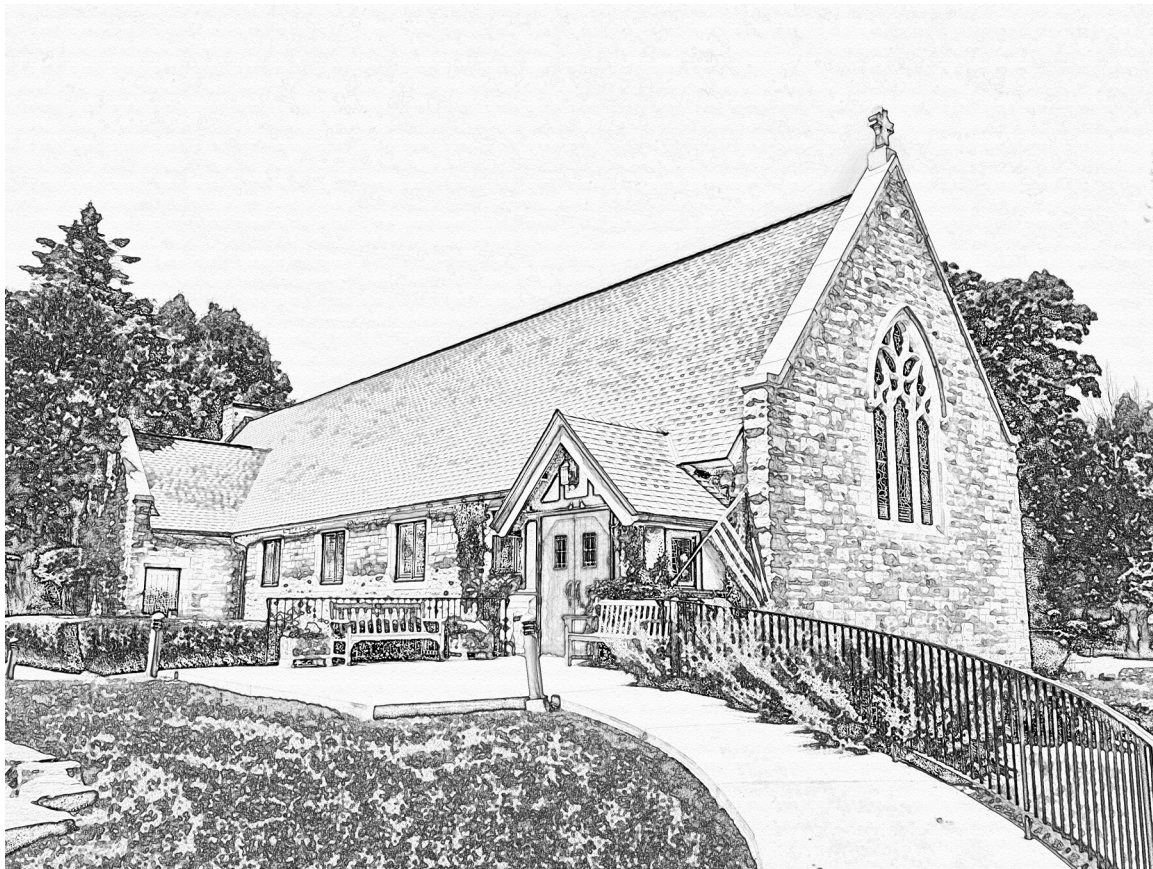

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 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 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

11:00 a.m. – Coffee Hour, Sunday Forum, Children's 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 begin our discussion of *Discovering Christianity: a guide for the curious* by Rowan Williams.

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?*

-- Diana 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.

Everything Jesus did, he did by self-emptying. He emptied himself and descended into human form. And he emptied himself still further, “even unto death on the cross.” In every life circumstance, Jesus always responded with the same motion of self-emptying—or to put it another way, *descent*: taking the lower place, not the higher. — *Cynthia Bourgeault*

Practice: In what ways might your life be transformed by taking the lower place, not in some false humility, but a real handing over of your power to live in compassion with those in the lower places? What one lower step might you take this week?



