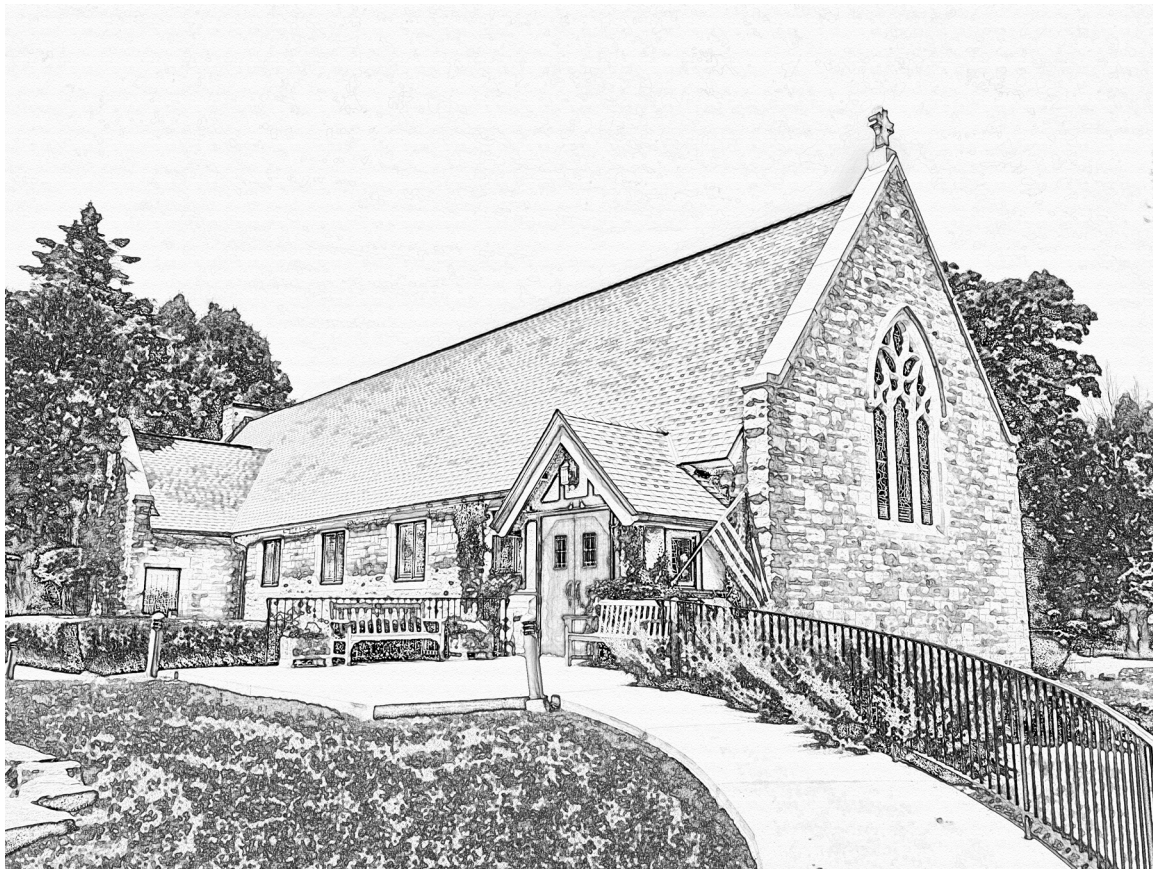

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 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: Ordinary Time

The Season after Pentecost is not actually a season with a single common focus, but is simply the weeks between the Day of Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. It is often called "Ordinary Time." These weeks hold both the slower pace and peaceful quality of summer months and the quicker pace and flurry of activity in the early fall. These are our "ordinary" days, in which we live the Christian faith in our daily lives.

