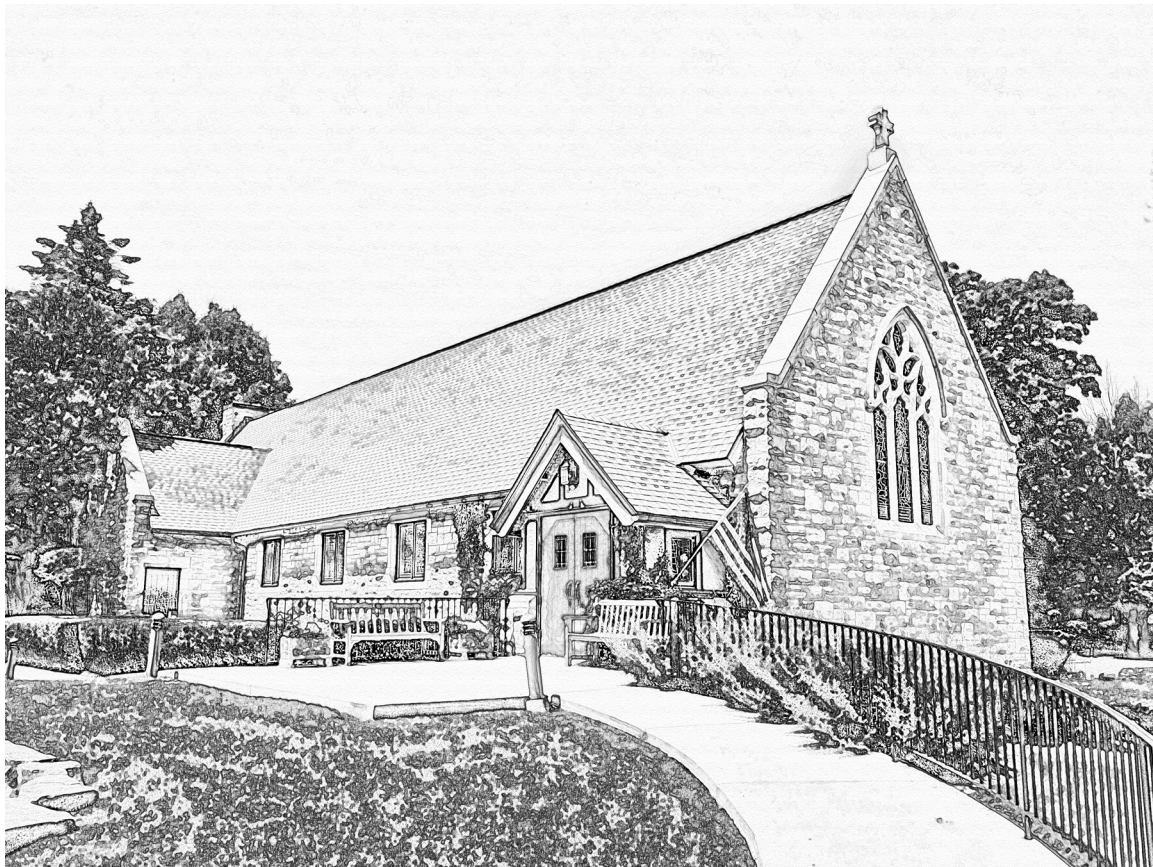

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2026

10:00 AM

Welcome to Saint Elisabeth's. We are delighted to have you with us today.



This faith community invites all persons to all levels of participation, leadership and decision-making within the church regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, age, physical or mental capacity, education, socioeconomic and marital status. We seek to establish meaningful connections with one another through work and play and worship as we strive to understand God's purpose for us in the church and in the world.

Today at St. Elisabeth's

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

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

Sunday Forum

Each Sunday, we gather after coffee for a discussion on the lessons, music, and sermon from the morning service; with frequent special presentations.

Children's Sunday School

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

In the Church Year: Season of Creation

From September 1 to October 4, Christians observe the Season of Creation, a relatively recent development in the liturgical calendar.