The Gathering of the Manna — James Tissot

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

Jim Baur

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

“All who hunger gather gladly”



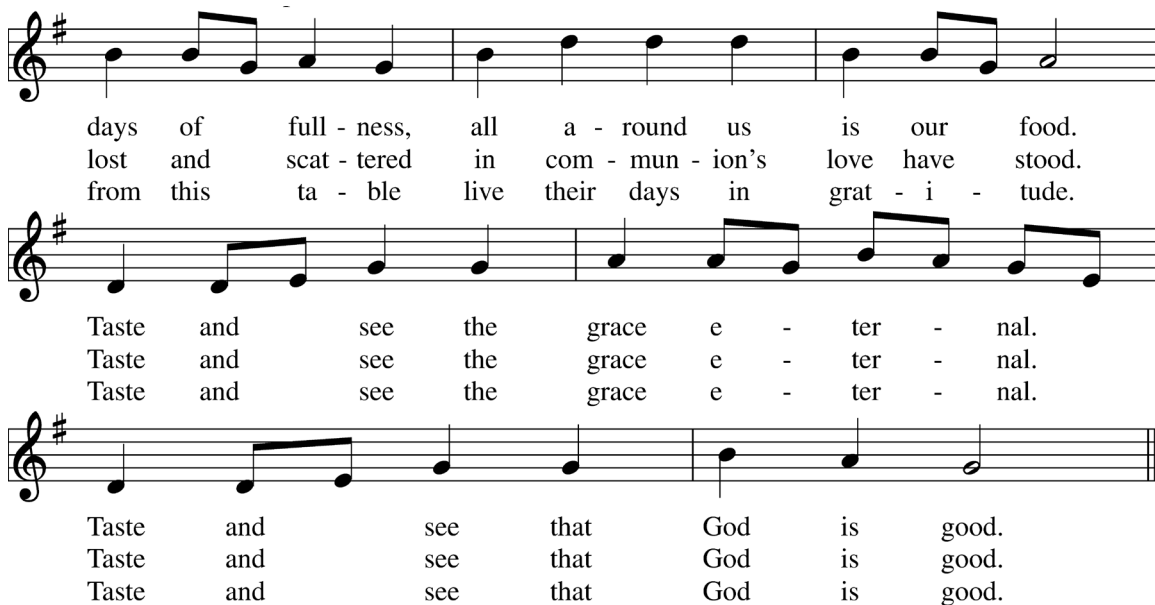
1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a
3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who



days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.

Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see that God is good.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #761, Text: Sylvia G Dunstan (1955-1993), Music: *Southern Harmony*, 1835

The Collect

Season of Creation

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

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, your vision of a renewed earth in which heaven comes to rest; and even now, while we too often despair of healing and wholeness, to hold fast to your promise and commit again to active hope; 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 16:2-15

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the

ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.



B They asked, and quails appeared,*
and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.

- A He opened the rock, and water flowed, *
 so the river ran in the dry places.
- B For God remembered his holy word *
 and Abraham his servant.
- A So he led forth his people with gladness, *
 his chosen with shouts of joy.
- B He gave his people the lands of the nations, *
 and they took the fruit of others' toil,
- B That they might keep his statutes *
 and observe his laws.
 Hallelujah!

Response – Gloria Patri

- 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.