During these weeks, as the liturgical scholar Leonel Mitchell puts it, we celebrate "the time in which we actually live — the period between the Pentecost and the Second Advent." Two thousand years after the first Pentecost, the church still lives in this "in between" time before the fulfillment of time in Christ's second coming. You might also hear these weeks called "the long, green season," referring both to the green color of the vestments and altar hangings for these weeks as well as to the summertime of year in which many of the weeks fall in the northern hemisphere.

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

We have deep roots in the past. But the function of roots is to provide nourishment for this season's new growth, this season's fruit. We sink roots in the past precisely to nourish the growing edge. -- Br. Mark Brown, SSJE

Practice How are you past roots nourishing the present? What is your growing edge? Where are those roots not working in your life? Find as spiritual friend and share with them and perhaps they will share their own story with you.



Esau and Jacob (2014), Andrei Mironov (Andrei Nikolaevich), 1975-

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

Please rise as able at the ringing of the bell.

The Opening Acclamation

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

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

Presider Loving Jesus: Protect and sustain us with your hand. Open the door of your love that, sealed with your wisdom, we may be free to serve you with joy. *(a prayer of St. Gertrude)*

Assembly **Amen.**

The Song of Praise

“Blessed Jesus, at thy word”

1 Bless - ed Je - sus, at thy word we are gath - ered all to
2 All our know - ledge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est dark - ness
3 Gra - cious Lord, thy - self im - part! Light of Light, from God pro -

hear thee; let our hearts and souls be stirred
shroud - ed, till thy Spi - rit breaks our night
ceed - ing, o - pen thou our ears and heart,

now to seek and love and fear thee; by thy teach - ings
with the beams of truth un - cloud - ed; thou a - lone to
help us by thy Spi - rit's plead - ing. Hear the cry thy

pure and ho - ly, drawn from earth to love thee sole - ly.
God canst win us; thou must work all good with - in us.
Church up - rais - es; hear, and bless our prayers and prais - es.

The Hymnal 1982 #440, Text: Tobias Clausnitzer (1619-1684) Music: *Liebster Jesu*, Johann Rudolph Ahle (1625-1673)

The Collect

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

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

Presider Let us pray.

Ancient Gardener, your holy word is planted in our hearts as good seed in fertile soil. So nurture us and water us with your grace that we may bear fruit abundantly, we pray through Jesus the Christ.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Genesis 25:19-34

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife, because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 119

Cantor

Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O Lord, according to your word.

Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute of my lips, *
and teach me your judgments.

My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your commandments.

Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; *
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes *
for ever and to the end.

Response – Gloria Parti

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

“O God, whose word well-planted”



1 O God, whose word well-plant-ed yields fruit a hun-dred - fold,
 2 O God of seed and har - vest, of sun and soil and rain,
 3 O God, your fi - nal har - vest of his - t'ry's an - cient field



we praise your grac-es grant-ed to those who sowed of old,
 at - tend the word we sow, lest its plant-ing be in vain.
 will test with truth the proud-est that hu - man work can yield.



who by their wit - ness scat - tered good seed up - on the soil
 Send show - ers of your Spir-it, bright sun - shine of your grace,
 Op - pres - sion's blight will van - ish, fair free-dom's fruits in - crease;



where oth - ers, reap - ing, gath - ered the har - vest of their toil.
 that mul - ti - tudes who hear it your gos - pel may em - brace.
 and love and joy will flour-ish to clothe the earth with peace.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

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.**

The Prayers of the People

Common Worship Times and Seasons

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

Intercessor Let us pray.

Intercessor Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for Christians
around the world; for this Diocese of Chicago, and Paula our
bishop, and for all who teach and guard the faith. May the word
of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the
bond of your love.

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

Intercessor We pray for the leaders of nations, and for those in authority under them. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things.

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

Intercessor We pray for this village of Glencoe, for those who live, work and visit here, and for all who seek the common good. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

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

Intercessor We pray for all those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness, particularly

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Aidan Thomson

Isabelle Thomson

Norris Byrnes, cousin of Libby Hinds

Andre Stoken, brother of Deidre McClurg

Donna, friend of Walter Aldrich

Liz Miller, friend of Anne Tuohy

Alicia Rapelye, sister of Annette Johnston

Tyler & Anna

Adele & Rick Ferretti

May Christ your living Word bring them comfort and healing.