In 1989, the ecumenical patriarch of the Eastern Orthodox Church, Dimitrios I, proclaimed September 1 a day of prayer for the environment, the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. In 2000, a Lutheran congregation in Australia developed a four-Sunday program to follow it – and the idea for a “season” of creation began. Others adopted it, first across Australia and then more widely. Eventually, the Vatican picked up the practice, and the World Council of Churches promoted the new liturgical season. In the final years of the twentieth century, a mini church season, or a season within a larger season, was added to the year. During these weeks, Christians are urged to recognize this theological centrality of God the Creator, Creation itself, the human vocation of caring for Creation, and the need to do justice on behalf of the earth and all her inhabitants.

Few words echo through the ages as profoundly as God's directive to Moses: *Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.*

Holy ground. The same soil from which God created Adam—the sacred dust of our very being. Take off your shoes. Feel the earth underfoot, your toes in the sand or mud, or loam, the stuff of creation.

Those words surely never left him. *What if we let them haunt us, too? What if we recalled them daily? How would they change who we are, our experience of God, and how we act toward the earth?*

-- Diana Butler Bass

Entering In

The following thought and image are intended to reflect something in today's service. The Practice is intended to offer one practical way of living these reflections.

Laughter may well be the ultimate act of letting go and letting be: the music of the divine cosmos. For in the core of the Trinity laughing and birthing go on all day long. -- Matthew Fox

Practice: Name a time when you let go of something you dearly held and found yourself laughing about it. What did the letting go give birth to?



Sarcophagus of the Anastasis – Moses Striking the Rock – AD 375

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

Please rise as able at the ringing of the bell.

The Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, Expansive Language

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

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

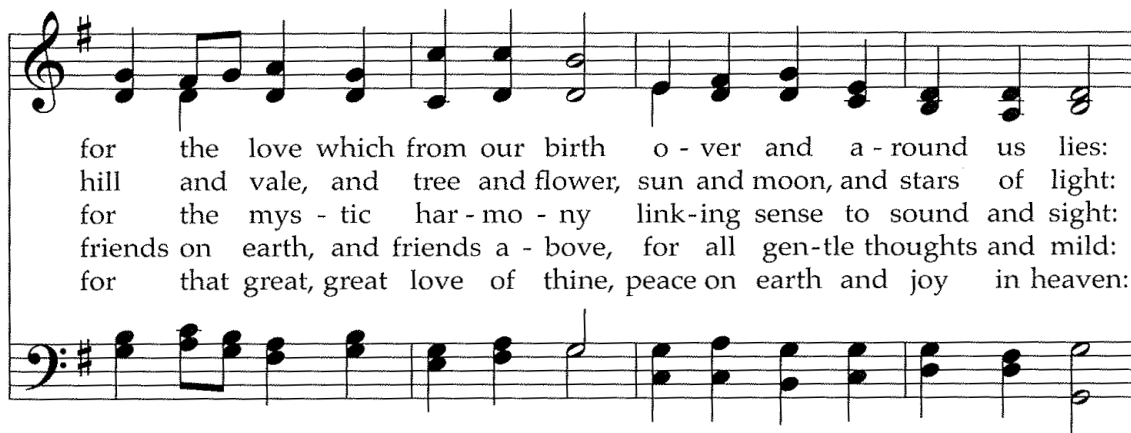
Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Song of Praise

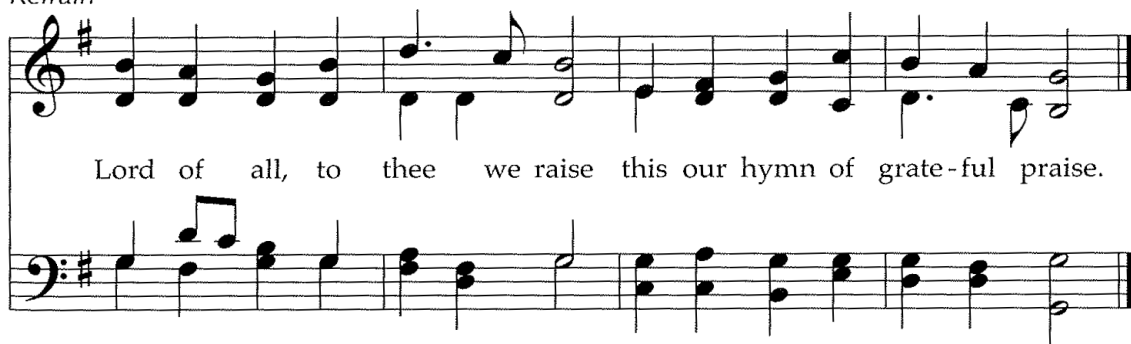
“For the beauty of the earth”

