

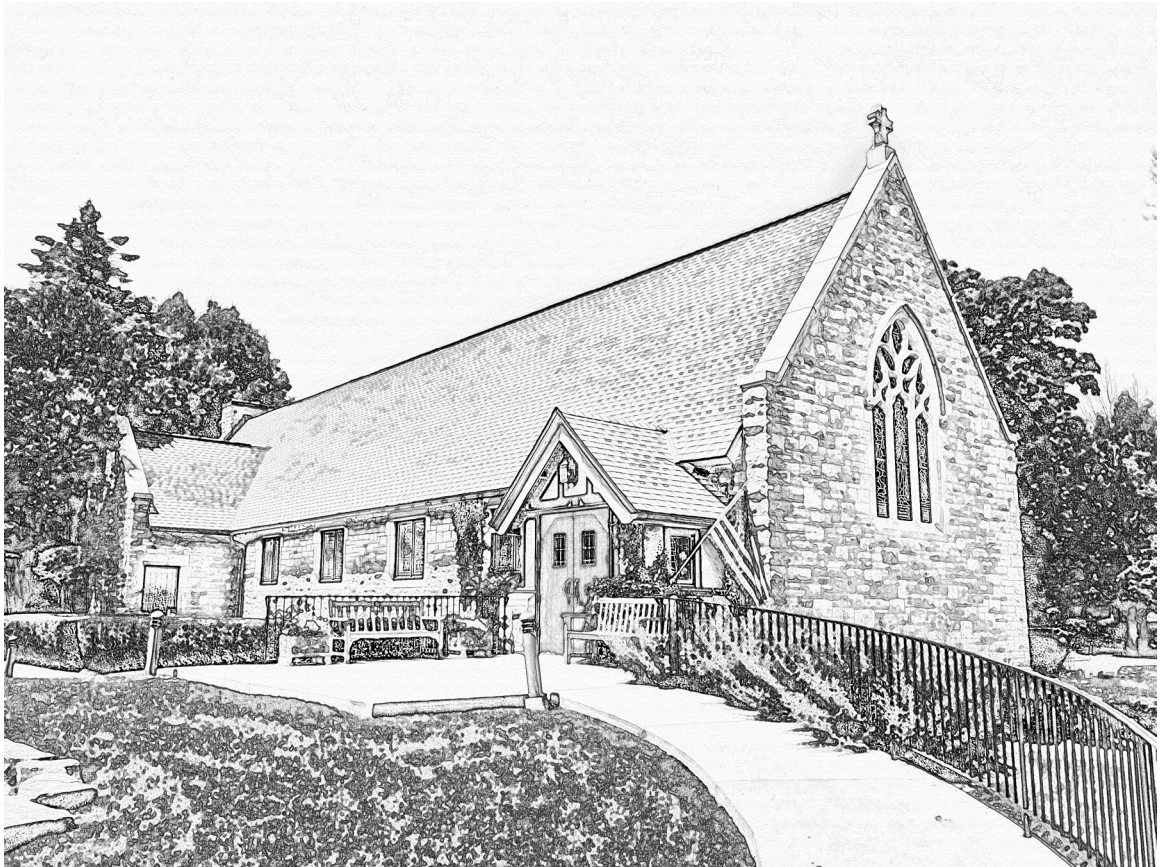
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 15, 2026

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: Epiphany

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning “manifestation, showing forth, revelation.” This feast proclaims our faith that in Jesus, God is revealed to all people — not just to an inner circle or a chosen few, but to all people, in all places, and throughout all time. Christians believe that in the person of Jesus we see who God is, and in the words and actions of Jesus we see God at work in the world. Epiphany marks a series of occasions at which Jesus was revealed to be God’s Son.

