

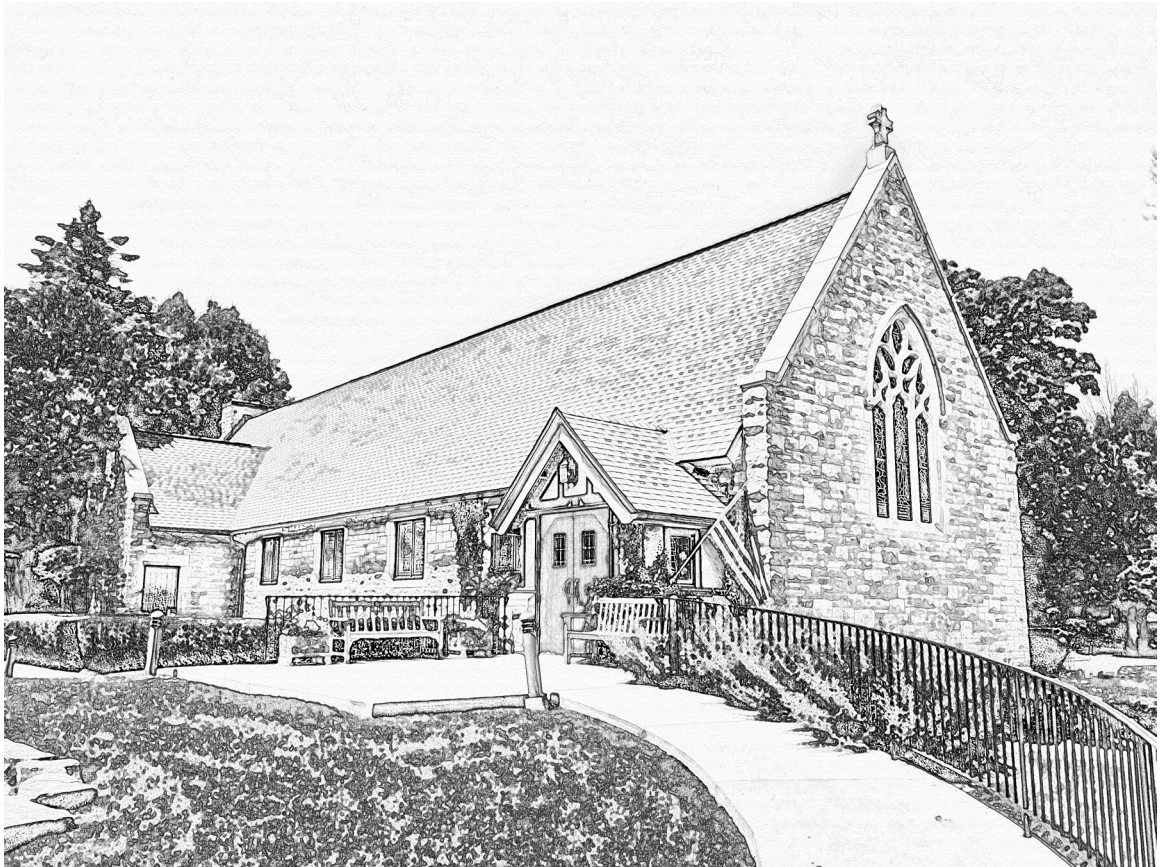
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Baptism of Our Lord

January 18, 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 Forum, Children’s Sunday School

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

Sunday Forum: The Gospel of Matthew

Join us for a forum after the 10:00 am service to begin to explore the Gospel of Matthew and what that might mean in seeing Jesus with another set of eyes.

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.

Sunday Supper & Family Worship

Our first Sunday evening worship and potluck of 2026 is **tonight**. We will open the church doors at 4:00, and worship begins at 4:30 followed by our meal together.

