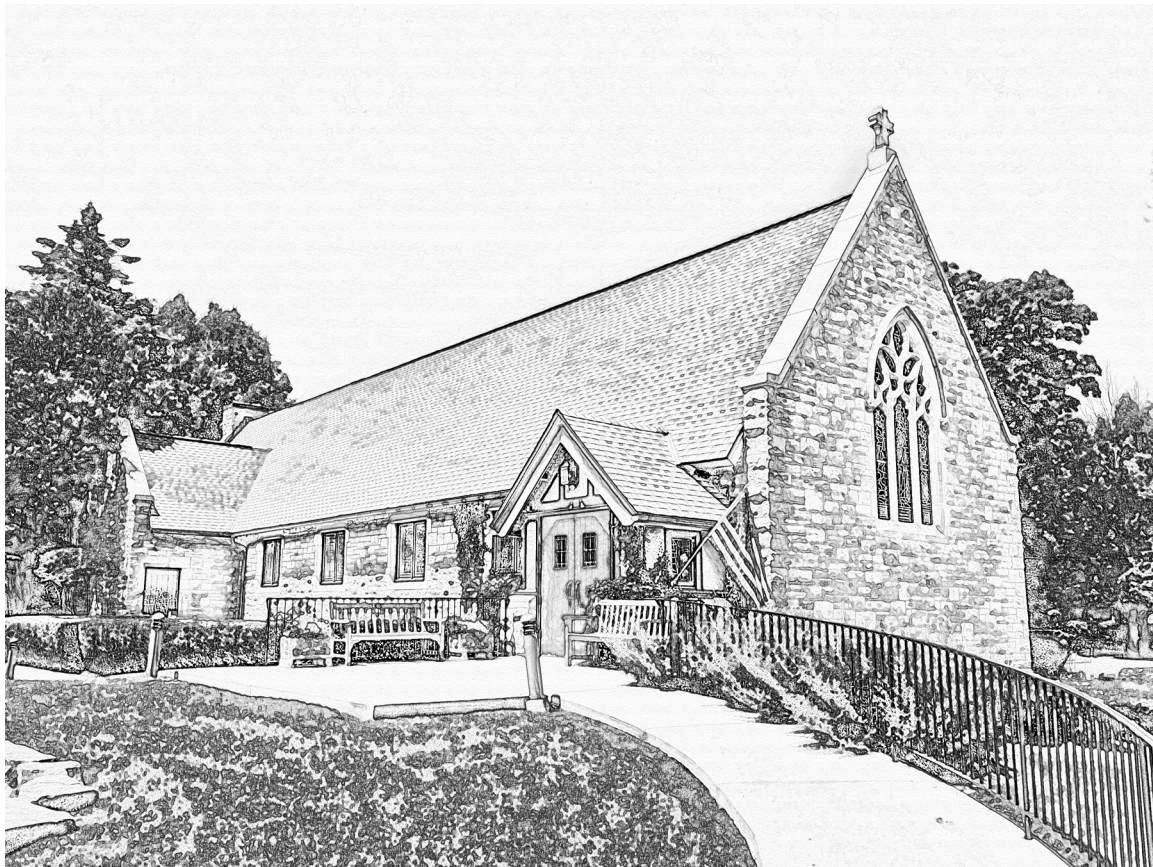

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2026

10:00 AM

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



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

Today at St. Elisabeth's

8:00 am – Spoken Eucharist

10:00 am – Sung Eucharist

11:00 am – Homecoming Luncheon

Homecoming Luncheon

Join us for a light lunch after the 10 am service.

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?*

-- Diane 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.

The only way to really settle accounts is forgiveness –no matter what. -- Jesus of Nazareth paraphrased

Practice: Where in your life do you need to start the difficult and sometimes humiliating settling straight of accounts? You might need to ask a spiritual friend or guide to help you. The promise is a freedom you have never known.



Crossing of the Red Sea -- Herrad of Landsberg, Abbess of Hohenburg, approximately 1130-1195

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

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

The musical score is written for three voices (Soprano, Alto, and Tenor/Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing a steady harmonic foundation. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun-tain, whence the heal - ing
3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land; I am weak, but thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion,

hold me with thy power - ful hand; bread of hea - ven,
lead me all my jour - ney through; strong de - liv - erer,
land me safe on Ca - naan's side; songs of prais - es,

bread of hea - ven, feed me now and ev - er -
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es, I will ev - er give to

more, shield, thee, feed me now and ev - er - more.
be thou still my strength and shield.
I will ev - er give to thee.