The feast of Epiphany and the weeks that follow are a time when we reflect on several “manifestations” of Jesus, as he was recognized as the Messiah (or Christ) by many different people. We hear about Jesus’ baptism in the river Jordan by John the Baptist and the visit of the magi, or wise men, who followed the star to Bethlehem at Jesus’ birth. We share the amazement of the guests at the wedding party at Cana as Jesus performs his first miracle by turning water into fine wine. And at the end of the season we see Jesus’ glory shown to three of his disciples on the mountain as he is transfigured before them in a blaze of light.

– *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

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 School, and Sunday Forum

Sunday Forum: The Gospel of Matthew, Part 2

Join Priest Associate Larry Handwerk for the second in a series of forums after the 10:00 am service today, as we continue to explore Matthew's Gospel and the ways in which its unique perspective might help us understand Jesus differently.

Sunday Supper and Family Worship

Come back tonight for our next Sunday evening worship and potluck. We will open the church doors at 4:00, and worship begins at 4:30. After that, we will enjoy some great food. Our theme this month is CHOCOLATE.

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.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

Walter Aldrich – February 17

Andy Wittleder – February 17

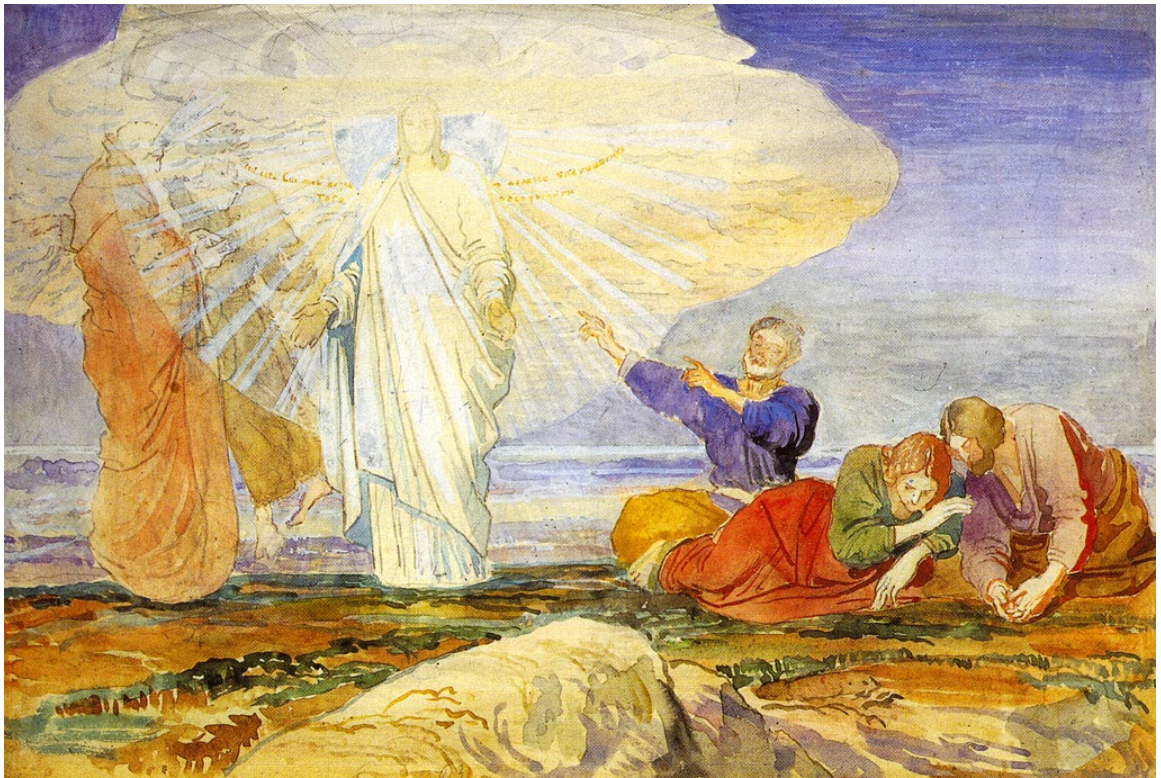
Mimi Newcomb – February 20

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.

