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# ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

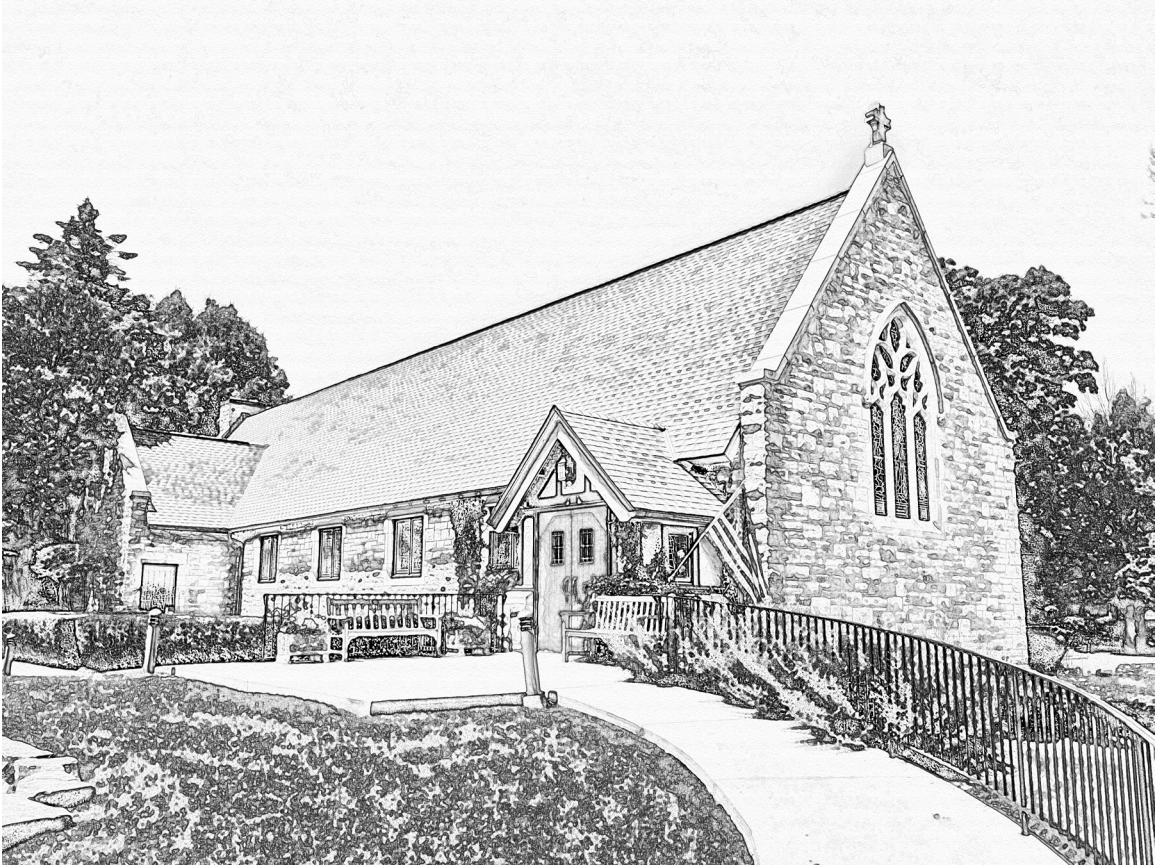
*The Fourth Sunday of Easter*

April 26, 2026

10:00 AM

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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

9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am – Sung Eucharist

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

### Sunday Forum: Confirmation Class Presentation

On Sundays this Spring, our class of Confirmation students and their mentors will be offering presentations at the Sunday Forum after the 10am service in the Guild Room. Each student and their mentor have selected a topic (a sacrament, a book of the Bible, a historical event in the history of the Church...etc.) to share with the congregation. As with our usual Sunday Forums, the goal is to learn a bit from them and to open up a wider discussion with them. **Today's presentation** is by Carter Superfine with his mentor, Larry Whipple, on Church History.