Birthdays and Anniversaries this week

Hall Healy – January 18

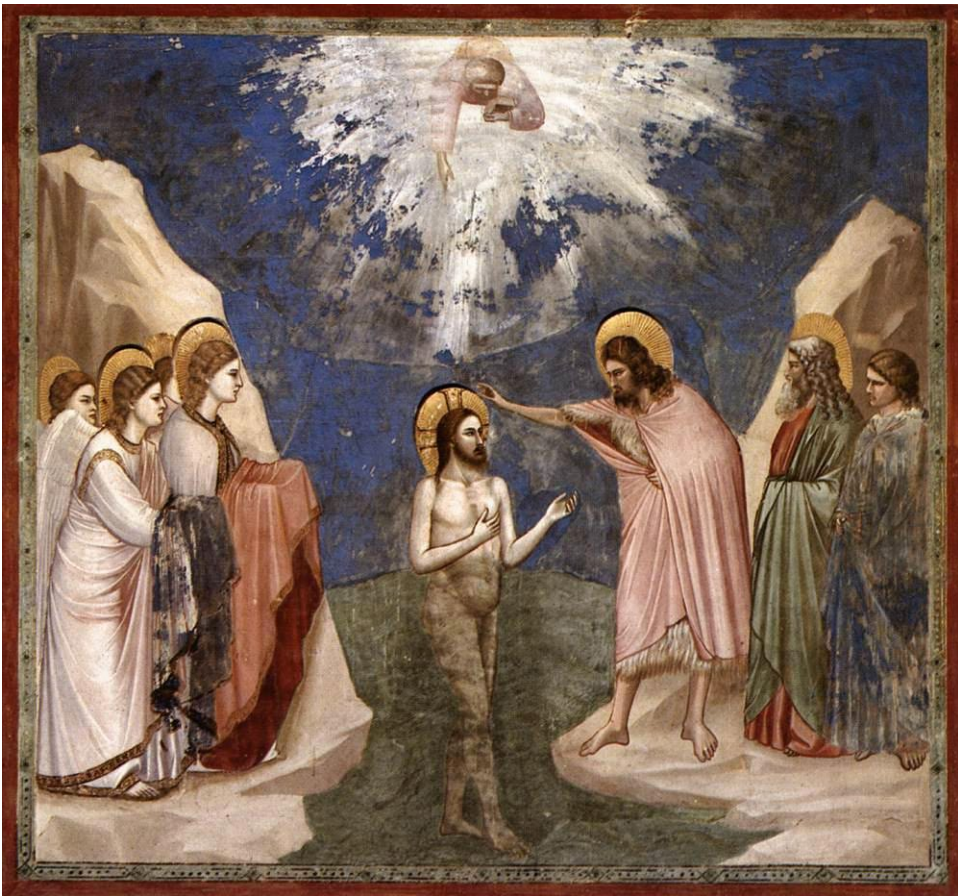
John Tuohy – January 19

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.

This is the power of Baptism – that God has opened up the heavens, descended from on high, and come to meet us where we are and as we are...all in order that we might know that we, too, are beloved children of God and that God is well pleased also with us. – David Lose

Practice: There are many people around us who need to hear that they are beloved of God. How might you tell someone that they are beloved of God without saying so? A letter, a phone call, an invitation to lunch, a present . . . Whatever you come up with, do it this week.



Baptism of Christ – Giotto di Bondone, 1266?-1337

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Word of God

The Prelude

Please stand at the ringing of the bell.

The Opening Acclamation

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

“The Song of Zechariah”

1. Blessed be the God of Is - ra - el who comes to set us free and
2. With prom - ised mer - cy will God still the cov - e - nant re - call, the
3. My child, as pro - phet of the Lord you will pre - pare the way, to

rais - es up new hope for us: a Branch from Da - vid's tree. So
oath once sworn to A - bra - ham; from foes to save us all; that
tell God's peo - ple they are saved from sin's e - ter - nal sway. Then

have the pro-phets long de - clared that with his might - y arm God
we might wor-ship with-out fear and of - fer lives of praise, in
shall God's mer - cy from on high shine forth and nev - er cease, to

would turn back our en - e - mies and all that wish us harm.
ho - li - ness and right - eous - ness to serve God all our days.
drive a - way the gloom of death and lead us in - to peace.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #889,
Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr (b. 1944), Music: Shepherd's Pipes, Annabeth McClelland Gay (b. 1925)

The Collect of the Day

Vanderbilt Divinity Library

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

Presider Let us pray.