What the companions of Jesus see this day through the dazzling whiteness of his appearance is his humanity, the surface Jesus they had known up to that moment, opening up to reveal his inner, divine self, the dwelling of light from deep within him. This opening up they witnessed is a gateway to an endless journey to God. —Br. Eldridge Pendleton, *Society of Saint John the Evangelist*

Practice: Can we claim transfiguration for this life we have now? What energies of transfiguration are loose in the world now, in this life of flesh and blood? —Br. Mark Brown, *Society of Saint John the Evangelist*



“The Transfiguration”—Alexander Andreyevich Ivanov (1806-1858)

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Word of God

The Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

The Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language

Presider Blessed be God: Most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

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

Presider Christ our true and only Light: receive our morning prayers, and illumine the secrets of our hearts with your healing goodness, that no evil desires may possess us who are made new in the light of your heavenly grace.

Enriching Our Worship/ Gelasian Sacramentary

Assembly **Amen.**

The Hymn

“Dazzling presence on the mountain”



1 Daz - zling pres - ence on the moun - tain: hu - man eye had nev - er seen
2 From this moun - tain of mys - tic splen - dor to the cross Christ press - es on;
3 From the heights of new cre - a - tion, Christ be - holds his world, re - deemed;
4 Let our praise ring from each moun - tain, in - to deep - est val - leys pour,



such a won - der, such re - splen - dence, heav'n and earth in cloud con - vene.
here no Mo - ses nor E - li - jah, on - ly thieves Christ's wings a - dorn.
as with Pe - ter and com - pan - ions, brings us now to sights un - seen.
where, with lives of grate - ful ser - vice, we a - dore Christ ev - er - more.



“This is my Son, the be - lov - ed,” thun - d'rous voice from cloud ex - claimed.
“Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy,” was one's pen - i - ten - tial sigh.
Jus - tice, mer - cy, and com - pas - sion: these the booths he bids us build,
To the Son, Gods own be - lov - ed, and the Spir - it end - less - ly,



Word made flesh to heal cre - a - tion, to dis - ci - ples God pro - claimed.
 With trans - fig - ur - ing as - sur - ance, Christ re - joins his fer - vent cry.
 that the earth he loves may flour - ish as each life with grace is filled.
 may the church - 's praise be lift - ed to the bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Aldrich/Spencer Text: Paul E Hoffman (b. 1959), Music: *Rustington*, Charles HH Parry (1848-191

The Collect of the Day

Vanderbilt Divinity Library

Presider God be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God of the covenant, the cloud of your splendor and the fire of your love revealed your Son on the mountain heights. Transform our lives in his image, write your law of love on our hearts, and make us prophets of your glory, that we may lead others into your transformed presence, in Christ's holy Name we pray.

Assembly **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six

days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

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 2

Why are the nations in an uproar? *

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the Lord and against his Anointed?

"Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."

He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.

Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.

"I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."

Let me announce the decree of the Lord: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.

Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.

You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."

And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.

Submit to the Lord with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;

Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.

Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Please stand as you are able

Sequence Hymn

“I love to tell the story”

1. I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,
 2. I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best

1. Of Je - sus and His glo - ry, Of Je - sus and His love.
 2. Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it, like the rest.

1. I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;
 2. And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,

1. It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.
 2. 'Twill be the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.

I love to tell the sto-ry; 'Twill be my theme in glo - ry.

To tell the old, old sto-ry Of Je - sus and His love.

