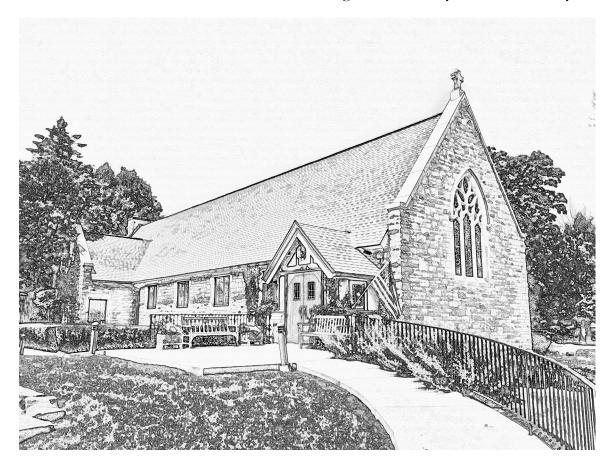
## ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

## The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 2025 10:00 a.m.

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.

#### In the Church Year: Season after Pentecost

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.

## 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

4:30 p.m. – Sunday Supper & Family Worship

#### **Sunday Forum: Diocesan Convention**

Join Adam for a discussion of Diocesan Convention which takes place this week. Convention is the annual business meeting of the Diocese of Chicago, during which delegates from each congregation elect diocesan leaders, consider resolutions and receive reports from committees and ministries across the diocese. Today we will focus in a particular way on the Resolutions.

#### Children's Sunday School

Children of all ages are invited to meet in the classroom on the 2nd floor following the 10 am service, to learn about the Bible and have some fun with our Director of Children's Formation Abigail Pribble.

#### Sunday Supper & Family Worship

The doors will open at 4:00 p.m., and worship begins at 4:30. After that, we will enjoy some great food. We hope you can attend—it's a fun way to pray and we always have lots of food.

## **Entering In**

The following thought by a spiritual author, religious, theologian or one of our clergy as well as the image are intended to reflect something in today's service. The Practice is intended to offer one practical way of living these reflections.

History itself passes into definitive consummation in God. . . . It is not just human beings who endure into eternity, nor is it simply some moral distillation of what they achieve. Rather that which endures is the *work* of love as expressed in the concrete in human history. Human work and human love have eternal significance. – Karl Rahner S.J.

**Practice:** That which endures is the work of love. Where have you seen that this week; in your life, in your community, in the world? Spend some time with others exploring how they have seen love working into eternity.



A Walk Along a Path at Sunset – Herman Herzog, 1832-1932

# The Holy Eucharist – Rite II The Word of God

#### The Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

## The Opening Acclamation

Enriching Our Worship

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

Assembly Glory to God for ever and ever.

Presider Holy Wisdom, in your loving kindness you created and restored

us when we were lost: inspire us with your truth, that we may love

you with our whole minds and run to you with open hearts,

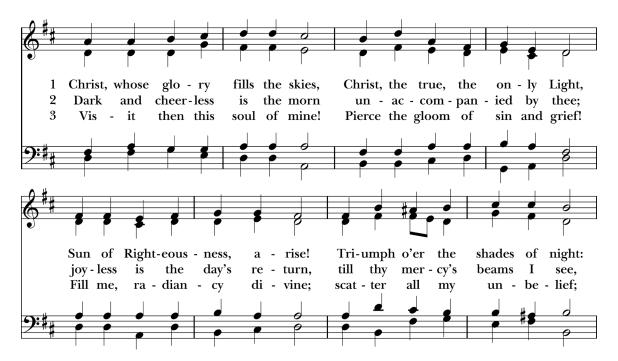
through Christ our Savior.

Alcuin of York, Mass of Wisdom

Assembly **Amen.** 

## The Hymn

"Christ, whose glory fills the skies"





The Hymnal 1982 #7, Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Music: Ratisbon, William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

## The Collect of the Day

Vanderbilt Divinity Library

Presider God be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

O God, in Christ you give us hope for a new heaven and a new earth. Grant us wisdom to interpret the signs of our times, courage to stand in the time of trial, and faith to witness to your truth and love.

