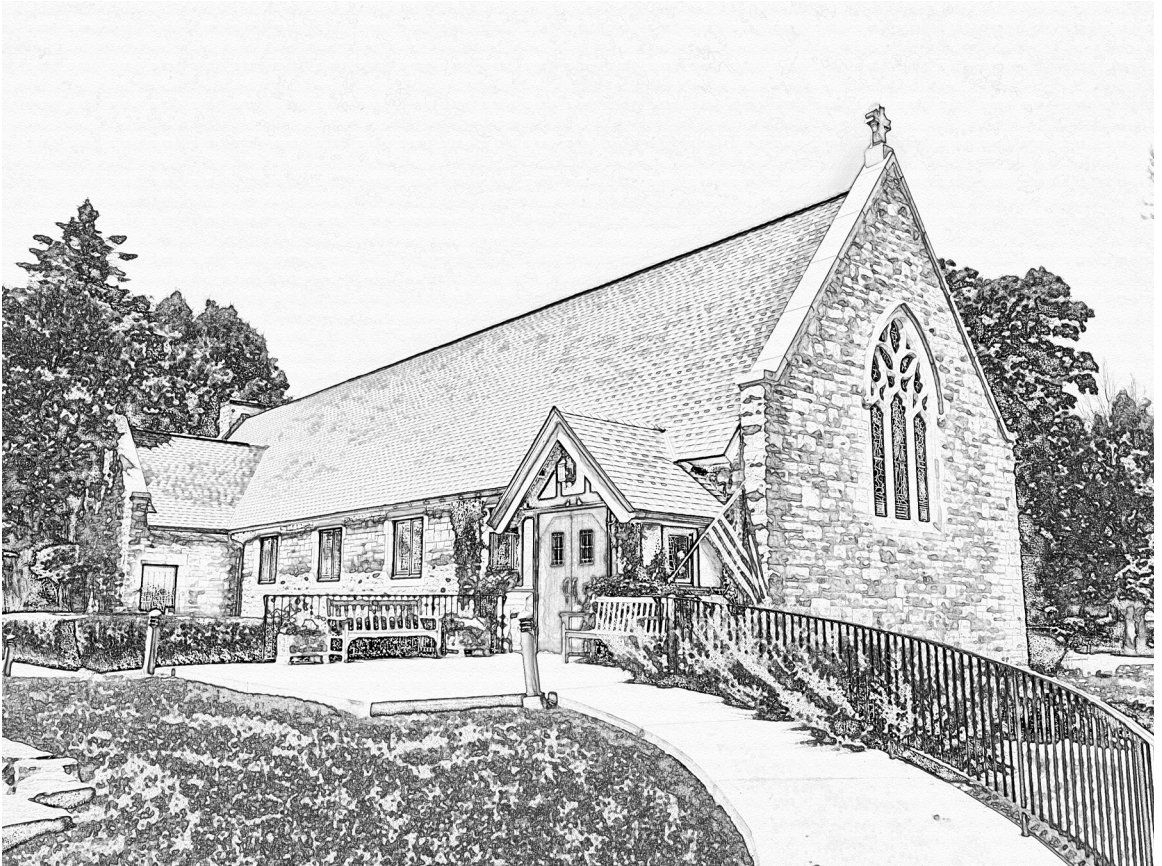

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Second Sunday of Easter

April 12, 2026

8:00 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.

In the Church Year: Easter

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

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

John & Anne Tuohy – April 12 Ryder Edelston – April 15
Will Thornton – April 17

Entering In

True, vigorous, vibrant faith comes from the freedom to question, wonder, and doubt. --
David Lose

Practice: Share one question about your faith with a trusted friend. Watch how that deepens your faith.

Morning Prayer

Prelude

Please stand, as you are able.

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant

Lord, open thou our lips.

Assembly

And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Officiant

O God, make speed to save us.

Assembly

O Lord, make haste to help us.

All

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.