Lift Every Voice and Sing #64, Text: Katherine Hankey (1831-1911), Music: William G. Fischer (1835-1912)

The Gospel

Matthew 17:1-9

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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

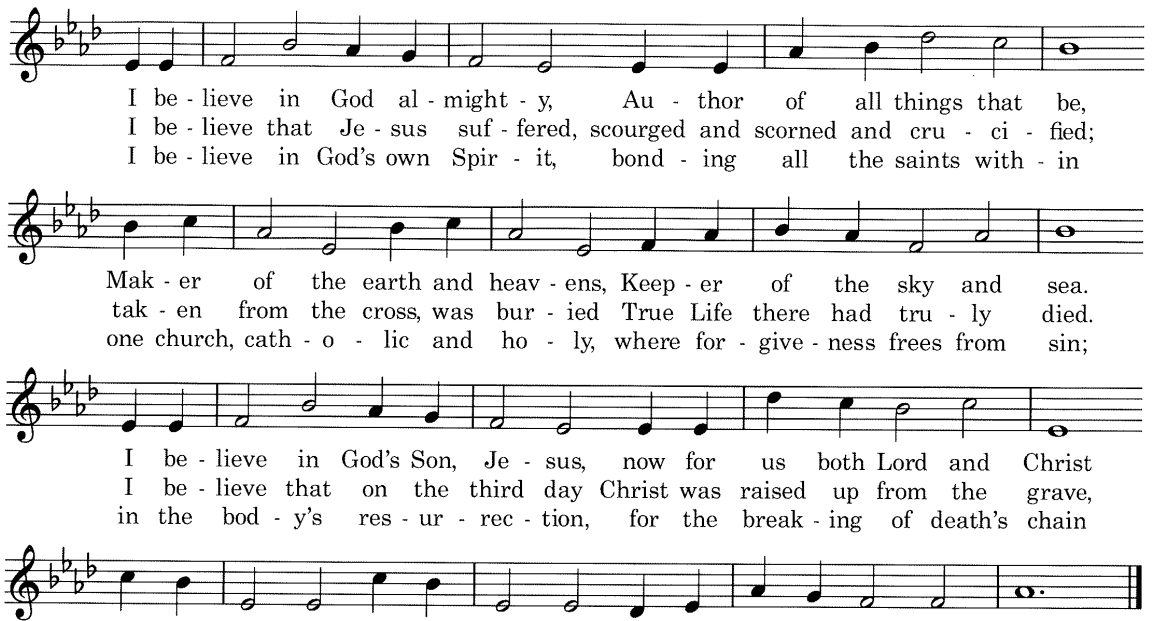
The Sermon

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



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

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

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

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

Aldrich/Spencer; Text: Apostles Creed paraphrased, Music: *Racquel*

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.

O Dawn of all Creation and Mystery Unknown, your ways are not our ways, your thoughts are not our thoughts. Guide us to seek and find your grace and your mercy, your tenderness and your presence in the midst of our daily lives. Give us gratitude for your many blessings which we call to mind now silently or aloud.

(Silence in which thanksgivings may be shared)

Save us and enlighten us here in these days of ours, Faithful One.

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

Intercessor O Light of Incarnation, Face of Love here on earth. We bring to you the leaders of the nations, the kings and princes of this world today. Awaken them to the folly that is your eternal wisdom, the poverty that is your unfading wealth, the weakness that is your abiding strength. Free them by the power of the Cross from their bondage to the always enticing ways of violence, ambition, ego and vanity. We pray to you, Defeated Victor, for the wounded and struggling peoples of Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine, Iran and Sudan, and this our own nation. Heal your Creation, make in all grieving hearts a song.

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

Intervessor O Flame of Transformation and Unknown Power, upon the mystic splendor of the mountains in elder days you bestowed your law upon your chosen people and strengthened the friends of Jesus with transfiguring assurance. Visit your Church here and in places of peril around the world, especially in Nigeria. We pray to you today, in the Evanston Deanery, for the people of Christ Church in Winnetka and Matthew, their rector. Enlighten all who walk in the Way of the Cross that we find in our discipleship none other than the way of life and truth. Transform us in our grateful service by your heavenly glory.

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

Intervessor O Dawn of All the Living, Who Is and Was and Ever Shall Be, we lift to your all-present, life-giving love those who we love and carry in our hearts this day, particularly...

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Aidan Thomson

Isabelle Thomson

Anne Tuohy

Ben Whipple, son of Larry & Susan Whipple

Chuck Southwick & family, friend of Susan & Larry Whipple
Are there others?