Assembly Amen.

Please be seated.

#### The Lessons

#### The Reading

Isaiah 65:17-25

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth;

the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating;

for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people;

no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;

for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat;

for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity;

for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Please remain seated for the psalm.

## **The Psalm** Psalm 149

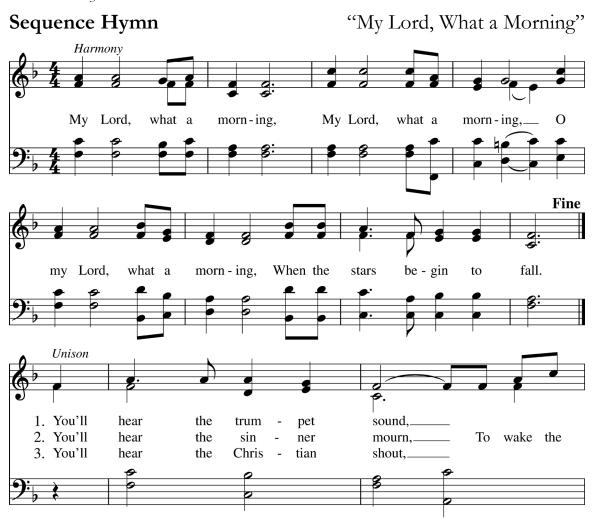


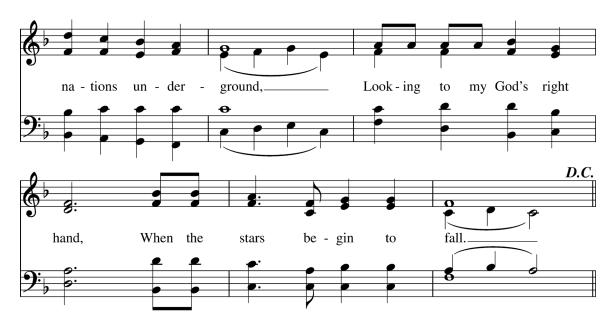
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- A Sing to the Lord a <u>new song</u>, \* for he has done marvelous <u>things</u>.
- B With his right hand and his <u>holy arm</u> \* has he won for himself the <u>victory</u>.
- A The Lord has made known his <u>victory</u>; \*
  his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the <u>nations</u>.
- B He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of <u>Israel</u>, \* and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our <u>God</u>.
- A Shout with joy to the Lord, all you <u>lands</u>; \* lift up your voice, rejoice, and <u>sing</u>.
- B Sing to the Lord with the <u>harp</u>, \* with the harp and the voice of <u>song</u>.
- A With trumpets and the sound of the horn \* shout with joy before the King, the Lord.
- B Let the sea make a noise and all that is <u>in it</u>, \* the lands and those who dwell there<u>in</u>.
- A Let the rivers clap their <u>hands</u>, \*
  and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
  when he comes to judge the <u>earth</u>.
- B In righteousness shall he judge the world \* and the peoples with equity.

- A Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
- B as it was in the beginning, is <u>now</u>, and will be for ever. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.





Lift Every Voice and Sing #13, Text: Traditional, Music: Spiritual

The Gospel Luke 21:5-19

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, `I am he!' and, `The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will

be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

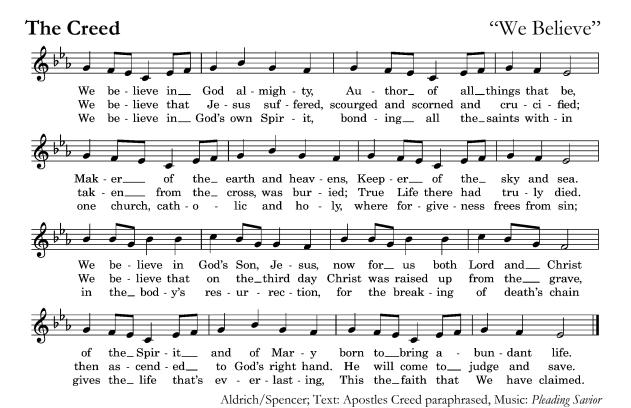
Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### 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 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

Lord of all hopefulness, your glory fills the morning skies, your brightness shines in starlight. Visit with your everlasting dawn those places where violence, terror, and suffering seem to reign - Sudan and Ukraine, India and Pakistan, and the streets of our cities here in America, particularly the city of Chicago. Impart your inward light to the leaders of the nations that their decisions - and ours - radiate outward into deeds which do not further deepen the darkness of the world but rather reflect the undimmed light of your heavenly truth, beauty, and goodness.