### Children's Sunday School

Children of all ages are invited to meet in the classroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Easter

Easter, the oldest celebration of the Christian year, is not a single day but an entire season: Easter lasts fifty days, from Easter Day (the Sunday of the Resurrection) through the Day of Pentecost. The season also includes the feast of the Ascension, when the resurrected Jesus ascended to heaven and was seen on earth no longer. Throughout the year every Sunday — even during Lent — is considered a little Easter, a mini feast of the resurrection on what Christians have called the first day of the week. The primary theme of Easter is the resurrection: on this day Jesus was raised from the dead, overcoming the power of death and the grave. We celebrate that we, too, are raised to everlasting life with him in our baptism.

At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the ongoing life of the Holy Spirit in the church today. It is the Holy Spirit who breathes life into the Body of Christ, the church; it is the Holy Spirit who provides the gifts and guidance needed to sustain our life. At every Eucharist we pray that the Holy Spirit will sanctify the bread and wine of communion to be “the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.” We also pray that the Spirit will “sanctify us also” so that we may receive the Eucharist with faith and serve God “in unity, constancy, and peace.” It is the Holy Spirit who makes God present and alive in our hearts. — *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.*

God so loves us – and the world – that he comes looking for us, like the shepherd who leaves his ninety-nine sheep to go find the one who has gone astray. This is grace: God's gift of himself to us. It has nothing to do with our efforts, nothing to do with pumping iron or spiritual gymnastics. God longs to restore us to relationship with him, but that is only the beginning. -- *Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSJE*

Practice: Do you know someone who is constantly striving to be loveable? What might you do or say to them to help them to understand that they are already loved by God, by you?



*The Good Shepherd – Julien Dupre (1851-1910)*

# The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

## The Word of God

### Prelude

*Please rise as able at the ringing of the bell.*

### The Opening Acclamation

*Presider* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

*Presider* Let us pray.

Sun of Righteousness, so gloriously risen, shine in our hearts as we celebrate our redemption, that we may see your way to our eternal home, where you reign, one holy and undivided Trinity, now and for ever.

*Enriching Our Worship*

*Assembly* **Amen.**

### The Song of Praise

“The Lord’s My Shepherd”

1 The Lord's my shep-herd; I'll not want. He makes me down to lie  
2 My soul he doth re - store a - gain, and me to walk doth make  
3 Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear no ill;  
4 My ta - ble thou hast rich - ly spread in pres - ence of my foes;  
5 Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall sure - ly fol - low me,

The musical score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff, with each line of music corresponding to a line of text. The score ends with a double bar line and the number 8 in the bass staff.

in pas - tures green; he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 with - in the paths of righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake;  
 for thou art with me, and thy rod and staff me com - fort still;  
 my head thou dost with oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 and in God's house for - ev - er - more my dwell - ing - place shall be;

He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
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Evangelical Lutheran Worship #778,  
 Text: The Psalms of David in Meter, Edinburgh (1650), Music: James L Macbeth (1895-1984)

## The Collect

*Revised Common Lectionary Prayers*

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

*Presider* Let us pray.

Holy Shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, where we shall celebrate with you forever.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

*The people may be seated.*

## The Lessons

### The Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

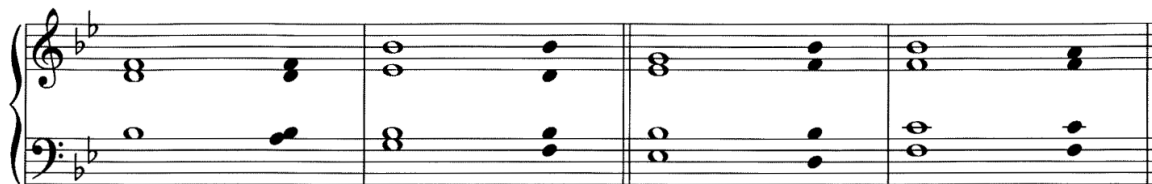
When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

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

*Remain seated for the psalm.*

## The Psalm

Psalm 23



A

B

*Assembly*


- A The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- B He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- A He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- B Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- A You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil,  
and my cup is running over.
- B Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.
- A Glory to the Father, and to the Son  
And to the Holy Spirit
- B As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be forever. Amen.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Sequence Hymn

## "Shepherd Me O God"

All




Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from

death in - to life. life.