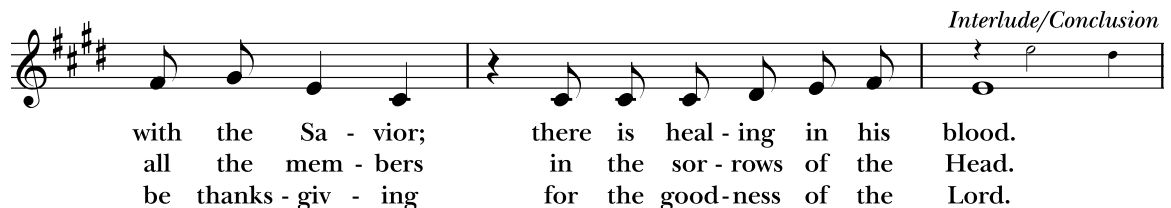
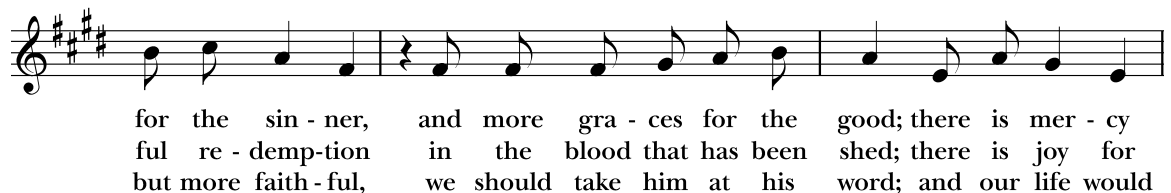
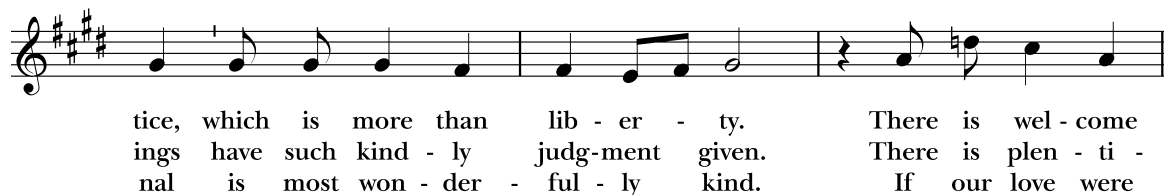
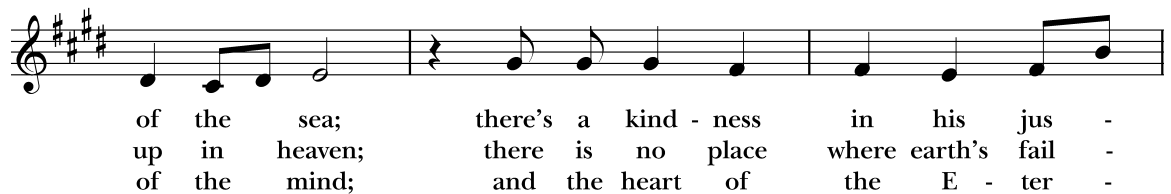
Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn

“There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”



1 There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy like the wide - ness
 2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than
 3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure



The Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, ‘Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.’ When those hired about five o’clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

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

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

The Creed



We be - lieve in God al - migh - ty, Au - thor of all things that
 We be - lieve that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci -
 We be - lieve in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints with -



4 be, Mak - er of the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky and
 fied; tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied - True Life there had tru - ly
 8 in one church, cath - o - lic and ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees from



sea. We be - lieve in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us both Lord and
 died. We be - lieve that on the third day Christ was raised up from the
 sin; in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of death's



12 Christ of the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life.
 grave, then as - cend - ed to God's right hand. He will come to judge and save.
 chain gives the life that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith that We have claimed.

The Prayers of the People

Written by the Rev. Adam Spencer

Based on "Honoring God in Creation" – Form 3 – (on the theme of earth)

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

Intercessor Let us pray.

Intercessor Sculptor of the Mountains, Miller of the Sand, you formed us and all living things from the matter of your good Creation. You found us upon the abundant substance of your grace and nourish us with the fruit of vine, forest, and field. Mindful of our dependence upon the provision of the soil and the strength of the firmament, we thank you and we pray to you for our lives and for the life of the world around us.