Intercessor

God in your mercy,

Assembly

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Lord of all joy, all our hope is founded on you. Be near to all who suffer inwardly from mental illness, sin, grief or despair and strengthen them. Pierce the gloom of hopelessness and fear with the beams of your enlivening mercy. Lord of all eagerness, you gladden our eyes and warm our hearts with your abiding presence in our daily lives. Inspire us to seek you in all things, attentive in every moment. Root us in your being, O Living God, that we may grow abundantly in your grace.

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

Intercessor

Lord of all faithfulness, through change and chance alike you guide your people. We pray you to make faithful the deliberations and decisions of the 188th Annual Convention of the Diocese of Chicago which gathers later this week. Bless and guide with your Holy Wisdom our clergy, delegates, and alternates from this parish - Adam, Larry, Carrie, Robert, Kay, Anne, Libby and Linda. In the Evanston Deanery this week, we pray for Christ Church in Winnetka and Matthew, their rector. Lord of all kindliness, make us seeds of that new heaven and new earth which you ever rejoice in creating - a realm free of hurt or destruction where no more

Intercessor

God in your mercy,

Assembly

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Lord of all grace, you remember your mercy and faithfulness to all your people and particularly those who suffer. We lift to you in prayer today all who are sick or struggling or in need of your healing balm particularly those we now name, silently or aloud.

shall the sound of weeping, the cry of distress be heard.

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Aidan Thomson

Ben Whipple, son of Larry & Susan Whipple

Cheryl, friend of Adrienne Zimmerman

Griffin, friend of Adrienne Zimmerman

Doug, brother-in-law of Andrienne Zimmerman

Sam Weisbard, friend of Fred & Annette Johnston

Nicholas & Alice, friends of Tobi Ellis

Lexi Valasek, mother of a Montessori student

Charlotte Margolis, baby sister of a Montessori student

<u>James</u> Green, sibling of a Montessori student

Are there others?

Intercessor

Lord of all gentleness, embrace all who are wounded or weary in your mighty arms and receive into your eternal presence those who have died, especially those we now name silently or aloud. (*Silence*)

Lord of all calm, amidst the many cares and trials of our world and our lives, fill us with your peace and make our hearts one with yours.

Intercessor

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

Assembly Presider

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

The Book of Common Prayer

Assembly Amen.

#### The Confession of Sin

The Book of Common Prayer

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence

All

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider

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

Assembly Amen.

#### The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly And also with you.

The ministers and congregation greet one another in the peace of God.

## **Holy Communion**

#### The 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.

#### The Offertory Anthem

"Trees"

Music by Eric Esenvalds, Text by Joyce Kilmer

I think that I shall never see A poem lovely as a tree.

A tree whose hungry mouth is prest Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day, And lifts her leafy arms to pray;

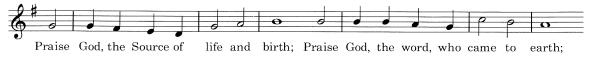
A tree that may in summer wear A nest of robins in her hair;

Upon whose bosom snow has lain; Who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me, But only God can make a tree.

Please stand as you are able.