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

Intercessor We give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ, and we rejoice with Elisabeth and all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.

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

Intercessor Lord of the Church, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.

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

Presider O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. 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*

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Offertory Hymn

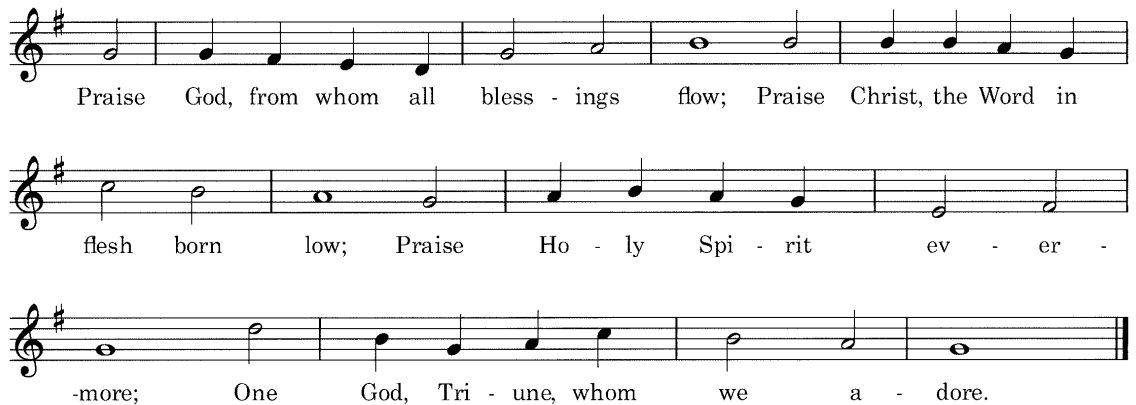
“Lamp of our feet”

1 Lamp of our feet, where - by we trace our path when wont to stray;
 2 bread of our souls, where - on we feed, true man - na from on high;
 3 pil - lar of fire, through watch - es dark, and ra - diant cloud by day;
 4 word of the ev - er - liv - ing God, will of his glo - rious Son;
 5 Lord, grant us all a - right to learn the wis - dom it im - parts;

1 stream from the fount of heaven - ly grace, brook by the trav - eler's way;
 2 our guide and chart, where - in we read of realms be - yond the sky;
 3 when waves would whelm our toss - ing bark, our an - chor and our stay;
 4 with - out thee how could earth be trod, or heaven it - self be won?
 5 and to its heaven - ly teach - ing turn, with sim - ple, child - like hearts.