We pray to you also for all those who have died, particularly those killed in British Columbia and all victims of gun violence.

O Light and Flame of Loving, Transcendent Mystery, you dwell in worlds beyond this one. Even so, fill us with your grace and illumination as we seek you here in flesh and blood and bone.

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

Silence

Presider O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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, Expansive Language

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 our Savior 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 Hymn

“O Dawn of all creation”



1. O Dawn of all cre - a - tion And Mys - ter - y un -
 2. O Light of in - car - na - tion, The face of Love here
 3. O Flame of trans - for - ma - tion And Pow - er yet un -
 4. O Dawn of all the liv - ing, What is and what shall



known, Whose ways are not as our ways, Whose
 known, Whose ways were not as our ways, Whose
 known, Whose ways are not as our ways, Whose
 be, O Light and Flame of lov - ing, Tran -



thoughts are not our own: In grace you made and
 thoughts were not our own: In fol - ly was your
 thoughts are not our own: In per - il you are
 scen - dent Mys - ter - y: You dwell where none can



blessed us; In mer - cy you for - gave; In ten - der-ness and
 wis - dom; Your wealth, in pov - er - ty; A cross, your ex - al -
 fear - less; In hu - man weak-ness, strong; In bond - age you are
 fol - low, In worlds be - yond our own, Yet all who seek may

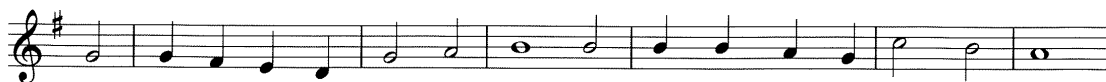


long - ing, In faith - ful - ness you save.
 ta - tion; De - feat, your vic - to - ry.
 free - dom; In griev - ing hearts, a song.
 find you In flesh and blood and bone.

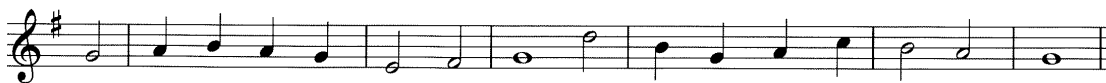
Gather #609, Text: Dolores Dufner (b. 1939), Music: *Andujar*, David Hurd

Please stand as you are able.

The Doxology



To God, all glor - ious heav - enly light; To Christ, re - vealed in earth - ly night;

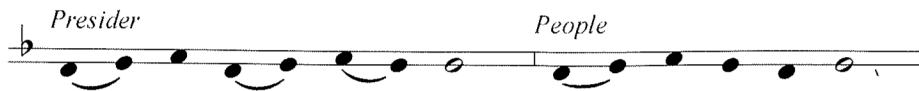


To God, the Spir - it now we raise; Our joy - ful songs of thank - ful praise.

Music: *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving

The Book of Common Prayer, Prayer A, Expansive Language



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



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

Presider

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Savior.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and

might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

God of power and might, hea - ven and earth are

full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -

san - na in the high - est. 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.

The Hymnal 1982 S130, *Franz Schubert/ arr. Richard Proulx*

You are invited to remain standing or to kneel.

Presider

Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker of all.

Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior Jesus Christ 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.”

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All

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

Presider

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ’s death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for 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 The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Assembly **We who are many are one body, for we all share 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.

The Communion Hymn

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

1 Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Ru - ler of all na - ture, O thou of
 2 Fair are the mea - dows, fair - er still the wood - lands, robed in the
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair - er still the moon - light, and all the

God and man the Son; thee will I cher - ish,
 bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,
 twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,

thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.
 Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.
 Je - sus shines pur - er, than all the an - gels heaven can boast.

The Hymnal 1982 #383, Text: German, Music: *St. Elizabeth**Please stand as you are able.*

The Post Communion Prayer

The Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language

Presider Let us pray.

All **Eternal God, you have graciously accepted us as living members of our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Savior. 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

The Book of Occasional Services

Please stand as you are able.