1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Glory to God #14, Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1864), Music: Dix, Conrad Kocher (1838)

The Collect

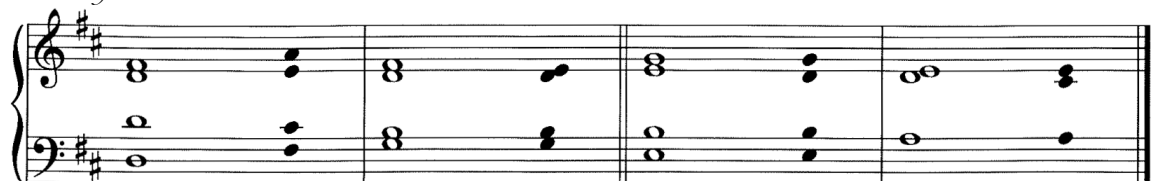
Season of Creation

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

Presider Let us pray.

Most present, loving, good Creator, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of the human world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may delight in shared life with your whole Creation in perfectness of joy; through Jesus the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Assembly **Amen.**



- A Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- B I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- A That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- B We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- A He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
- B He split open the sea and let them pass through; *
he made the waters stand up like walls.
- A He led them with a cloud by day, *
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
- B He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
- B He brought streams out of the cliff, *
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Response – Gloria Patri

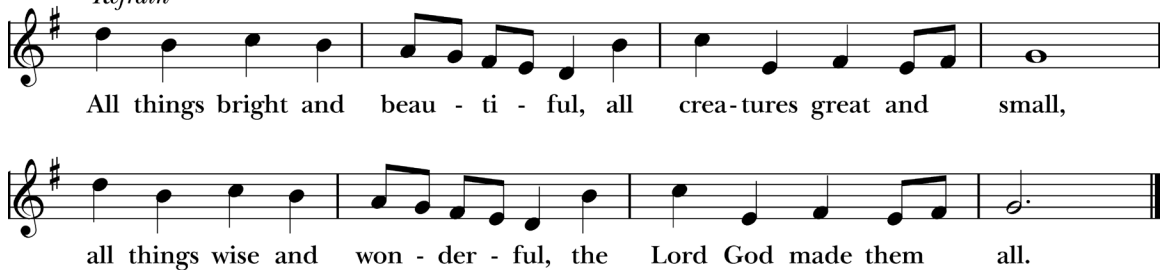
- A Glory to the Father, and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit
- B As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

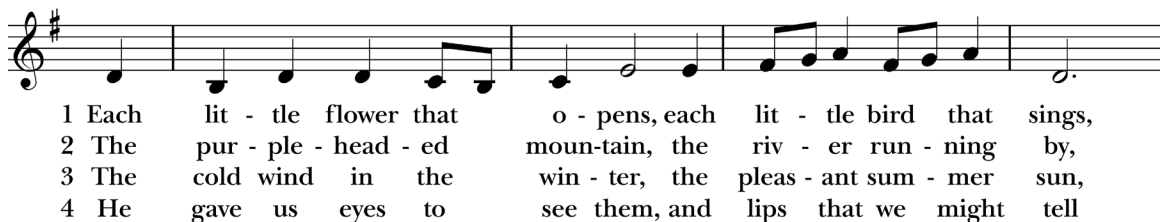
Sequence Hymn

“All things bright and beautiful”

Refrain

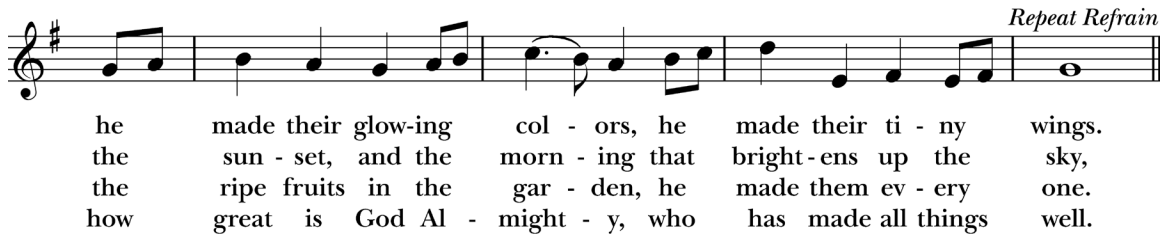


All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,
all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