Creator God, our soul's delight, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past. In the Spirit's power and the waters of rebirth, Jesus was declared your blessed and beloved Son; may we recall our baptism, and be disciples of the Anointed One, in whose holy Name we pray.

Assembly **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Isaiah 42:1-9

A reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah.

Here is my servant, whom I uphold,
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;

I have put my spirit upon him;
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

He will not cry or lift up his voice,
or make it heard in the street;

a bruised reed he will not break,
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

He will not grow faint or be crushed
until he has established justice in the earth;
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the Lord,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:

I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;

I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,

to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

I am the Lord, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.

See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;

before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

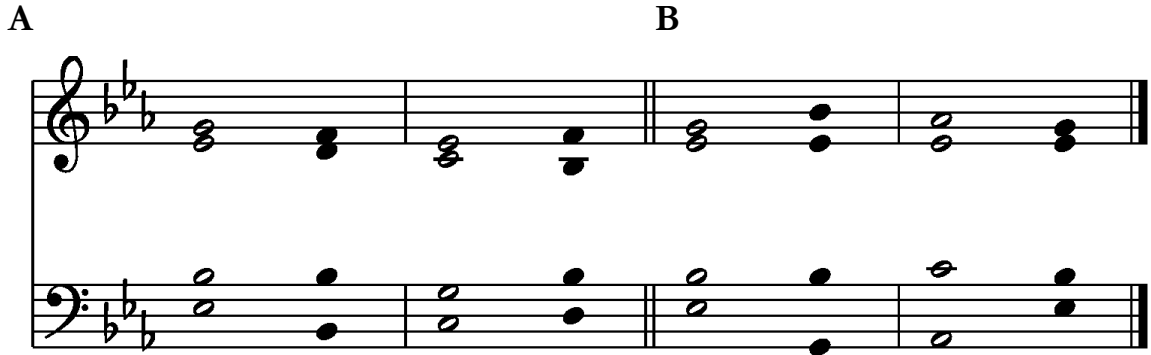
Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 29

*Assembly*

- A Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, *
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- B Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; *
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- A The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- B The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.
- A The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; *
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- B He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- A The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; *
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- B The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.

- A** And in the temple of the Lord *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- B** The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; *
the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.
- B** The Lord shall give strength to his people; *
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.
- A** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
- B** as it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be for ever. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence 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;

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;

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;

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.

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

The Gospel

Matthew 3:13-17

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

Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

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 Baptismal Covenant

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

Assembly **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

Assembly **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.**

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

Assembly **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.**

Assembly Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

Assembly **I will, with God's help.**

The Asperges

Presider Let us recall our own Baptism through the sprinkling of this blessed water.

The presider sprinkles the congregation during the musical interlude.

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.

Maker of all things, you created the heavens and stretched them out, you spread out the earth and what comes from it, you give breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk on it. We pray to you for this world and all its peoples particularly in places of war, disease, unrest, natural disaster or political oppression. We lift to your power divine and sacred heart in a particular way today the people of Iran, Sudan, and Ukraine. In a world so filled with war and violence, we thank you for the witness of all your blessed peacemakers - particularly the group of Buddhist monks making pilgrimage from Texas to Washington D.C. Implant in us and in all our leaders a love of just peace, a commitment to costly compassion and a desire to pursue understanding rather than power. Let your unending mercy shine forth from on high and never cease to dwell among us, driving away the gloom of death, destruction, and division.

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

Intercessor God of glory, we raise songs of thankfulness and praise to you today for all the wonders which you unfold in our lives. We are grateful for the many mundane means by which you lift the veil of sin and grief and bestow upon your people a wreath of grace and robes of joy. You call us to join you in this work and seek to make us a healing light to the nations. We come together to worship you in the beauty of holiness and we bind unto ourselves again today the strong name of the Trinity, the Three in One and One in Three, in whose holy name we in the Church have been baptized. Strengthen all who seek to follow you in this parish, in

this diocese and, in the Evanston Deanery, the people of the Church of St. James the Less in Northfield and Megan their rector. Keep us faithful to our baptismal promises that we may renounce and resist evil and offer lives of prayer and service.