The Hymnal 1982 #60, Text: William Williams (1717-1791), Music: *Cwm Ronddda*, John Hughes (1873-1932)

The Collect

Season of Creation

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

Presider Let us pray.

O God, because in our ignorance and selfishness we so often fail to care rightly for your Creation, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may soften and unite our hearts with all living beings who suffer, through Jesus Christ the Wisdom of Creation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Exodus 14:19-31

A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians

said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 114

Assembly

- A Hallelujah!
 When Israel came out of Egypt, *
 The house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- B Judah became God's sanctuary *
 and Israel his dominion.
- A The sea beheld it and fled; *
 Jordan turned and went back.
- B The mountains skipped like rams, *
 and the little hills like young sheep.
- A What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
 O Jordan, that you turned back?
- B You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
 you little hills like young sheep?
- A Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *
 at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- B Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
 and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

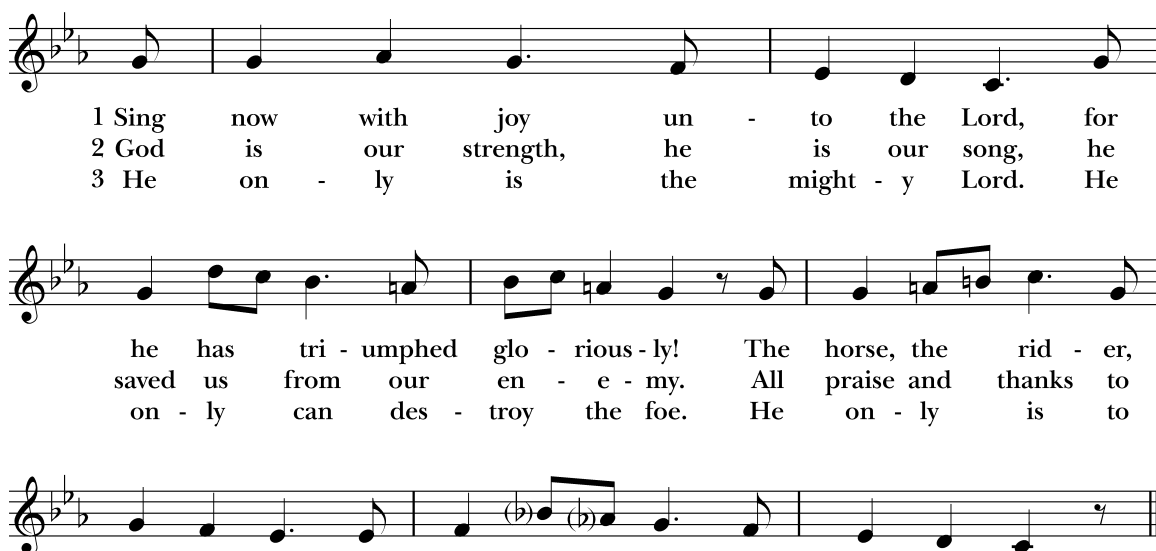
Response – Gloria Patri

- 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

“Sing now with joy”



1 Sing now with joy un - to the Lord, for
 2 God is our strength, he is our song, he
 3 He on - ly is the might - y Lord. He

he has tri - umphed glo - rious - ly! The horse, the rid - er,
 saved us from our en - e - my. All praise and thanks to
 on - ly can des - troy the foe. He on - ly is to

and the sword he cast in - to the rag - ing sea.
 him be - long who came to set his peo - ple free.
 be a - dored for he a - lone can strength be - stow.

The Hymnal 1982 #425, Text: Anon, 1976; based on Exodus 15-1-2 Music: *Adon Olam*, Eliezer Gerovitch

The Gospel

Matthew 18:21-35

Gospeler

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But

that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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 water)"

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

Intercessor Let us pray.