Repeat Refrain



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

The Hymnal 1982 #405, Text: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), Music: *Royal Oake*, (1686)

The Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

Gospeler

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

*Assembly***Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was

it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

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

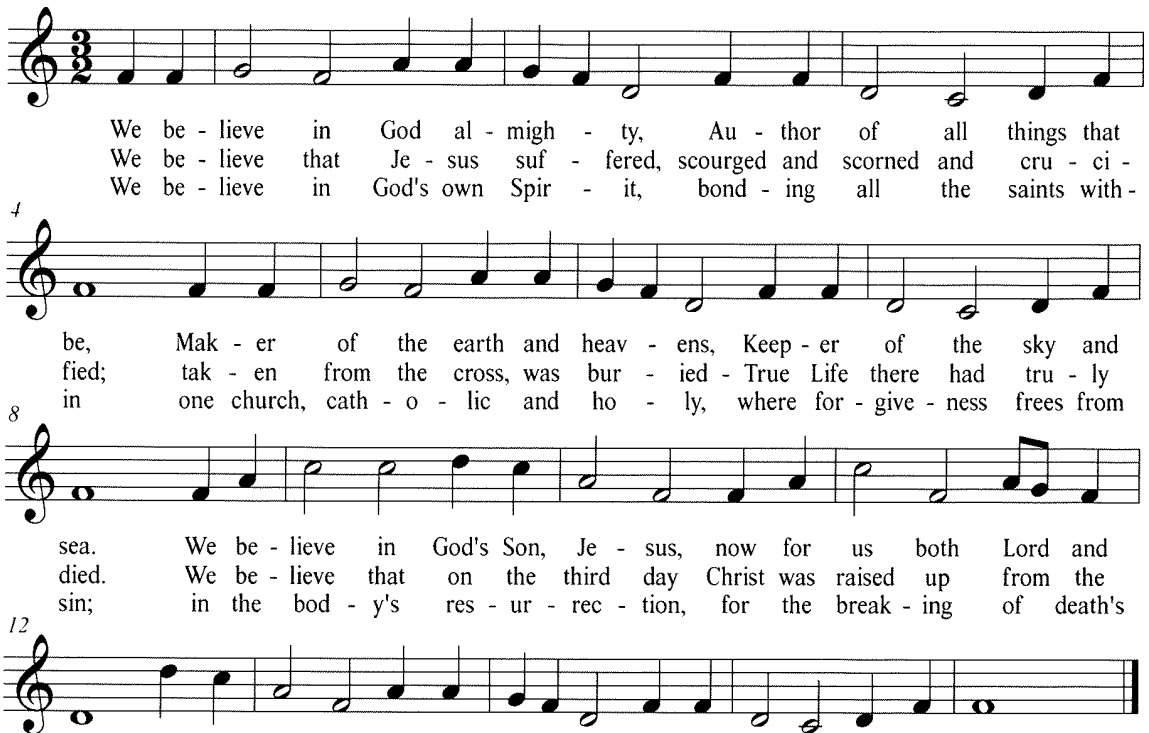
The Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

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

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

The Creed



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

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

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

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

The Prayers of the People

Written by the Rev. Adam Spencer

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

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

Intercessor Let us pray.

Intercessor Breath of God, in the Beginning your divine exhalation sang
 forth the mighty theme of Being itself. Your Word spoke
 Creation's very framework. And you animate all living things with
 that same deep inspiration, that holy breath. Mindful of the many

ways that breath and air affect our lives, we thank you and we pray to you for our lives and for the life of the world around us.

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

Intercessor Jesus, you breathed your Holy Spirit upon the apostles in the Upper Room and that same Spirit fills the lungs of the Church today. The Spirit helps us in our weakness, interceding for us with sighs too deep for words. We seek, in our worship and in our days, to respond to your sacred indwelling with hymns of praise and thanksgiving and words of prayer and prophecy. We pray to you today, in a particular way, for your Church here in the Diocese of Chicago and the Evanston Deanery, especially for Bishop Paula Clark and the people of St. Matthew's Church in Evanston and Whayne their priest-in-charge. Quiet our anxious hearts to inhale deeply - drawing upon your strength that we might know your peace. Help us to be still and know that you are God.