## The Doxology





Music: Old 100th

Presider

## The Great Thanksgiving

Joining the Angel's Song, All Saints

Presider God be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

Assembly We lift them up to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

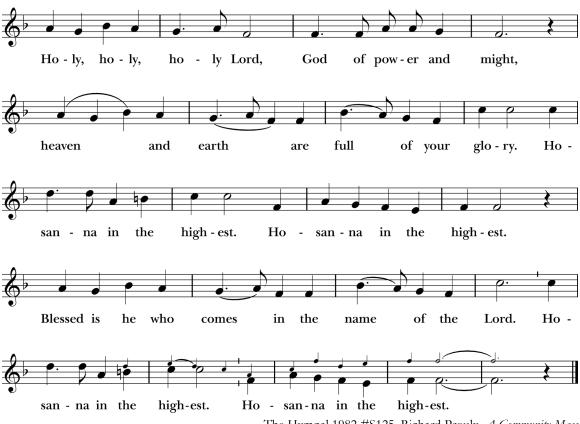
Assembly It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Creating and redeeming God, in Adam, Abraham and Moses, in Deborah, Esther and Mary, you have chosen not simply to direct the course of events but to be in relationship with us and to entrust your children with the embodiment and exercise of your will.

In the dying and rising Christ you give us not just a saviour but an example, and in every generation you call people to imitate the pattern of his life and death and so witness to your glory.

You call us to be not heroes who go it alone but saints whose every breath depends on others and on you.

We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven, with whom we join in singing the unending hymn of your joy and praise.



The Hymnal 1982 #S125, Richard Proulx, A Community Mass

You are invited to remain standing or to kneel.

Presider

Transforming God, in this gathering you take the fruit of the vine and the work of human hands and make them a blessing for your people now and for ever:

As our earthly bodies decay and die and resemble your Son's body taken down from the cross, send your Spirit and remake us in the image of your Son's resurrected body, that our scars may become signs of your glory and our hearts may be one with yours.

Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying, '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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Presider Assembly Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Presider

Resurrecting God, bless those who mourn, that they may be comforted. Bless the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven. Bless the pure in heart, that they may see you.

Visit those who face death amid persecution and violence, that they may know the gladness and rejoicing of your kingdom.

Be close to any who end their days in agony and isolation, that they may enter the joy of their reward.

Where your children feel all is lost, meet them in their fear, touch them in their loneliness and raise them by your mercy, so that on the last day, when you bring a new heaven and a new earth, they may discover you as an infinite circle whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere, and be changed from glory into glory, with and by you, one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.

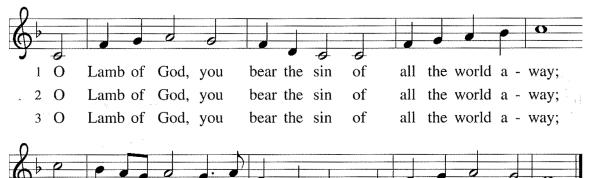
Give us this day our daily bread.

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.



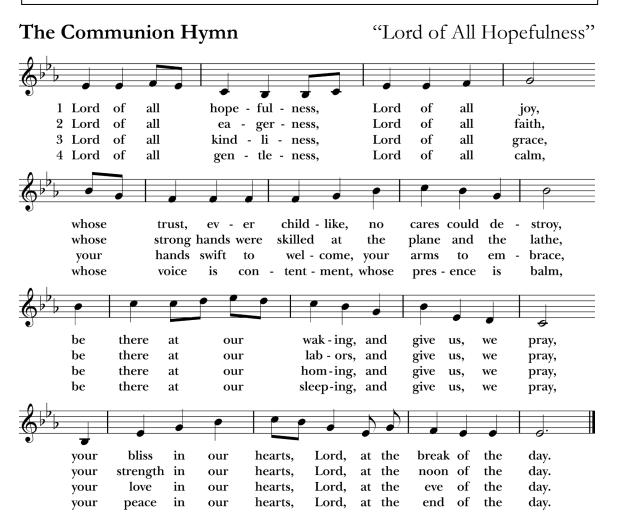
you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray. you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray. e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, #S208, Service 10

#### 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.



The Hymnal 1982 #482, Text: Jan Struther (1901-1953), Music: Slane, Irish ballad melody

Please stand as you are able.

## The Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer

Presider L

Let us pray.

All

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 Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated for the announcements.

#### **Announcements**

## Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

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

## The Blessing

Common Worship

Please stand as you are able.

Presider God be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

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.



