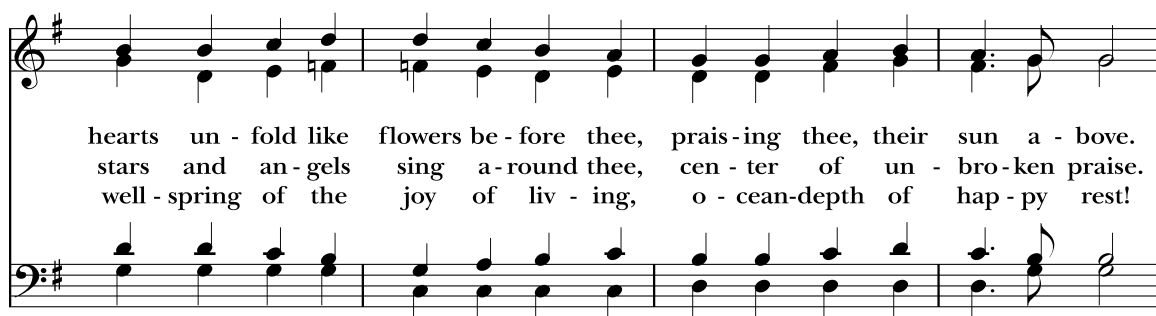
Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”



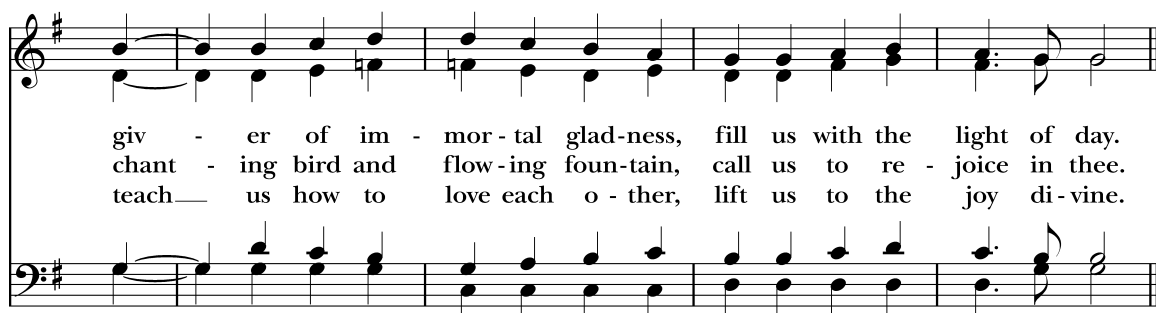
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,



hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!



Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun - tain, bloom - ing mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;



giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Upcoming at St. Elisabeth's

Backpack Blessing and Homecoming Luncheon

As we return from our summer adventures and gather back together at church for the fall, join us on **next Sunday, September 13** for a special lunch in place of coffee hour after the 10:00am service. At the 10:00am service that same day, we will bless backpacks for all kids as they begin a new school year. If you have special dietary needs for lunch, please let one of the wardens know. Hope to see you there!

Book Group

St. E.'s Book Group will reconvene **Tuesday, September 8**, at 1 p.m. in the Chapel to discuss *Angle of Repose*, the novel by Wallace Stegner. It is considered by to be one of the most important American novels written about the West in the 20 th century. Kay Rossiter will lead the discussion.

The Book Group meets the second Tuesday of each month and welcomes drop in. During the summer hiatus, the group chooses to read one important novel. In September, group will resume reading and discussing short stories found in *The Art of The Short Story* by Dana Giora and R.S. Gwyn, an anthology of short works by 52 of the world most respected writers.

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

Beginning **Thursday, September 10**, the Bible Study group will begin to read together *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." **On the 10th we will begin with the Preface.** Questions: contact Chuck Chadd.

Interfaith Soup Kitchen

For some 30 years we have been partnering with First United Methodist Church of Evanston to staff a soup kitchen 6 times a year. We provide the food and the volunteers to pack and serve that food. **Our next date will be Thursday, September 10.** We also welcome contributions to the fund to purchase the food. Just contact John Tuohy or Susan Newcomb for details, dates, directions and the like

Sunday Forum: A (Re)Introduction to Christian Teaching and Practice

On **Sunday, September 20**, we will continue our regular practice of the Sunday Forum - gathering after coffee hour in the Guild Room to discuss the service, the sermon, the readings and hymns and whatever else is on folks' minds that week. In addition, one Sunday per month, Adam will offer a discussion of Christian theology by way of a series of short,

very accessible and yet deeply rewarding books by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Willaims. These discussions are intended for newcomers to Christianity and for long-time Episcopalians, alike - Adam insists they are deep and well worth reading texts for even the most jaded lifelong Christian. We will begin with Discovering Christianity: A Guide for the Curious. Feel free to get a copy of your very own from your favorite local bookstore or from anyplace online where books are sold. Copies of each month's chapter will also be available as printouts in the church office.

The Blessing of the Animals

Every year in late September/early October, we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals by worshipping outdoors on the Great Lawn with our furred, feathered, and scaly friends. We invite you to bring your pet companions with you to church be blessed during **our outdoor 10:00 am Eucharist on Sunday, September 27**. All animals are welcome!

Living in Community

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.*