*to stanzas 1, 2, 3, 5* | *to stanza 4*


Leader or All



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I  
 2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you  
 3 Though I should wan - der the val - ley of death, I


rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I  
 lead me by path-ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my  
 fear no e - vil, for you are at my side, your

*Refrain*



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.  
 spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.  
 rod and your staff, my com - fort and my hope.

Leader or All



4 You have set me a ban-quet of love in the face of



ha-tred, crown-ing me with love be-yond my pow'r to hold.



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship #780, Text and Music: Marty Haugen

## The Gospel

John 10:1-10

*Gospeler*

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

*Assembly*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

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

## The Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

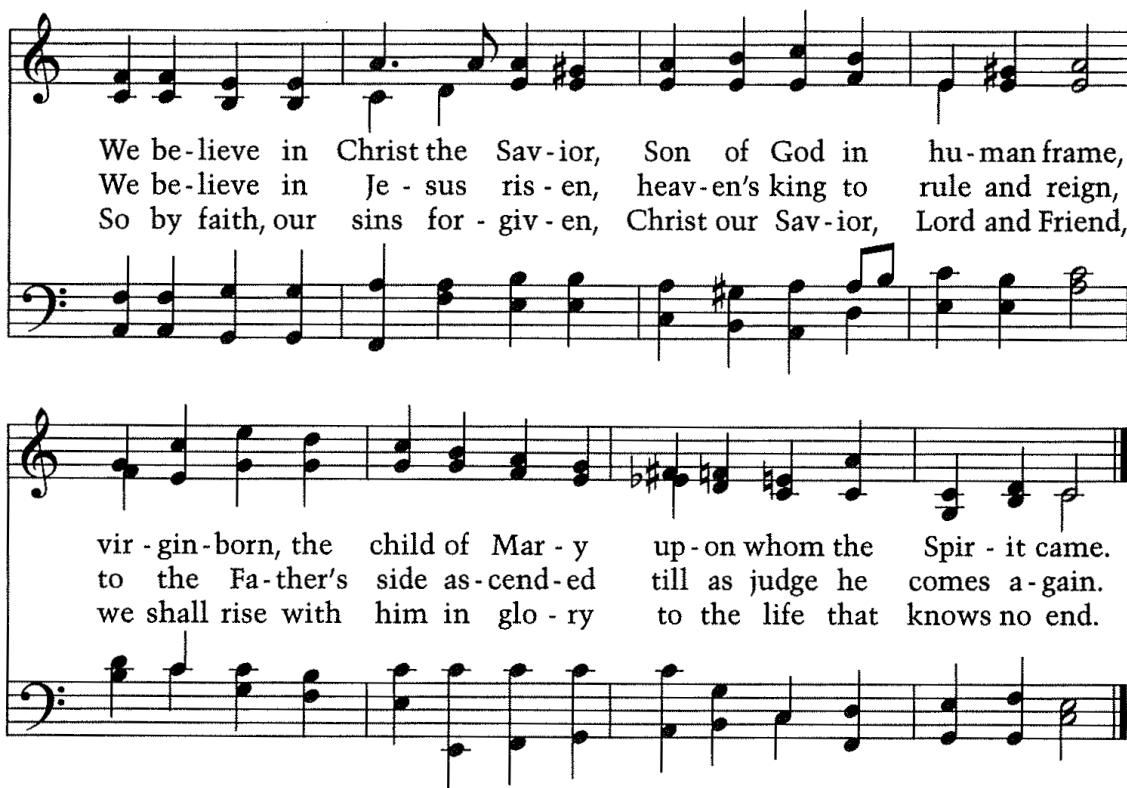
*A period of silence follows the Sermon, beginning and ending with a chime.*