The Hymnal 1982 #665, Text: Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930), Music: Michael, Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

## The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

## The Postlude

#### This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Monday, November 17

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Thursday, November 20

1:30 p.m. – Bible Study 7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, November 22

8:00 a.m. – Women's Al-Anon Meeting 5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

#### Sunday, November 23

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist 9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal 10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist 11:00 a.m. – Fellowship, Sunday Forum, & Children's Sunday School

## Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

#### ReVive Christmas Basket Program

This year we will once again be participating in the ReVive Christmas Basket Program to provide Christmas gifts for clients of the ReVive Center for Housing and Healing in Chicago.

The signup sheet and information/gift packets are available in the Guild Room. Pick-Up day is **Friday, December 12**: All boxes and donations are due at St. Elisabeth's by 9:00 am that morning.

If you have any questions, please contact Rene Surgi, Ph.D. Phone: 847-835-0983 Mobile: 847-254-0934

#### The Sacrament of Healing

The sacrament of healing will be offered during Communion on the fourth Sunday of each month. The first two offerings will be on **November 23 & December 28**. After receiving Communion those who wish to participate in this sacrament may go to the baptismal font where a priest will offer prayer and anoint one's forehead with Holy Oil. Anointing with Holy Oil signifies and transmits God's healing, strengthening grace and the presence of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

#### "A Harvest of Kindness" for the Guamangate Family

The Guamangates are a family of 7 adults and 5 children that arrived in the US approximately 3 years ago after walking from Ecuador to the southern border of Texas. They asked for asylum because they are indigenous and mistreated in their home country. They made their way to Chicago to live in a supportive community and to work. Susan Newcomb met them in Chicago and has gotten to know the family quite well. She and Jim introduced them to us. Since then we have collected money to help them navigate living

here. As we celebrate Thanksgiving and "harvest" the many blessings in our lives, I proposed to Susan that we "harvest" kindness as well and share some of our abundance with this family in need. The purpose is to help them as Christmas approaches, supplement their extra spending on grocery deliveries (to avoid ICE) and to assist with eye exams for a few of the adults. On **Sunday November 23rd and Sunday November 30th,** you are encouraged to bring donations to church. Please put any checks or cash in an envelope clearly marked "Harvest of Kindness." We will also be collecting personal items like toothpaste and shampoo, kitchen staples and cleaning supplies. On **Sunday November 23rd,** Susan and I will host a discussion at the normal Sunday Forum time after church, if you'd like to learn more. -Father Adam

#### Bible Study

The St. Elisabeth's Bible Study group meets on **Thursday afternoons** at 1:30 pm on the second floor at the church. The group is beginning the study of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. All are welcome! For more information, 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, hospital calls, nursing/rehab & home-bound parishioners

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 and leave a private message in the rector's voicemail. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org.

#### **Interfaith Knitting Group**

All knitters and would-be knitters are invited to these gatherings of Catholic, Jewish and Protestant knitters who meet roughly every other **Monday from 4-6pm**. They create items to be given to those in need. The group will meet on the following dates and in the following places:

November 17 - Glencoe Union Church

December 8 - Am Shalom Congregation

December 15 - Glencoe Union Church

For more information, talk with Susan Whipple or call Laurie Jaffe at (847) 721-8878

## Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

Kara Superfine – November 16 Adam Spencer – November 20

## **Assisting Today**

Reading Kara Superfine
Prayers Linda Illes
Altar Guild Polly Baur

Usher

Coffee Hour Carrie Wright and Elisabeth & Tobi Ellis

## The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop

## Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

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The Rev. Adam Spencer Rector

The Rev. Larry Handwerk Priest Associate

Walter Aldrich Director of Music

Caryl Medsker Director of Administration

Abigail Pribble Director of Children's Formation
Elizabeth Clemmitt Associate for Spiritual Wellness

#### **2025 Vestry**

Robert Fischer, Warden Fred Johnston Jamie Kim Carrie Miller-Mygatt

Warden

Kara Superfine

Mark Tilton, Treasurer

John Tuohy, Asst. Treasurer

#### 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.