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

Intercessor Giver of Good Gifts, you bestowed upon us the wild, clean air, world-mothering, wrapped about our fragile earth like swaddling clothes. We pray to you for our leaders, in government and in business. Remind them that no one person, nation or corporation owns the air - that all depend upon it. Impress upon those in authority the need to safeguard clean air for the life of the world. Grant them an urgent awareness that we are but stewards of your Creation, not owners of it, and that it is only by your free gift that we exist at all.

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

Intercessor

Divine Artisan, you molded humankind from the dust of the stars and breathed your divine life into our souls. Though your presence among us can sometimes feel as invisible as the wind, we know that you are ever with us, and we seek to perceive more and more your gentle mercy as the breeze upon our skin. We ask that you touch - with your healing, restoring grace - the lives of all those who are sick or suffering, all those for whom we now pray, silently or aloud...

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Isabelle Thomson

Norris Byrnes, cousin of Libby Hinds

Andre Stoken, brother of Deidre McClurg

Adele & Rick Ferretti

Donna, friend of Walter Aldrich

Leigh, niece of Fred & Annette Johnston

Quinn, friend of Aria Ellis

Griffin & Cheryl, friends of Adrienne Zimmerman

Patricia, friend of Fred & Annette Johnston

Are there others? (*Silence*)

Refresh us all, Holy One, enliven us. Raise us up, as on eagles' wings.

Intercessor

Assembly

God in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Risen Lord, you ascended into heaven and promised us that, by your grace, we will join you in that high realm beyond the fog, the clouds, the skies, the stars, beyond the veil of our vision and our wildest imaginings. We ask your mercy this day for all who have died and for all who mourn, that they may rise with you beyond all pain, fear, darkness, and death into the clear, bright air of eternal life.

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

Presider O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever..

-- *Book of Common Prayer*

Assembly **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Season of Creation

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

All **Merciful and sustaining God, we have sinned against you.**

**We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty
of your creation: teach us to see that your earth
sustains us and all that lives.**

**We confess that we have misused your gifts to us: grant us
amendment of life.**

**We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites:
strengthen us in self-control.**

**We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world
for granted: make us urgent now for its protection.**

**Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ,
by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live
and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Absolution

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

Assembly **Amen.**

Blessing of the Animals

Intercessor On this day, God, we offer thanks for our pets, who are your daily instruments of joy and comfort in our lives. As you demonstrate care for us, move us also to demonstrate care for our pets and for all your creatures, knowing that, in so doing, we are blessed to share in your love of creation. We pray in the name of Jesus, in whose power we are made a new creation.

Assembly **Amen.**

Intercessor O Lord, how manifold are your works.

Assembly **You stretch out the heavens like a tent.
You set the earth on its foundations.
You make springs gush forth in the valleys
And give drink to every animal.**

Intercessor You plant trees where birds may build their nests.

Assembly **You cause the grass to grow for the cattle
And plants for people to use.
You open your hand and give all creatures
Their food in good season.**

Intercessor Let us pray together a prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.

Assembly **Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;**

where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.

O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as
to console;
to be understood as to understand;
to be loved as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive;
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. **Amen.**

Presider Bless this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit.
May our pet companions continue to provide us delight and a
reminder that we are called to care for all of your creatures and
celebrate the wonder of your creation through Jesus Christ our
Savior.

+Bless each of these beloved companions in the name of the
Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Presider sprinkles each pet.

Presider God our Creator, we give thanks to you for making cats and dogs,
the birds and the fish, and all the animals which fill your world.
May we think of you and thank you when we care for our pets.
May we always celebrate the wonders of this world and may you
use us as instruments of blessing for all companions great and
small, in Jesus' Name we pray.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

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

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

If you are financially able to support the mission of St. Elisabeth's, please put your offering in the collection plate as it is passed or use the QR code to donate online.