Presider God be with you.

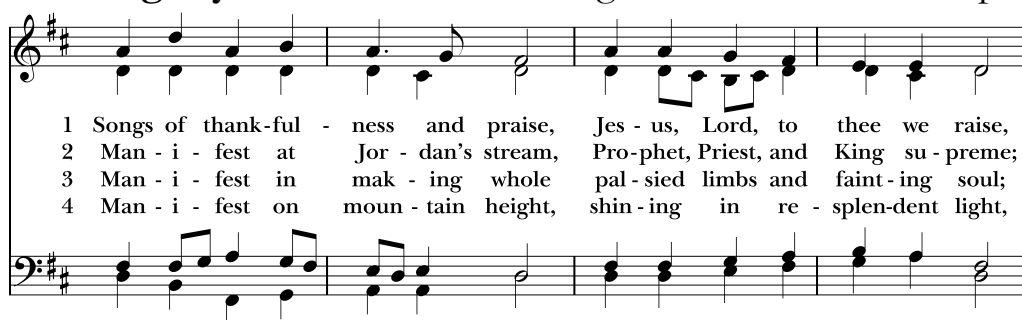
Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

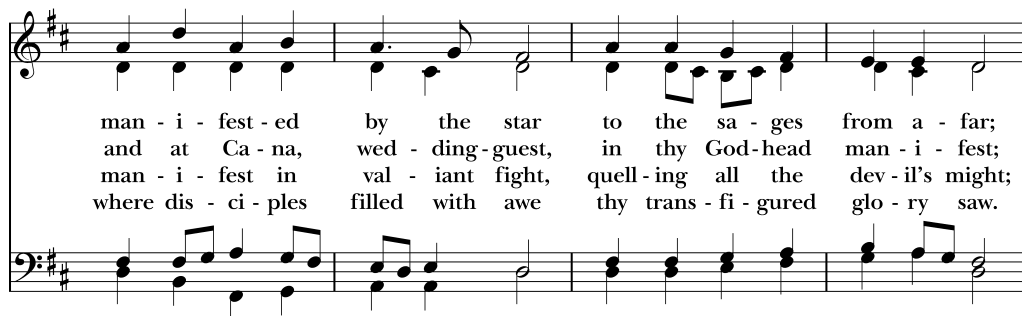
Assembly **Amen.**

The Closing Hymn

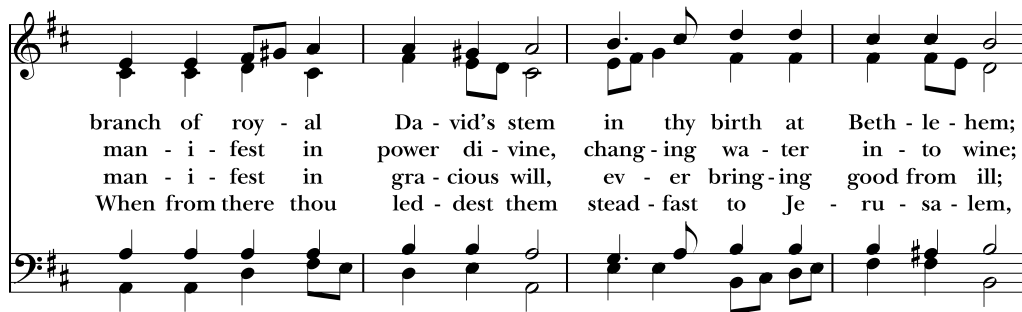
“Songs of thankfulness and praise”



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
 2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
 3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;
 4 Man - i - fest on moun - tain height, shin - ing in re - splen-dent light,



man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
 and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
 man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;
 where dis - ci - ples filled with awe thy trans - fi - gured glo - ry saw.



branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
 man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
 man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
 When from there thou led - dest them stead - fast to Je - ru - sa - lem,



an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 an - thems be to thee ad-dressed, God in man made man-i - fest.
 cross and Eas - ter Day at - test God in man made man-i - fest.