Intercessor

God in your mercy,

Assembly

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Lord of heaven and earth, your promise is our treasure and our song. In joy and love, we glimpse your purposes for us. In difficulty and pain, you comfort and restore us. Take by the hand and keep in your care all those who are sick and suffering, all in despair and grief or any other kind of trouble, particularly...

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Aidan Thomson

Ben Whipple, son of Larry & Susan Whipple

Sam Weisbard, friend of Fred & Annette Johnston

Lexi Valasek, mother of a Montessori student

Charlotte Margolis, baby sister of a Montessori student

James Green, sibling of a Montessori student

Chuck Southwick & family, friend of Susan & Larry Whipple

Cheryl, friend of Adrienne Zimmerman

Griffin, friend of Adrienne Zimmerman

Are there others?

Give strength to your people. Give to your people the blessing of peace. Comfort and restore them, O Lord.

Intercessor

God in your mercy,

Assembly

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor Jesus, our companion and our guide, you journey with us into the fullness of our humanity even into the deep waters of death. We pray to you today for those who have died, especially those who we now name silently or aloud. (*Silence*) Draw them - and us - through the night into your abundant light and life.

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

Silence

Presider Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Book of Common Prayer*

Assembly **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

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 Offertory Hymn

“I bind unto myself today”



1. I bind un - to my - self to - day the strong Name
 of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion
 of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.

2. I bind this day to me for ev - er, by power of
 faith, Christ's In - car - na - tion; his bap - tism in the
 Jor - dan riv - er; his death on cross for my sal - va - tion;
 his burst - ing from the spic - ed tomb; his rid - ing
 up the heaven - ly way; his com - ing at the
 day of doom: I bind un - to my - self to - day.

*6. Christ be with me, Christ with - in me, Christ be - hind me,
 Christ be - neath me, Christ a - bove me, Christ in qui - et,

Christ be - fore me, Christ be - side me, Christ to
 Christ in dan - ger, Christ in hearts of all that

win me, Christ to com - fort and re - store me,
 love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran - ger.

7. I bind un - to my - self the Name, the strong Name
of the Trin - i - ty, by in - vo - ca - tion
of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all na - ture hath cre - a - tion, e - ter - nal
Fa - ther, Spi - rit, Word: praise to the Lord of
my sal - va - tion, sal - va - tion is of Christ the Lord.

The Hymnal 1982 #370,

Text: St. Patrick (372-466), Music: St. Patrick's Breastplate, Irish Melody, Charles Villiers Stanford

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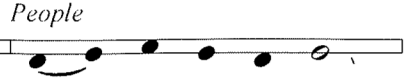



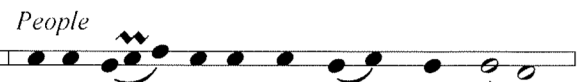
The Doxology

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

Book of Common Prayer, Prayer A, Expansive Language

<p><i>Presider</i></p>  <p>The Lord be with you.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>And al - so with you.</p>
<p><i>Presider</i></p>  <p>Lift up your hearts.</p>	<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>We lift them to the Lord.</p>
<p><i>Presider</i></p>  <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.</p>	
<p><i>People</i></p>  <p>It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>	

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 and 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

“To Christ Belong”



To Christ be - long, in Christ be - hold God's
 Bap - tized in - to the death of Christ, with
 The brood - ing Spir - it moves - un - seen as
 The bin - ding shroud is here re - leased, the
 Re - joice - ing in God's prom - ise strong, our
 In Christ a - bide, in Christ be - hold the



won - ders still un - fold: the bur - ied grain springs
 Christ from death we rise, drawn through the night by
 liv - ing wa - ters stream to quench all thirst and
 veil of sin and grief, and in their place a
 trea - sure and our song, in faith we cling, and
 world be - loved and whole. In love re - main, by



forth a - gain with fruit one hun - dred - fold.
 dawn - ing light in - to a - bun - dant life.
 bring to birth a new com - mu - ni - ty.
 wreath of grace and robes of joy and peace.
 glad - ly sing: to Christ we now be - long.
 love pro - claim God's won - ders still un - told.