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

Intercessor Bread of Life, you showered your wandering people with manna in the wilderness, fed the hungry crowds with loaves, and instituted this Holy Eucharist to nourish our souls in Christian community. We thank you for the beauty of the earth - for hill and vale, tree and flower - through which you speak to us of complexity and growth, serenity and life. Give us eyes to see you at work in our midst and grateful hearts to cherish your presence among us. 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. David's Church in Glenview and Paul their rector. Root and ground us all in you.

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

Intercessor Lord of the All the Earth, King of Creation, shape the moral imagination of those in authority that they understand our common dependence upon the health and abundance of this planet. Make them to exercise wise stewardship over the fruit of the earth that all people have enough food to eat. Lead us, through the actions of our lives and stewardship of our own goods, to do our part to ensure that none of your children go hungry.

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

Intercessor Maker and Shaper of the Land, we beg you to shed your grace upon this patch of good earth on which we live - the forests, fields, prairies, valleys and hills here in the Midwest, in Illinois, in Cook County, in Glencoe. Bless us with seasonable weather and bounty enough to share with those in need.

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

Intercessor God of Mountain Peak, Forest Path and Desert Sands, protect and accompany those in danger in the wild places of the world. Safeguard all pilgrims and travelers, all those who are lost, all on battlefields or in warzones, all who are far from home, all who have no home to go to. We ask that you surround with your mighty power and merciful presence all those who are sick or suffering, all those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud...

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*)

Jesus, you accompanied your friends on the dusty roads of Palestine. Walk with us and be near to all those in need of your saving help and your loving presence. Never leave us to face our perils alone.

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Ground of All, in you we live and move and have our Being. We ask your mercy this day for all who have died and for all who mourn, that they may find, through your help, steady ground to stand upon, strength enough to stand, and a warm homecoming in your verdant Paradise at the last.

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Presider

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

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 gifts to us: 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.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

Let trumpets sound and voices sing! Let all on earth their
praises bring! For Christ has conquered sin and
death And given life eternal breath.

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:

Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of
hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
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.

Ritual Song #259, *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen

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.

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for 'Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the'. The second staff is marked 'To repeat' and contains the melody for 'world, have mercy on us.'. The third staff is marked 'Last time' and contains the melody for 'world, grant us peace.'. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the

To repeat

world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time

world, grant us peace.

Ritual Song #259, *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen

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

Jim Baur

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.

Carol Heitman-Mazzocco – September 20 Bryan Tangri – September 21
Brandon Tangri – September 26

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.

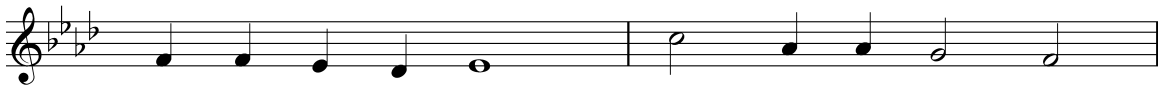
Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

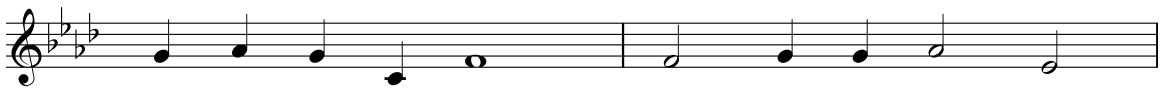
“Come, Labor On”



1	Come,	la - bor	on.	Who	dares	stand	i - dle
2	Come,	la - bor	on.	The	en - e - my	is	
3	Come,	la - bor	on.	A -	way	with	gloom - y
4	Come,	la - bor	on.	Claim	the	high	call - ing
5	Come,	la - bor	on.	No	time	for	rest, till



1	on	the	har - vest	plain,	while	all	a - round	us
2	watch - ing	night	and	day,	to	sow	the	tares, to
3	doubts	and	faith - less	fear!	No	arm	so	weak but
4	an - gels	can - not	share—		to	young	and	old the
5	glows	the	west - ern	sky,	till	the	long	sha - dows