Intercessor Spirit of God, in the Beginning you hovered over the turbulent Chaos. As you Created, the waters that you called into being have been situated at the heart of all that lives - in oceans, streams, lakes, in rain clouds, dew and mist, in our bodies, in our blood. We drink and bathe in these waters and swim in their depths. Mindful of the many ways water affects 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 Out of the depths you call to us, O God, and we respond with our prayers, our songs, our lives. We thank you for all people of faith, particularly for our Jewish and Christian neighbors, and for the many transformations in our sacred stories and liturgies that are marked by the presence of water: at the Red Sea, in the Jordan River, in ritual baths, in marking ourselves with a watery cross, in the washing of feet, and in the Sacrament of Holy Baptism. Surround your covenant people with your grace and mercy as the waters cover the earth. 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. Augustine's Church in Wilmette and Nadia their rector. Refresh us, restore us, renew us as you cleanse us and satisfy us with your Presence, Holy One.

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

Intercessor Keeper of the Ocean Depths, grant your guidance to the leaders of nations, corporations, and communities around the world. Make them exercise wise stewardship over your earth, so that all people may have clean water to drink and may live free from waterborne diseases. Lead them to shape creative solutions to

conflicts over water in the dry places of our planet, and to seek justice and peace in desert lands.

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

Intercessor Fount of Every Blessing, we beg you shed your grace upon all the earth: praying to you for the health of oceans and seas, of rivers and streams, of ponds and lakes, particularly Lake Michigan. We pray to you for watersheds, marshes, and swamps, for the waters beneath the ground; and for all creatures that live in and depend upon the waters of the earth.

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

Intercessor Jesus, Master of the Waves, as you calmed the storms of Galilee, protect those in peril today. Shelter all who travel or work at sea or on inland waterways. Safeguard all afflicted by flood or tsunami, storm or ice; and those people and creatures who suffer as glaciers and ice floes melt and shrink. We ask that you surround with your mighty power and merciful presence 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*)

Jesus, you turned water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Work loving wonders for all those in our prayers today. Quench their thirst, wash their wounds, bring their roots rain.

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Intercessor

In your everlasting Kingdom, O God, the River of Life flows through the Eternal City. We ask your mercy this day for all who have died and for all who mourn, that their tears of grief may be turned to wellsprings of joy.

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Presider

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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. 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

“Through the Red Sea brought at last”



1 Through the Red Sea brought at last, Al - le - lu - ia!
2 Like the cloud that o - ver - head, Al - le - lu - ia!
3 In that cloud and in that sea, Al - le - lu - ia!



E - gypt's chains be - hind we cast, Al - le - lu - ia! Deep and wide
through the bil - lows Is - rael led, Al - le - lu - ia! by his tomb
bur - ied and bap - tized were we, Al - le - lu - ia! Earth - ly night



flows the tide sev - ering us from bond-age past, Al - le - lu - ia!
Christ makes room, souls re - stor - ing from the dead, Al - le - lu - ia!
brought us light which is ours e - ter - nal - ly, Al - le - lu - ia!

The Hymnal 1982 #187, Text: Ronald A Knox (1888-1957); Music: *Straf mich nicht*, 1694

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Christ, the Word in
flesh born low; Praise Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er -
-more; One God, Tri - une, whom we a - dore.

Music: *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving

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:

4

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.

Ritual Song #259, *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen

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 score is written on three staves. The first staff is for the Cantor, starting in 3/4 time and moving to 2/4. The lyrics are 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the'. The second staff is for the Assembly, starting in 2/4 time and moving to 4/4. The lyrics are 'world, have mer - cy on us.'. The third staff is for the last time, starting in 4/4 time and moving to 3/4. The lyrics are 'world, grant us peace.'. The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, key signatures (one flat), time signatures, and lyrics.

Cantor: Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the

Assembly: world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time world, grant us peace.

Ritual Song #259, *Mass of Creation*, Marty Haugen

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 Anthem

“Eternal God”

John Rutter, sung by St. Elisabeth’s Choir

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for music,
Blest gift from heav’n to all your servants here on earth:
In time of joy a crown, in sorrow consolation;
Companion through our days of tears and mirth.*

*We give you thanks for ev’ry sound of beauty:
For sweetest harmony that echoes in our hearts,
For melodies that soar on high like birds at morning,
For voice and instrument in all their parts.*

*As we are blest, so may our gift bless others:
May hearts be touched and spirits lifted up anew.
Let music draw together those who live as strangers,
Bring joy to those we love, in thankfulness true.*

*And when at last we come into your kingdom,
All discord over and all earthly labour done,
Then sound and silence yield before an equal music,
And with the Giver shall our souls be one.*

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.