The Hymnal 1982 #135, Text: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885),
 Music: Salzburg, Jakob Hintze (1622-1702) harm. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

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, February 16

7:00 p.m. – Troop 28 Meeting

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Wednesday, February 18

7:00 p.m. – Ash Wednesday Service

Thursday, February 19

1:30 p.m. – Bible Study

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, February 21

8:00 a.m. – Women's Al-Anon Meeting

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Sunday, February 22

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

11:00 a.m. – Coffee Hour, Forum,
Children's Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Parent Discussion Group

Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

Quarterly Giving: The Night Ministry

Last fall, we began a new outreach initiative -- Quarterly Giving. Four times a year, we will be donating our plate offering to an outreach ministry in our area. For the month of February, our donations will go to The Night Ministry in Chicago.

The Night Ministry was established in 1979 when a diverse group of Chicago North Side congregations hired Rev. Tom Behrens to provide outreach in nighttime areas where vulnerable populations, especially homeless youth, gathered. In late 1980, the Outreach and Health Ministry was launched with a used mobile van to provide basic health care in the neighborhoods. In 1992 Open Door Shelter serving homeless youth, ages 14-21, was opened and The Night Ministry has continued to grow. Today a customized Health Outreach Bus operating six nights a week has expanded to include South Side neighborhoods and additional shelters have been opened. From a small group operating out of Tom Behren's trunk the Night Ministry has become an innovative leader in providing support to homeless and vulnerable youth and young adults.

Ash Wednesday

We enter the Lenten season on **Wednesday, February 18**, with a service of Holy Communion with Sermon and the Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 p.m.

New Discussion Group for Parents

St. Elisabeth's is starting a discussion group to support the parents of young daughters and sons. "Young" includes anyone from infants through college age. The gatherings will enable the parents of young people to talk with each other and with older parents. In the conversations, parents may talk freely about the good and bad parts of child raising. Parents can ask each other for advice. They can share happiness, or vent about problems. The young parents may also bounce ideas off the older parents. In this case, the older parents are Susan Whipple and Fred Johnston. Susan and Fred (and their spouses) raised children. They are also grandparents. They can share insights from their own experiences. In short, we want the conversations to support the younger mothers and fathers.

The first group session is set for **Sunday February 22** after worship. It will take place in the meeting room upstairs. At the first gathering, Susan and Fred want to see what works--and doesn't work--with the discussion. We want a conversation format that works for the young parents. We want the younger parents to offer suggestions on things like meeting times, locations and other practical considerations.

Please note that our conversations will be confidential. The conversations must remain confidential. If you have questions about the upcoming event, please contact Fred at frederickpjohnston@gmail.com.

Lenten Youth Retreat: A (Not So) Quiet Day

Saturday, February 28, 10 am–4 pm, Church of the Holy Nativity in Clarendon Hills

What do K-Pop Demon Hunters, repair, and Lent have to do with each other? **Join youth in grades 8-12** from around the diocese for a day of reflection, fun, and plotting to make the world a more just and loving place.

Spring Leadership Summit:

Ready to Grow? Practical Planning for Congregational Renewal

Saturday, March 14, 10 am-3:15 pm, St. Paul's in DeKalb

What keeps a church from growing? In this daylong workshop, we'll focus on the details of hospitality and evangelism that our guest facilitator, rector and author the Rev. Dr. Chris Corbin, calls organizational "hygiene."

Join peers from around the diocese learning to address the gaps that can quietly generate frustration, confusion, and missed connections—especially with first-time visitors who might never find their way back.

All lay leaders and clergy are invited. Congregational teams of two or more will benefit most. \$10/person is requested to help offset lunch costs.

Assisting Today

<i>Reading</i>	Polly Baur
<i>Prayers</i>	Hall Healy
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Lauren Edelston
	Carrie Miller Mygatt
<i>Usher</i>	Fred Johnston
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	Susan Newcomb

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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.*