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

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1

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

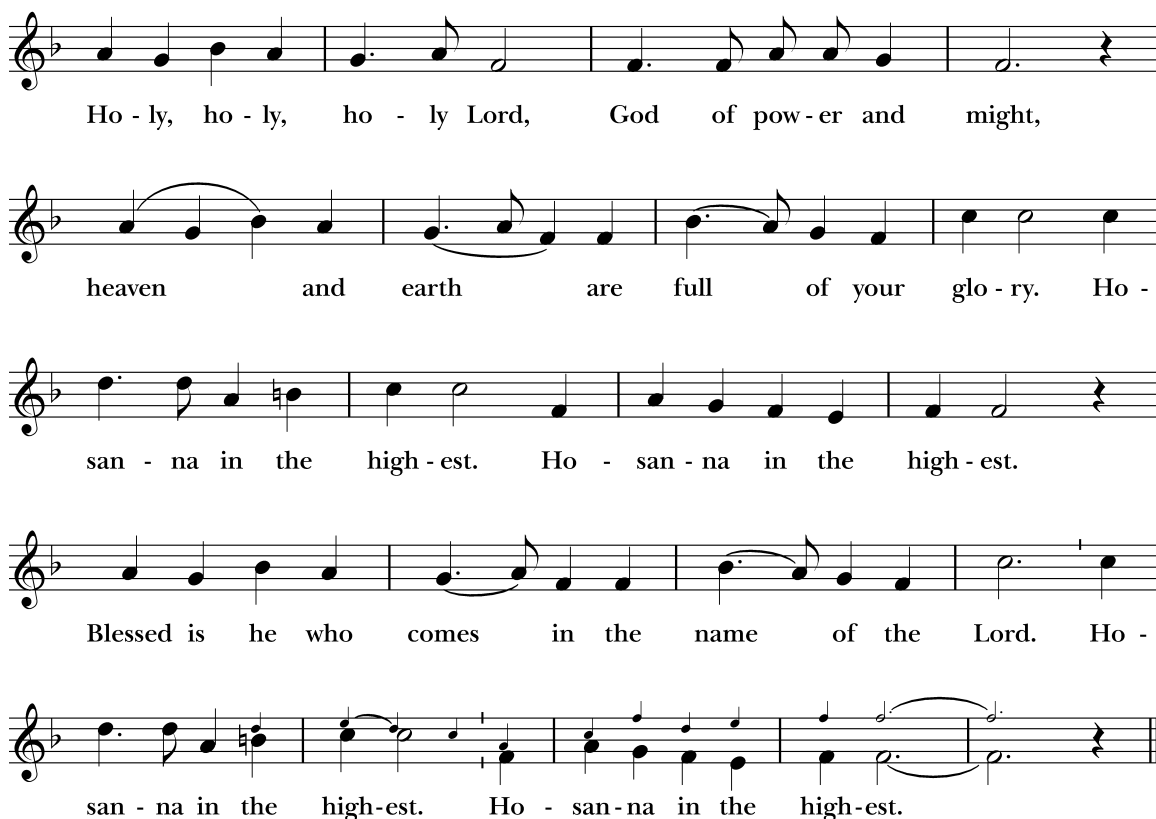
Presider Lift up your hearts
Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give thanks to you, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Hymnal 1982 #S125, Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (b 1937)

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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.”

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ’s Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Elisabeth and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, 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.

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 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.

Communion Hymn

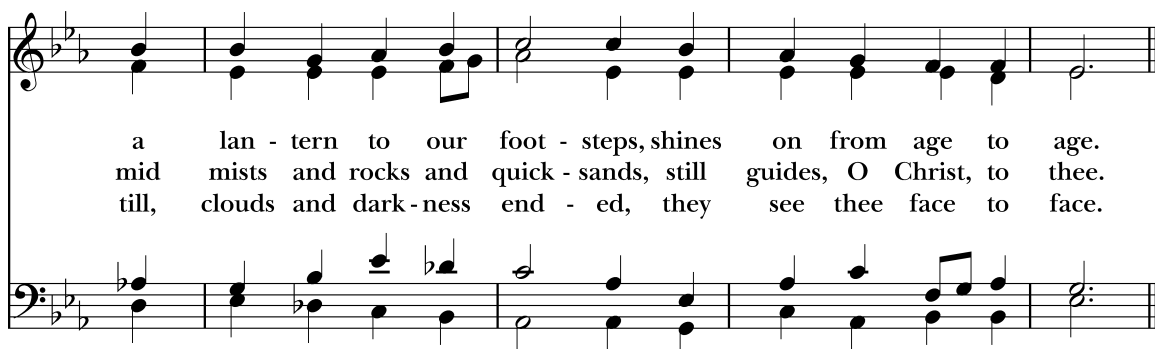
“O Christ, the Word Incarnate”

The musical score is written for a three-part setting (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) in a key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The melody is primarily in the Soprano part, with the Alto and Tenor/Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are arranged in three stanzas, each corresponding to a line of music. The first stanza is the most prominent, with the other two stanzas providing additional verses. The score includes a treble clef and a bass clef, with a key signature of two flats. The lyrics are written in a simple, clear font, and the music is written in a standard staff notation with notes, rests, and bar lines.