Jim & Polly Baur – September 13

Rose Sengenberger – September 16

Blessing for the New School Year

Presider Eternal God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our great teacher and savior, bless these your servants as they begin the school year. Your Son was once himself a child learning and teaching in the temple. Grant that all who enter into places of learning as students and educators this year be filled with your grace and heavenly wisdom—that all their efforts be directed by your Holy Spirit, and work to your praise and glory.

Assembly **Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, we bring before you these instruments of learning. We pray that your Holy Spirit of wisdom go forth with all who carry them this year that all bearers of backpacks will rest secure in the knowledge of your abiding strength, peace and love. May they, like the young Jesus, grow in wisdom, in stature, and in favor with God and with society. Bless these backpacks and their bearers, O Lord, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Assembly **Amen.**

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

“When in our music God is glorified”



- 1 When in our mu - sic God is glo - ri - fied, _____
 2 How of - ten, mak - ing mu - sic, we have found _____
 3 So has the Church, in lit - ur - gy and song, _____
 4 And did not Je - sus sing a psalm that night _____
 5 Let ev - ery in - stru - ment be tuned for praise! _____



- 1 and a - dor - a - tion leaves no room for pride, _____
 2 a new di - men - sion in the world of sound, _____
 3 in faith and love, through cen - tu - ries of wrong, _____
 4 when ut - most e - vil strove a - gainst the Light? _____
 5 Let all re - joice who have a voice to raise! _____



- 1 it is as though the whole cre - a - tion cried _____
 2 as wor - ship moved us to a more pro - found _____
 3 borne wit - ness to the truth in ev - ery tongue, _____
 4 Then let us sing, for whom he won the fight, _____
 5 And may God give us faith to sing al - ways _____



— Al - le - lu - ia! — Al - le - lu - ia! A - men.

The Hymnal 1982 #420, Text: F Pratt Green (b 1903), Music: *Engelberg*, Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Dismissal

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Upcoming at St. Elisabeth's

Backpack Blessing and Homecoming Luncheon

As we return from our summer adventures and gather back together at church for the fall, join us **after church today** for a special lunch in place of coffee hour.

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

On **next Sunday, September 20**, we will continue our regular practice of the Sunday Forum - gathering after coffee hour in the Guild Room to discuss the service, the sermon, the readings and hymns and whatever else is on folks' minds that week. In addition, one Sunday per month, Adam will offer a discussion of Christian theology by way of a series of short, very accessible and yet deeply rewarding books by former Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Willaims. These discussions are intended for newcomers to Christianity and for long-time Episcopalians, alike - Adam insists they are deep and well worth reading texts for even the most jaded lifelong Christian. We will begin with Discovering Christianity: A Guide for the Curious. Feel free to get a copy of your very own from your favorite local bookstore or from anyplace online where books are sold. Copies of each month's chapter will also be available as printouts in the church office and at the back of the church.

The Blessing of the Animals

Every year in late September/early October, we celebrate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals by worshipping outdoors on the Great Lawn with our furred, feathered, and scaly friends. We invite you to bring your pet companions with you to church be blessed during **our outdoor 10:00 am Eucharist on Sunday, September 27**. All animals are welcome!

We're Building a Haunted House at St. Elisabeth's – and we need your Help!

This Halloween, St. Elisabeth's Church would like to create something fun, memorable, and special for our community: a Haunted House open to all ages, with a special focus on younger children and youth. Our chosen date is **Friday, October 30**.

We're inviting the St. E's community to help bring this exciting event to life because without volunteers this can't happen. We're looking for creative, enthusiastic people to help build, decorate, design creepy rooms, dream up fun scares, donate materials, or volunteer during the event.

No professional experience is needed—just imagination, enthusiasm, and a love of Halloween. Whether you can contribute ideas, lend a hand, provide supplies, or help on the night of the event, we would love to have you be part of the team! I also encourage you to

spread the word to anyone you think might enjoy being involved. Friends, family members, neighbors, Montessori families, and other members of the community are all welcome to join us!

Our hope is to make this first Haunted House so memorable that it becomes an annual tradition our children, Montessori families, and community look forward to every year. If you're even a little interested, please text the word 'interested' to **202-714-7741** and you will receive information about an upcoming planning meeting.

Let's come together as a community and make some spooky memories—and maybe scare a few people along the way!

Carrie Miller- Mygatt, *Warden*

Living in Community

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

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The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, *Bishop*

Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

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 (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.*