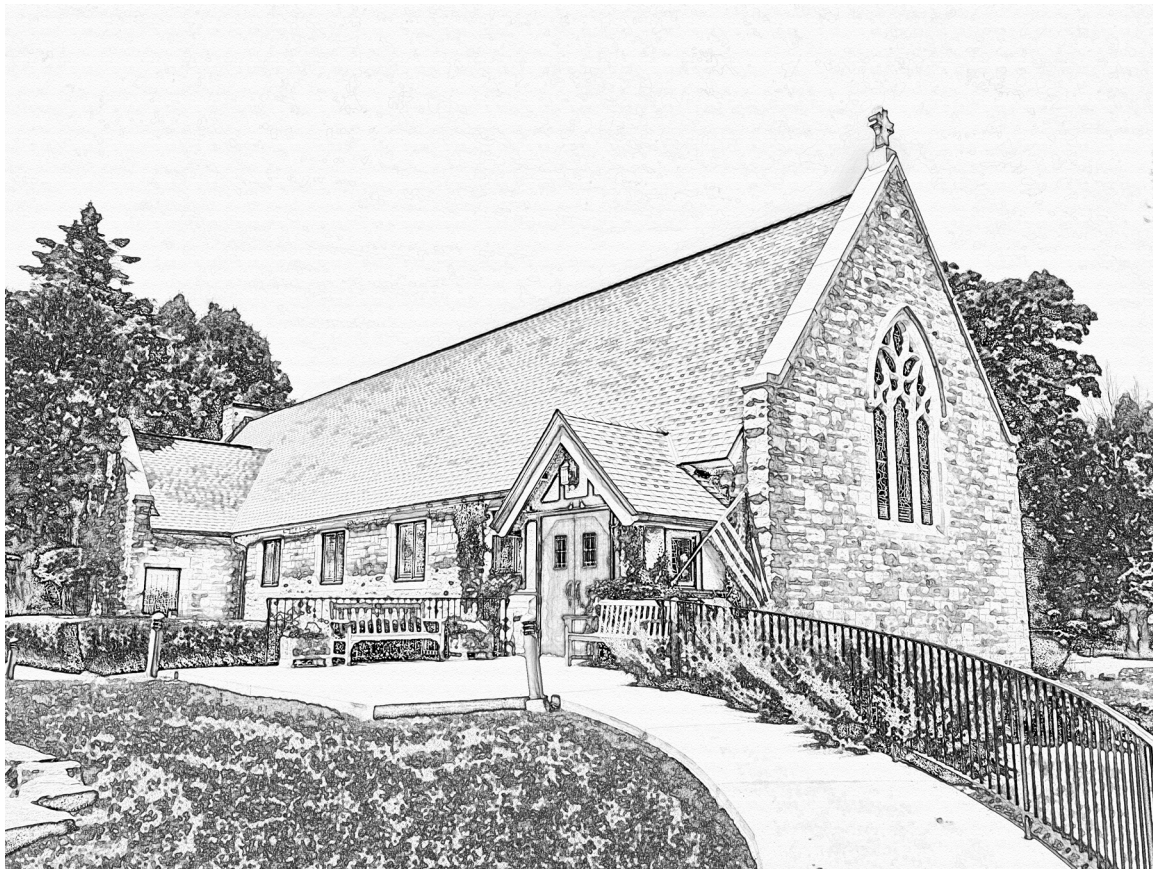

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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 – Lemonade on the Patio and Sunday School

Lemonade on the Patio

Join us for Lemonade on the Patio following today's service. All are welcome!

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: Ordinary Time

The Season after Pentecost is not actually a season with a single common focus, but is simply the weeks between the Day of Pentecost and the First Sunday of Advent. It is often called "Ordinary Time." These weeks hold both the slower pace and peaceful quality of summer months and the quicker pace and flurry of activity in the early fall. These are our "ordinary" days, in which we live the Christian faith in our daily lives.

During these weeks, as the liturgical scholar Leonel Mitchell puts it, we celebrate "the time in which we actually live — the period between the Pentecost and the Second Advent." Two thousand years after the first Pentecost, the church still lives in this "in between" time before the fulfillment of time in Christ's second coming. You might also hear these weeks called "the long, green season," referring both to the green color of the vestments and altar hangings for these weeks as well as to the summertime of year in which many of the weeks fall in the northern hemisphere.

After Pentecost we settle into the growing season, nourishing the seeds planted at Easter and putting down roots in our faith. — *Daily Prayer for All Seasons*

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.

We are all a mixture of weeds and wheat and we always will be. As Martin Luther put it, we are *simul justus et peccator*. We are simultaneously saint and sinner. That's the mystery of holding weeds and wheat together in our one field of life... Acknowledging both the wheat and weeds in us keeps us from thinking too highly of ourselves and also from dismissing ourselves as terrible. -- Richard Rohr

Practice: Pay special attention this week to nourish the "wheat" in your life and the lives of those around you.