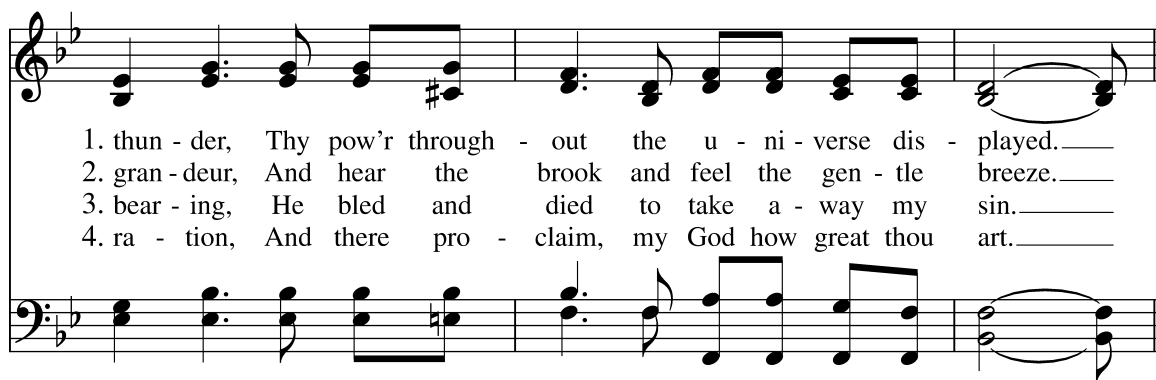


Offertory Music

“How Great Thou Art”

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

1. all the worlds* thy hands have made, — I see the stars I hear the roll - ing*
 2. birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, — When I look down from loft - y moun - tain
 3. die, I scarce can take it in, — That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
 4. home, what joy shall fill my heart! — Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



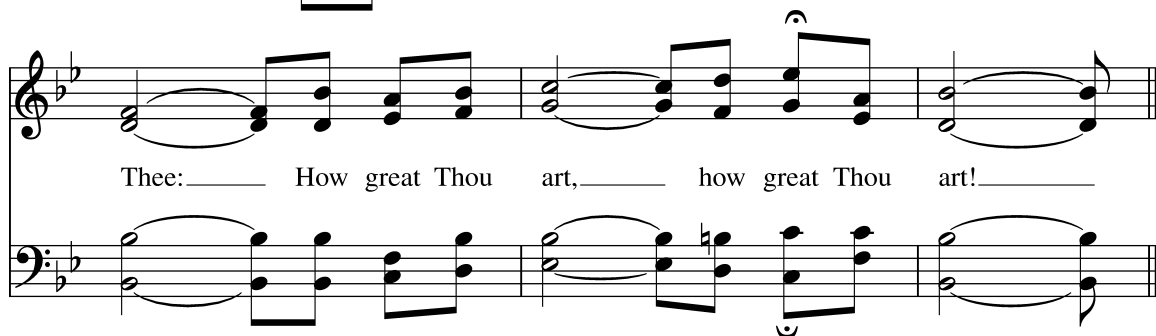
1. thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.____
 2. gran - deur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze.____
 3. bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin.____
 4. ra - tion, And there pro - claim, my God how great thou art.____



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to Thee:____ How great Thou



art,____ how great Thou art!____ Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior, God, to



Thee:____ How great Thou art,____ how great Thou art!____

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

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

Music: Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving

Book of Common Prayer, Prayer C, Expansive Language

Presider God be with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts

Assembly **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to our loving God.

Assembly **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider God of all power, Source and Sustainer of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

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

Presider At your command all things came to be: shining light and enfolding dark; the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, and this fragile earth, our island home.

Assembly **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Presider From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with the capacity for memory, reason, and skill. You made us the stewards of your creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Assembly **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Presider Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your eternal Word, born of your servant Mary, to fulfill your Law, opening for us the way of freedom and peace.

Assembly **By his blood, he reconciled us.
By his wounds, we are healed.**

Presider And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of

hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.

Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who

comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the

high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

Presider On the night he was betrayed Jesus took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Remembering now his work of redemption and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Assembly **We celebrate Christ’s death and resurrection as we await the day of his coming.**

Presider Therefore, O God, we who have been redeemed by Jesus Christ, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Sanctify us also, and let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Assembly **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Presider God of our ancestors; Redeemer and Mother of Israel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only and not for strength; for pardon only and not for renewal.

Accept these prayers and praises, Almighty God, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who
trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

The presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the

To repeat

world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time

world, grant us peace.

The Invitation to Communion

Presider

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing. Please stand or kneel at the altar rail.. Assist the minister to guide the chalice to your lips. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Gluten-free host available upon request.