Aldrich/Spencer Songbook, Text: Susan R Briehl (b 1952), Music: Land of Rest

Please stand as you are able.

The Post Communion Prayer

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

Book of Occasional Services

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Presider God be with you.

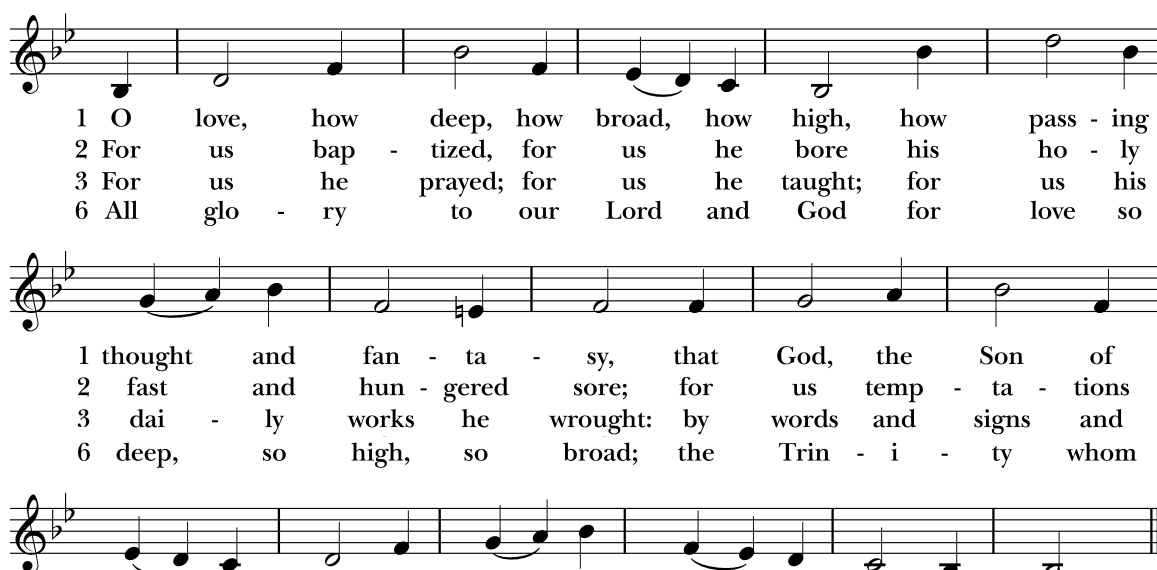
Assembly **And also with you.**

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

“O love, how deep, how broad, how high”



1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

The Hymnal 1982 #448, Text: Latin, 15th Century, Music: Deus tuorum militum

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, January 19

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Thursday, January 22

1:30 p.m. – Bible Study

7:30 p.m. – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, January 24

8:00 a.m. – Women's Al-Anon Meeting

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Sunday, January 25

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

5:30 p.m. – A Renaissance Revelry Concert

Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

New Sunday School Project

Sunday School students invite you to donate to their food drive collection starting in February! Each month, one child will choose an item for the congregation to bring in. Stay tuned to find out February's donation!

“Black Erasure on the North Shore”

Glencoe used to have a thriving Black community that was well integrated into the life of the village. Systematically that community was dismantled. The people of St. Elisabeth's are invited to join our friends from the Church of the Holy Comforter in Kenilworth on **Saturday, January 24**, to visit the Glencoe Historical Society's wonderful exhibit “Glencoe's Black Heritage” and meet with some of its curators. The group will gather at St. Elisabeth's afterwards for hot chocolate and reflection. Meet at the museum, located at 375 Park Ave, at 9:30 a.m. Please contact the Rev. Will Bouvel at Holy Comforter Will@holycomforter.org to RSVP for the event.