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

## The Creed

1 We be-lieve in God the Fa-ther, God Al-might-y, by whose plan  
2 Christ, who on the cross for-sak-en, like a lamb to slaugh-ter led,  
3 We be-lieve in God the Spir-it; in one church, be-low, a-bove:

earth and heav-en sprang to be-ing, all cre-at-ed things be-gan.  
suf-fered un-der Pon-tius Pi-late, he de-scend-ed to the dead.  
saints of God in one com-mu-nion, one in ho-li-ness and love.



We be-lieve in Christ the Sav-ior, Son of God in hu-man frame,  
 We be-lieve in Je - sus ris - en, heav-en's king to rule and reign,  
 So by faith, our sins for - giv - en, Christ our Sav-ior, Lord and Friend,

vir - gin - born, the child of Mar - y up - on whom the Spir - it came.  
 to the Fa - ther's side as - cend - ed till as judge he comes a - gain.  
 we shall rise with him in glo - ry to the life that knows no end.

Moravian Book of Worship #699, Text: Apostles Creed Paraphrased, Music: Arthur S Sullivan (1874)

## 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* O Lord, though we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, enable your children to hear your voice and follow your leading beyond our wants and fears, from death into life. Fill the hearts and minds of the leaders of the nations with a willingness to follow the urgings of their consciences to act for the benefit of all, particularly the most vulnerable in their communities. We implore your Holy Spirit to guide all parties to a just and lasting peace in Iran, Israel and Lebanon by pathways of righteousness

and truth. Counsel and accompany us in the Way of Life, not the Way of Death. Direct us to the meadows of faithfulness and love, to the quiet waters of peace.

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

*Intercessor* Gardener of the World's Abundance, nurture our souls with your careful hand. Plant our imaginations in the rich soil of your Word of grace. Root our being in your divine self as deeply as the forests - your own cathedrals - are rooted in the earth. Flow through our hearts like the running rivers. Broaden our understanding like the wide, star-strewn night sky. Lead us to continually deepen our faith and to dwell in your house all the days of our lives. We pray to you today for your Church in the Evanston Deanery, particularly for the people of St. Augustine's Church in Wilmette and Nadia their Rector. Make your people to entrust our hearts and our lives to you that we may be true disciples living daily for your righteousness.

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

*Intercessor* Good Shepherd, you make us to lie down in green pastures and lead us beside still waters. Revive our weary souls today. Defend all those in danger. Comfort all those who weep or mourn. Anoint with your healing goodness and restorative mercy all those who are sick, who suffer, or are in any sort of trouble, praying particularly for...

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Aidan Thomson

Isabelle Thomson

Heather Reimer, cousin of Kara Superfine

Norris Byrnes, cousin of Libby Hinds

Vicki Whipple, aunt of Kara Superfine

Donna, friend of Walter Aldrich

James, grandson of Deborah

Lexi Valasek, mother of Montessori student

Christine Carlson, mother of Montessori student

Are there others?

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

*Intercessor* Gate of Everlasting Life, open wide to receive the lives of all those who have died. Lead them into the bright pastures of your eternity. Embrace them with your grace and never-failing love.

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

*Presider* O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever.

*Assembly* **Amen.**

## The Confession and Absolution

*Common Worship, Times and Seasons*

*Presider* In baptism we died with Christ, so that as Christ was raised from the dead, we might walk in newness of life. Let us receive new life in him as we confess our sins in penitence and faith.

*Silence*

*Presider* Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life. Lord, have mercy.

*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Presider* Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins. Christ, have mercy.

*Assembly* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Presider* Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread. Lord, have mercy.