Jubilate

All

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.
Alleluia.**

Officiant

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
serve the Lord with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Assembly

**Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Officiant

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

Assembly

**For the Lord is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

All

**Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed: Come let us adore him.
Alleluia.**

The Psalm of the Day

Psalm 16

Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *
I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."

**All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.**

But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.

**Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.**

O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.

**My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.**

I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.

**I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.**

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.

**For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.**

You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Response – Gloria Patri

**Glory 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.**

The Lessons

The First Reading

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
moreover my flesh will live in hope.

For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
or let your Holy One experience corruption.

You have made known to me the ways of life;
you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

The Canticle

Canticle 9 – The First Song of Isaiah

The Canticle is read together.

Surely, it is God who saves me; *

I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *

and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *

from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *

see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *

and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *

for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Response – Gloria Patri

Glory 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.

The Second Reading

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle

Canticle 16 – The Song of Zechariah

**Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *
he has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets he promised of old,
that he would save us from our enemies, *
from the hands of all who hate us.**

**He promised to show mercy to our fathers *
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear, *
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.**

Response – Gloria Patri

**Glory 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.**

Sermon

Peter Rossiter

A period of silence follows the reflection, begun and ended with a chime. Please stand as you are able for the creed and prayers.

The Apostles Creed

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. Amen.

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Assembly **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

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.**

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Assembly **And grant us thy salvation**

Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness

Assembly **And make thy chose people joyful.**

Officiant Give peace, O Lord, in all the world,

Assembly **For only in thee can we live in safety.**

Officiant Lord, keep this nation under thy care;

Assembly **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**

Officiant Let thy way be known upon earth;

Assembly **Thy saving health among all nations.**

Officiant Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
Assembly **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**

Officiant Create in us clean hearts, O God;
Assembly **And sustain us with thy Holy Spirit.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant Almighty and everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery hast established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

A Collect for Peace

Officiant O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

A Collect for Grace

Officiant Lord God, almighty and everlasting Father, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Book of Common Prayer, pages 328-330

Intercessor Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world. Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Intercessor Lord, in thy mercy,

Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers, especially Paula our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

Intercessor Lord, in thy mercy,

Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Donald, our President, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Intercessor Lord, in thy mercy,

Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

Intercessor Lord, in thy mercy,
Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. 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

Heather Reimer, cousin of Kara Superfine

Vicki Whipple, aunt of Kara Superfine

Donna, friend of Walter Aldrich

James, grandson of Deborah

Lexi Valasek, mother of Montessori student

Christine Carlson, mother of Montessori student

Are there others?

Intercessor Lord, in thy mercy,
Assembly **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Elisabeth and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Assembly **Amen.**

The General Thanksgiving

All **Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.**

The Grace

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore.

Assembly **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant Alleluia, alleluia. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

Book Group Meets this Week

The St. Elisabeth' Book Group will meet on **Tuesday, April 14**, beginning at 1:00 pm. For more information, please contact Joyce Newcomb.

Bible Study Resumes This Week

After taking an Easter hiatus, the Bible Study group will meet this **Thursday, April 16**, at 1:30 pm. We will be reading the Didache. The Didache is an early Christian text which - though not in the Biblical canon - provides some real, practical insights into what the lives of the earliest Christians may have looked like.

Sunday Supper and Family Worship

Our next family worship and potluck is set for **Sunday April 19**. We open the doors at 4:00 and the service starts at about 4:30. These events are always a lot of fun. We have good company and we certainly have lots of good food. Please sign up either online with the Signup Genius platform, or the paper signup sheet in the hallway. If you have questions, please contact Fred Johnston.

Family Promise Returns to St. Augustine in partnership with St. Elisabeth's

Our next opportunity to help with a week of Family Promise coverage will be **Sunday, May 3 through Saturday, May 9**. The link to sign up is available on the sign up board in the hall or in the e-News. We need volunteers to provide meals as well as overnight supervision.

Save the Date

Sunday, May 3 – Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Troop 28

Sunday, June 7 – Visitation by Bishop Paula Clark followed by Annual Parish Picnic

The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago
The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, *Bishop*

The Church of St. Elisabeth

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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>
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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. – 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.