1	waves	the	gold - en	grain?	And	to	each	ser - vant
2	snatch	the	seed	a - way;	while	we	in	sleep our
3	may	do	ser - vice	here:	by	feeb - lest	a -	gents
4	Gos - pel	glad - ness	bear:		re - deem	the	time;	its
5	o'er	our	path - way	lie,	and	a	glad	sound comes



1	does	the	Mas - ter	say, “Go	work	to	-	day.”
2	du - ty	have	for - got,	he	slum - bered—	not.		
3	may	our	God ful - fill	his	right - eous—	will.		
4	hours	too	swift - ly	fly. The	night	draws—	nigh.	
5	with	the	set - ting	sun, —	“Ser - vants,	well	done.”	

The Hymnal 1982 #541, Text: Jane Laurie Borthwick (1813-1897), Music: *Ora Labora*, Thomas Tertius Noble (1867-1953)

Dismissal

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Jim Baur

Upcoming at St. Elisabeth's

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

Today, Adam will begin a Sunday Forum series, focusing on the book written by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Willaims, *Discovering Christianity: A Guide for the Curious*. We will be reading and discussing Chapter 1, "What is Faith?" Copies of the chapter are available at the back of the church. Feel free to get a copy of your very own from your favorite local bookstore or from anyplace online where books are sold.

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 next Sunday, September 27**. All animals are welcome!

North Suburban Chicago CROP Hunger Walk

The North Suburban Chicago CROP Hunger Walk steps off from the North Shore United Methodist Church on **Sunday, October 4**, in support of the food insecure people in our community. Please scan the QR code to donate or register.



Sponsored by Church World Service, CROP Hunger Walks are in support of just and sustainable responses to hunger, poverty, displacement and disaster. After a CROP Hunger Walk ends, 25% of the funds raised is returned to the host community to support local hunger fighting efforts.

Family Promise Returns in October

Family Promise is returning to St. Augustine's in Wilmette the week of **October 11 through 17**, and we at St. E's are excited to partner with them both again. Dinner and overnight hosts are available throughout the week, so scan the QR code for specific dates and times.



Also, it's wonderful to announce that I'm taking over the coordinating responsibilities from Robert Fischer; many thanks to Robert for his work over the years and I'll do my best to keep it moving forward smoothly. Family Promise continues to be a wonderful program keeping families together as they work through challenging housing situations. We at St. E's are grateful that we can be a part of such a vital ministry. – Jim Baur

We're Building a Haunted House at St. Elisabeth's – and we need your Help!

This Halloween, St. Elisabeth's Church would like to create something fun, memorable, and special for our community: a Haunted House open to all ages, with a special focus on younger children and youth. Our chosen date is **Friday, October 30.**

We're inviting the St. E's community to help bring this exciting event to life because without volunteers this can't happen. We're looking for creative, enthusiastic people to help build, decorate, design creepy rooms, dream up fun scares, donate materials, or volunteer during the event.

No professional experience is needed—just imagination, enthusiasm, and a love of Halloween. Whether you can contribute ideas, lend a hand, provide supplies, or help on the night of the event, we would love to have you be part of the team! I also encourage you to spread the word to anyone you think might enjoy being involved. Friends, family members, neighbors, Montessori families, and other members of the community are all welcome to join us!

Our hope is to make this first Haunted House so memorable that it becomes an annual tradition our children, Montessori families, and community look forward to every year. If you're even a little interested, please text the word 'interested' to **202-714-7741** and you will receive information about an upcoming planning meeting.

Let's come together as a community and make some spooky memories—and maybe scare a few people along the way!

Carrie Miller- Mygatt, *Warden*

Living in Community

Celebrating Success!

Our summer canned food drive was a success! We delivered dozens and dozens of canned food, and other containers of food, to the New Trier Township Food Pantry. The Pantry staff was happy to receive such a large donation. Our thanks go to Victor, Hero and Val Kim for suggesting canned fruit--there was a LOT of fruit. Our thanks also go to all the parishioners who donated food. Well done St. E's! – Fred Johnston

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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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 (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.*