*Assembly* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Presider* May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

*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 Hymn

## “Draw us in the Spirit’s tether”

1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
 2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
 3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -

in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
 Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
 ments of you, that by car - ing, help - ing, giv - ing,

you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.

*Please stand as you are able.*

## Doxology

Let trum - pets sound and voi - ces sing! Let all on earth their  
 prais - es bring! For Christ has con - quered sin and  
 death, and giv - en life e - ter - nal breath.

Music: *Old 100th*

## The Great Thanksgiving

*The Book of Common Prayer, Prayer D, Expansive Language*

*Presider* *People*  
 The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

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

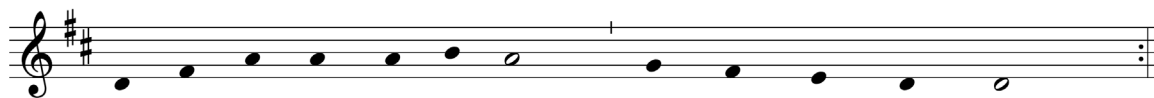
*Presider* *People*  
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Presider*

It is truly right to glorify you, Holy One, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing,



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might.



Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



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



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



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



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

*Corpus Christi Mass, Richard Proulx*

*Presider*

We acclaim you, holy God, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Holy God, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, Jesus lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose Jesus gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for Christ who died and rose for us, you sent the Holy Spirit, your own first gift for those who believe, to complete your work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for Jesus to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them Jesus 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."

Almighty God, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and descent among the dead, proclaiming Christ's resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting Christ's coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

*All*

We praise you, we bless you, we give thanks  
to you, and we pray to you, Lord our God.

Music: *Ambrosian Chant* adapt. Richard Proulx

*Presider*

God our Creator, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with the Blessed Virgin Mary, with matriarchs, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, with Elisabeth and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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.*



Je - sus, Lamb of God, Sav - ior of the world, have  
Je - sus, Lamb of God, Shep - herd of our souls,



mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us. *repeat as needed*



Je - sus, Lamb of God, gen - tle Prince of peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.



Grant us peace, grant us peace.

## 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.*

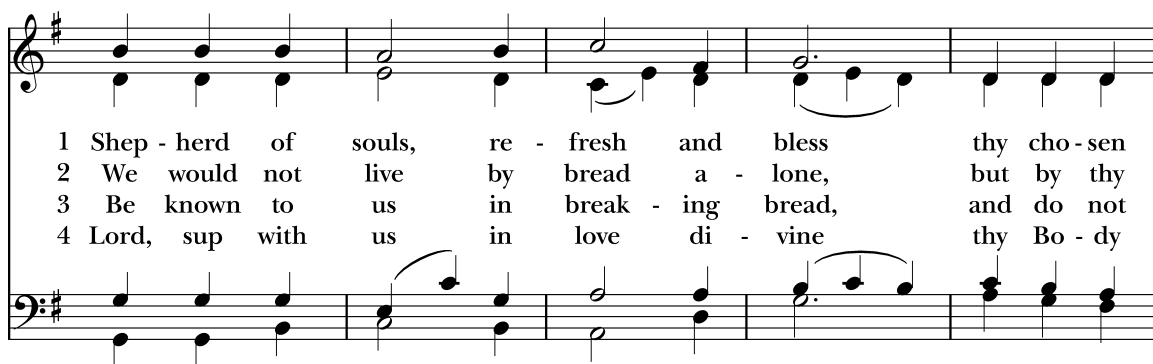
### **Instructions for the Sacrament of Healing**

*After receiving Communion, those who wish to receive this sacrament may go to the baptismal font at the rear of the church where a priest will offer prayer and anoint one's forehead with Holy Oil.*

*All are welcome.*

## Communion Hymn

"Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"



1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen  
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy  
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not  
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine thy Bo - dy



pil - grim flock with man - na in the  
 word of grace, in strength of which we  
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bid with  
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that



wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.  
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.  
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.  
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

The Hymnal 1982 #343, Text: James Montgomery (1771-1854), Music: *St Agnes**Please stand as you are able.*

## Post Communion Prayer

*The Book of Common Prayer*

*Presider* Let us pray.