Can you help host the reflection time at St. Elisabeth's -- hot chocolate experts needed! Please let Adam know if you are able to help.

Sacrament of Healing Offered

The sacrament of healing will be offered during Communion on the fourth Sunday of each month. Our next offering will be on **Sunday, January 25**. After receiving Communion those who wish to participate in this sacrament may go to the baptismal font where a priest will offer prayer and anoint one's forehead with Holy Oil. Anointing with Holy Oil signifies and transmits God's healing, strengthening grace and the presence of the Holy Spirit. All are welcome.

Annual Parish Meeting

The 2025 Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place on **Sunday, January 25**, following the 10:00 am service. At the meeting we will hear reports about the state of the parish and its ministries, elect new vestry members and adopt the 2025 budget. More information on the meeting and how to participate will be available later in the month.

Bach on the Fox presents: A Renaissance Revelry

Dear St. Elisabeth's Family,

I'm excited to share with you a project that a close colleague of mine and I have been working on this past year! We had the idea to create a local early music ensemble, that focuses on promoting high-quality chamber music written in the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque Musical eras, and aims to present this music in an environment closer to how it would have been envisioned in the time it was written; not as a formal concert, but as a celebratory and informal gathering in community. Our long-term goal is to develop a local early music festival that each summer would bring artists from all over to share in passing on this incredible musical tradition, and to that end we've started a close-knit, 5-voice chamber ensemble to begin presenting events around the Chicago area — to build interest and audience, and to raise funds for future projects.

The group is made primarily of singers from The Crossing, the chamber ensemble from Philadelphia with whom I recently won a Grammy, and we are very excited to share what we've been working on. We'll be presenting one of our first concerts on **Sunday, January 25**, at 5:30pm, right here in the St. Elisabeth's building – it'll be around an hour of music, spanning from Medieval to Baroque, secular and sacred, presented casually and informally with drinks and refreshments for the audience.

Even though this is not specifically a St. Elisabeth's sponsored "church event," I wanted to share it with all of you in case you might be interested in attending! We'd love your support in the audience, and if you have any friends who love early music we hope you'll invite them.

Tickets will be available online (best, QR code to the right) or at the door – and please talk to me if you have any questions!

Best, Walter



Sunday Forum: Writing the Prayers of the People

For the past few months, Adam has often been responsible for writing the Prayers of the People that we pray together at the 10 o'clock service. How does he do it? Why did he decide to start doing it? Who inspired him? How has it changed his ministry? And what

advice might he have for writing and saying your prayers? Join him at the Sunday Forum after the 10 am service on **Sunday, February 1**, to learn more!

Scout Sunday

The Boy Scout program which meets at St. Elisabeth's is more than just an activity for Glencoe youth to learn about the outdoors. Scouting provides fun, fellowship, and training to our youth as well as youth in our community. It emphasizes honesty, self-reliance, and respect. Through a year-round program, it affects character, citizenship, and personal fitness. Join us on **Sunday, February 8**, as we celebrate Scouting with the youth of Pack and Troop 28, and with local Girl Scouts as well. The scouts will host coffee hour, provide readings and reflections in church, and give us a tour of their newly renovated space downstairs.

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.

Assisting Today

<i>Reading</i>	Robert Fischer
<i>Prayers</i>	Linda Illes
<i>Altar Guild</i>	Lauren Edelston
	Carrie Miller Mygatt
<i>Usher</i>	Larry Whipple
<i>Coffee Hour</i>	John Tuohy

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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>

2025 Vestry

Robert Fischer, *Warden*
Fred Johnston
Jamie Kim

Carrie Miller-Mygatt
Warden

Kara Superfine
Mark Tilton, *Treasurer*
John Tuohy, *Asst. Treasurer*

Sunday Schedule



- 8:00 a.m. Spoken Eucharist: Rite I
- 9:00 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist: Rite II
- 11:00 a.m. Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School

Office Hours

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

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