Jacob's Ladder, William Blake (1757-1827)

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

Please rise as able at the ringing of the bell.

The Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

Presider Loving Jesus: Protect and sustain us with your hand. Open the door of your love that, sealed with your wisdom, we may be free to serve you with joy. *(a prayer of St. Gertrude)*

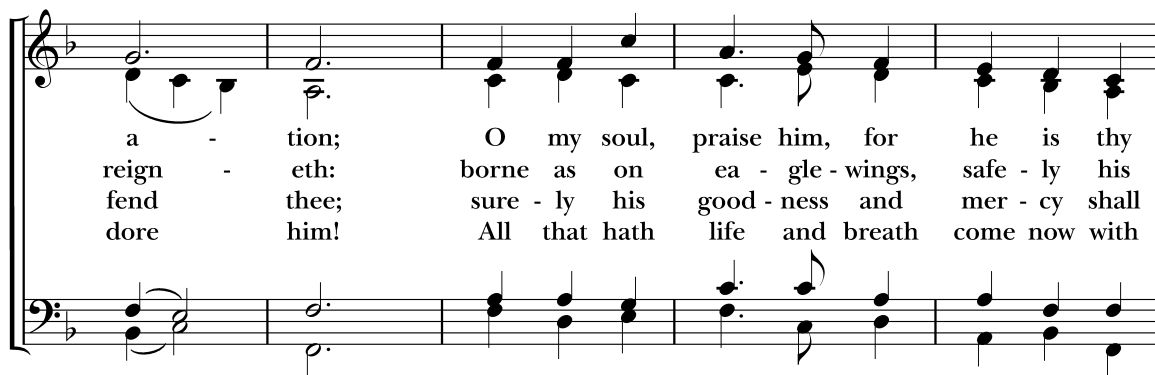
Assembly **Amen.**

The Song of Praise

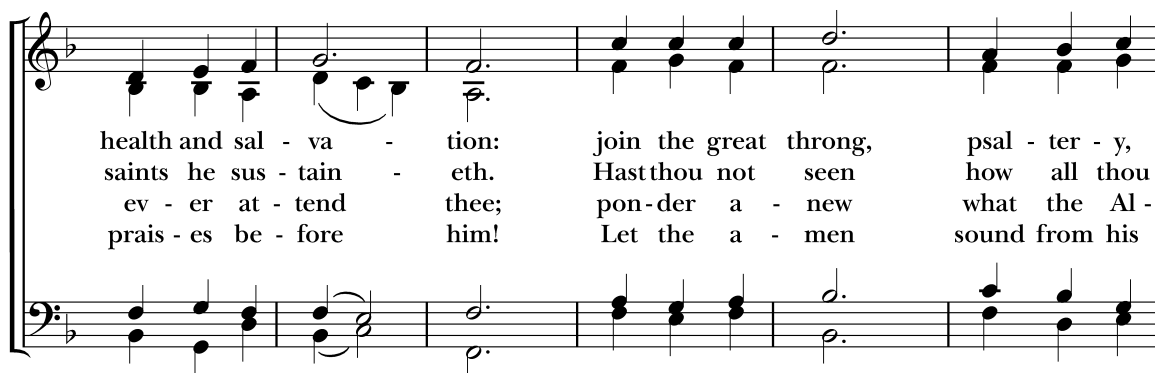
“Praise to the Lord”

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

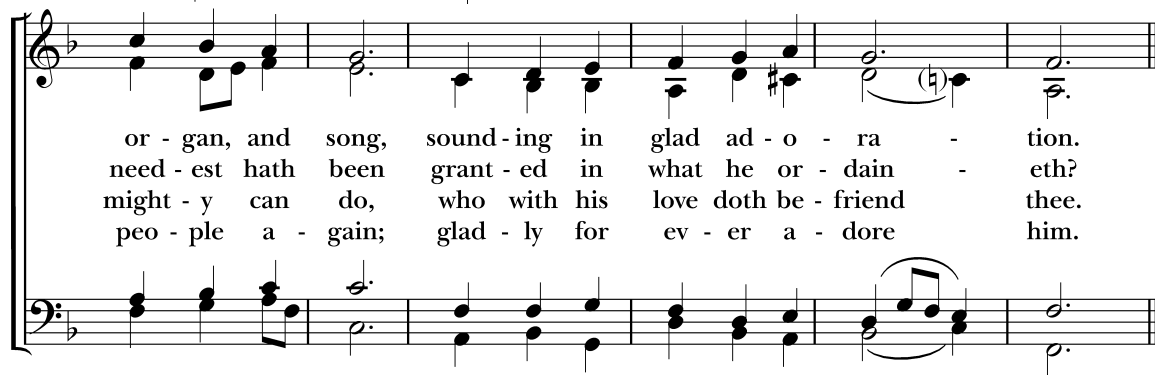
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with



health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

The Hymnal 1982 #390, Text: Joachim Neander (1650-1680), Music: *Lobe den Herren*, 1665

The Collect

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

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

Presider Let us pray.