*Assembly* **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

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

## The Blessing

*Presider* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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

“God be with you till we meet again”

*Unison* *Harmony*

1. God be with you till we meet a - gain; by wise coun - sels  
 2. God be with you till we meet a - gain; 'neath bright wings pro -  
 3. God be with you till we meet a - gain; when life's pe - rils  
 4. God be with you till we meet a - gain; keep love's ban - ner

guide, up - hold you, with the sheep se - cure - ly fold you:  
 tect - ing hide you, dail - y man - na still pro - vide you:  
 thick con - found you, put strong arms un - fail - ing round you:  
 float - ing o'er you, smite death's threat - 'ning wave be - fore you:

*Unison*

God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.  
 God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #801,  
 Text: Jeremiah Eames Rankin (1828-1904), Music: *Randolph*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

## Dismissal

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

## Postlude

### Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

#### Meet this week's Sunday Forum presenter

My name is Carter Superfine, and I am the son of Kara and Joel Superfine. I was born in Chicago in 2012 before moving to Highland Park at the age of 2.

I was baptized at my mom's childhood church when I was less than a year old. Now, I am 13 years old and I go to Edgewood Middle School in Highland Park as a 7th grader.

Some of my favorite activities are hockey, baseball and golf – I love them all!

After visiting different churches for sometime after the move to the suburbs, my Mom and I felt like we landed at home at St. E's. And thank goodness we did! It has been a huge pleasure to call St E's home and I will never forget the lessons I have learned from my first Christmas pageant all the way to becoming a Confirmand.

Whenever I am at St E's it gives me a sense of community and belonging. Most of you would not know this, but I can be very shy at times, but whenever I walk through those big red doors I feel I can always be myself.

It has been a great experience going through the confirmation process, and I really just want to thank everyone in the St. E's community, especially Pastor Adam and my mentor, Larry Whipple, for helping me along the way.

#### Family Promise at St. Augustine in partnership with St. Elisabeth's

Our next opportunity to help with a week of Family Promise coverage will be **Sunday, May 3 through Saturday, May 9**. Scan the QR code to sign up to help. We need volunteers to provide meals as well as overnight supervision.



## **Sunday Forum: The Church – Whys and Wherefores**

In this Easter season, as our youth prepare for Confirmation and we get ready for a visit from our bishop, let's reflect together a bit about the Church. What is it? Why is it? How do we organize ourselves? What is a bishop for? And why does any of it matter to your life? On **Sunday, May 3**, come experience one of Adam's Confirmation sessions for yourself!

## **Spring Clean Up Day**

It's time to get ready for Spring! Meet at the Church at 9:00 am on **Saturday, May 9**. We'll put away the winter things, wash a few windows, and haul out items we don't need anymore for Glencoe Trash Day For more information please see Larry Handwerk or Annette Johnston.

## **Feeding People with Interfaith Action**

It's time again to host diners at the Evanston Methodist Church. On **Thursday, May 14** 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

## **Bishop's Visitation at St. Elisabeth's and the Annual Parish Picnic**

On **Sunday, June 7**, our bishop, the Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, will visit St. Elisabeth. Her visit will be followed by our annual Parish Picnic. Hope to see you there!

## **Living in Community**

### **St. Elisabeth's Choir**

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth's Choir - no experience, background, or skill is required. Rehearsals are **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room. Questions: s, you can reach Walter at [music@steglencoe.org](mailto:music@steglencoe.org) or catch him after a Sunday service.

### **St. Elisabeth's Bible Study**

The Bible Study group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. on the second floor**. Questions: contact Larry Whipple.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:rector@steglencoe.org).

# The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, *Bishop*

## Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

### Clergy & Staff

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.*