Communion Music

“The stars declare his glory”



- 1 The stars de - clare his glo - ry; the vault of hea - ven springs
- 2 The dawn re - turns in splen - dor, the hea - vens burn and blaze,
- 3 So shine the Lord's com - mand - ments to make the sim - ple wise;
- 4 So or - der too this life of mine, di - rect it all my days;



mute wit - ness of the Mas - ter's hand in all cre - a - ted things, and
the ris - ing sun re - news the race that me - asures all our days and
more sweet than hon - ey to the taste, more rich than an - y prize, a
the med - i - ta - tions of my heart be in - no - cence and praise, my



through the si - lenc - es of space their sound - less mu - sic sings. _____
writes in fire a - cross the skies God's ma - jes - ty and praise. _____
law of love with - in our hearts, a light be - fore our eyes. _____
rock, and my re - deem - ing Lord, in all my words and ways. _____

The Hymnal 1982 #431, Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926), Music: *Aldine*, Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Season of Creation

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly **Create in us a new heart and a new vision, O God, that the gifts of your Spirit may work in us and renew the face of the earth. May we be one with you so that our work is yours and your work is ours. Lead us to transform our lives to reflect your glory in Creation; through Jesus Christ our Savior who is alive with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and for ever. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

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

September 29 – Eve Thornton, Rocky Baur, & Bruce Tangri
October 1 – Carter Superfine October 3 – Alex Landon

The Blessing

Common Worship

Presider The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“All creatures of our God and King”



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
 *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
 *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
 *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:

Refrain

O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Upcoming at St. Elisabeth's

North Suburban Chicago CROP Hunger Walk

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



Family Promise Returns in October

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



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

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

On **Sunday, October 11**, Adam will continue the Sunday Forum series, focusing on the book written by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Willaims, *Discovering Christianity: A Guide for the Curious*. We will be reading and discussing Chapter 2, "What is Christianity?" Copies of the chapter will be available at the back of the church. Feel free to get a copy of your very own from your favorite local bookstore or from anyplace online where books are sold.

October Book Group Meeting

This year St Elisabeth's Book Group is reading selections from *The Art of the Short Story* (Gioia and Gwynn). In October, we will talk about **Paul's Case** by Willa Cather. This is the story of a high school student whose version of the life he wants doesn't correspond to the life he has. We will meet in the Chapel at 1:00 PM on **Tuesday, October 13**. Linda Illes will lead the discussion.

Living in Community

Celebrating Success!

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

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The St. Elisabeth's Bible Study group meets on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome!

We are currently reading *Dominion: How the Christian Revolution Remade the World* by historian Tom Holland. A history of the Christian idea throughout time, as the dust jacket says, "From Babylon to the Beatles, Saint Michael to #MeToo, Dominion tells the story of how Christianity transformed the modern world." For more information, contact Chuck Chadd.

St. Elisabeth's Choir

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth's Choir. Rehearsals are held on Thursday evenings, beginning at 7 p.m. (Please note the earlier start time this year.) All are welcome - no experience, background, or skill is required. If you have any questions, you can reach Walter at music@steglencoe.org or catch him after a Sunday service. See you there!

Prayer List

After the last Sunday of each month, the prayer list is reset. Submit prayers and thanksgivings by the first of each month to Caryl in the office at office@steglencoe.org

Pastoral Needs and Pastoral Visitation

If you have a pastoral need or emergency and would like to speak to Fr. Spencer, or know of someone who would like to schedule a pastoral visit, please contact Adam by phoning the office at 847-835-0458. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org



WE NEED YOU!

HELP US BRING OUR HAUNTED HOUSE VISION TO LIFE!

St. Elisabeth's Church is opening its doors to transform our sanctuary into a spooktacular haunted house for our community!

But we need a team of creative, crafty, spooky and enthusiastic volunteers to help build it, decorate it, and make the magic happen!

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO:

-  Spread the word / sell tickets
-  Decorate / set up
-  Make spooky baked goods for bake sale
-  Actors
-  Help make this a Halloween to remember!

Let's come together as a community and create a new Halloween tradition in Glencoe!

INTERESTED IN HELPING?

Contact Carrie at:  202-714-7741

All proceeds benefit Family Service of Glencoe. 

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The Rev. Adam Spencer	<i>Rector</i>
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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 (September – June)
10:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist: Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday – 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

*We at St. Elisabeth's share an adventurous spirit and a commitment
to radiate God's love within and beyond our red doors.*