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip - ture's page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan - dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,



The Hymnal 1982 #632, Text: William Walsham How (1823-1897) Music: *Munich*, Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847)

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

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

David Graver – July 17

The Blessing

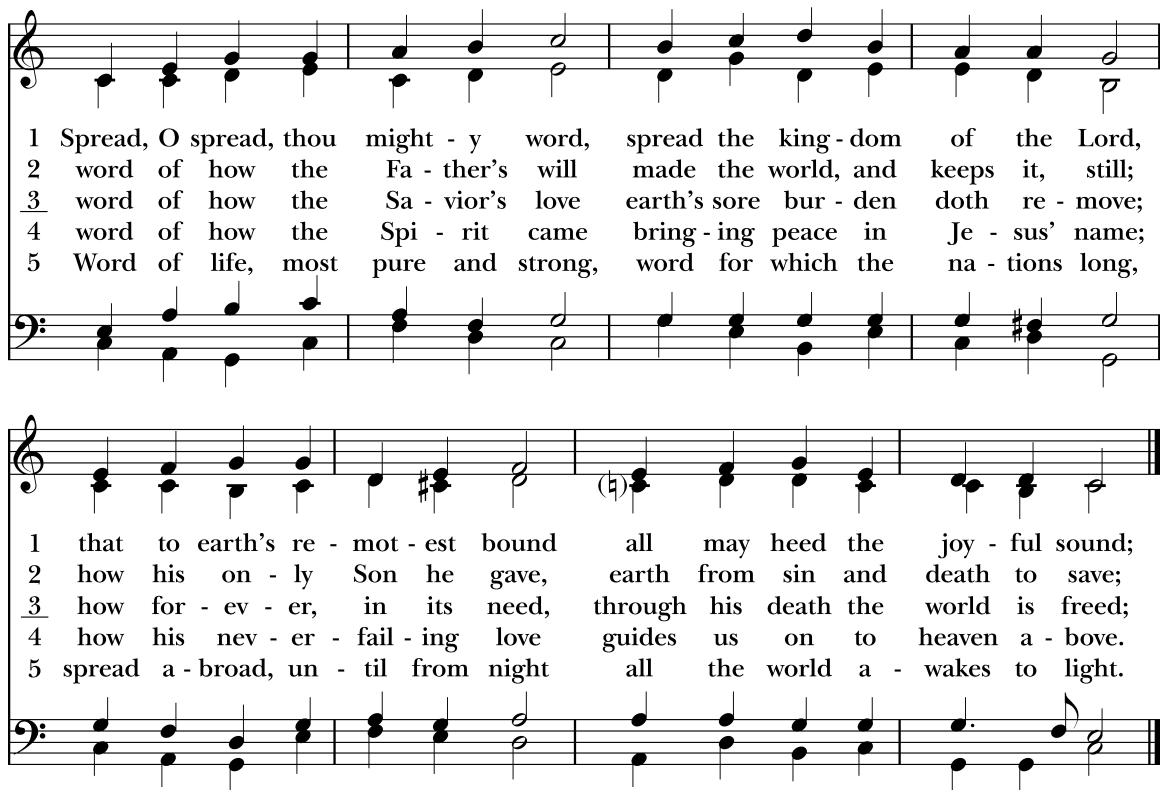
Enriching Our Worship – source: Celtic

Presider The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the Name of the one, holy and undivided Trinity.

Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“Spread, O spread”



The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) on two staves. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the Soprano and Alto parts, with the Tenor and Bass parts providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the staves, with line numbers 1 through 5 indicating the start of each line of the hymn.

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
 3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
 4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
 2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
 3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
 4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
 5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

The Hymnal 1982 #530, Text: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier Music: *Gott sei Dank*, William Henry Havergel (1793-1870)

Dismissal

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Living in Community

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The Bible Study group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel**. 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

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
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.*