Steadfast God, teach us your way and your truth. Root us in you alone, help us to grow in grace and love, that we may fulfill our role and our work in the reign of Jesus Christ.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, “I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 139

Chanted by Rose Sengenberger

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"

Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.

Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Response – Gloria Patri

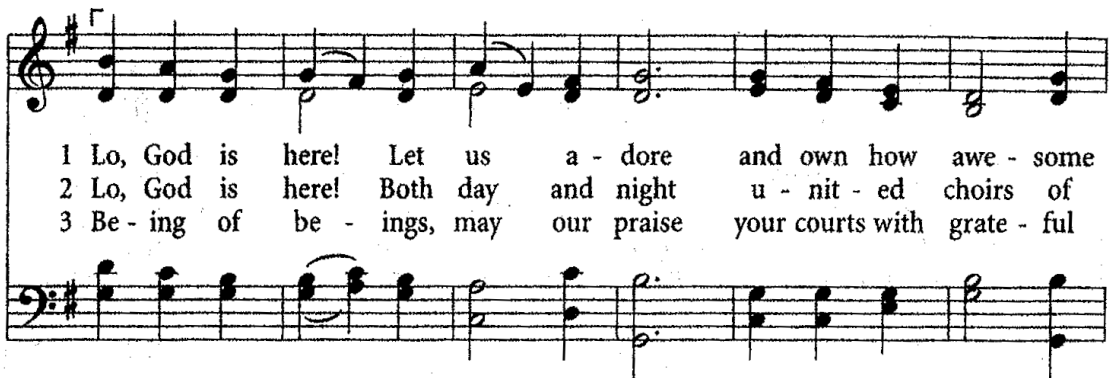
Glory to the Father, and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit

As it was in the beginning, is now,
and will be forever. Amen.

Please stand as you are able.

Sequence Hymn

“Lo, God is Here”



The musical score is written for a two-part setting. The top part is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom part is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a range of approximately one octave. The lyrics are printed below the notes, with three verses provided. The first verse is: "1 Lo, God is here! Let us a - dore and own how awe - some". The second verse is: "2 Lo, God is here! Both day and night u - nit - ed choirs of". The third verse is: "3 Be - ing of be - ings, may our praise your courts with grate - ful". The music ends with a double bar line.

1 Lo, God is here! Let us a - dore and own how awe - some
2 Lo, God is here! Both day and night u - nit - ed choirs of
3 Be - ing of be - ings, may our praise your courts with grate - ful

is this place; let all with - in us feel God's power
 an - gels sing; to God, en - throned a - bove all height,
 fra - grance fill; still may we stand be - fore your face,

and bow be - fore the hid - den face. Re - deem - ing Lord, your
 heaven's host their no - blest prais - es bring; dis - dain not, Lord, our
 still hear and do your sov - ereign will; to you may all our

grace we prove, serve you with awe, with rev - erence love.
 mean - er song, who praise you with a stam - mering tongue.
 thoughts a - rise, cease - less, ac - cept - ed sac - ri - fice.

The Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Tommy Rogers
Executive Director of Bishop Anderson House

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

Assembly

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

**He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Common Worship Times and Seasons

Intercessor

God be with you.

Assembly

And also with you.

Intercessor

Let us pray.

Intercessor

**Gracious God, fountain of all wisdom, we pray for Christians
around the world; for this Diocese of Chicago, and Paula our
bishop, and for all who teach and guard the faith. May the word
of Christ dwell richly in our hearts, and knit us together in the
bond of your love.**

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

Intercessor We pray for the leaders of nations, and for those in authority under them. Give them the gift of your wisdom, and a right discernment in all things.

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

Intercessor We pray for this village of Glencoe, for those who live, work and visit here, and for all who seek the common good. Speak your word of peace in our midst, and help us to serve one another as Christ has served us.

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

Intercessor We pray for all those bowed down with grief, fear or sickness, particularly

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Aidan Thomson

Isabelle Thomson

Norris Byrnes, cousin of Libby Hinds

Andre Stoken, brother of Deidre McClurg

Donna, friend of Walter Aldrich

Liz Miller, friend of Anne Tuohy

Tyler & Anna

Adele & Rick Ferretti

May Christ your living Word bring them comfort and healing.

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

Intercessor We give thanks for all who have died in the faith of Christ, especially Barbara van Beveren, and we rejoice with Elisabeth and all your saints, trusting in the promise of your word fulfilled.

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

Intercessor Lord of the Church, hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy for ever.

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

Presider Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Confession of Sin

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let us confess our sins to God.

Silence may be kept.

All **God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Absolution

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.
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 Anthem

“God the sculptor of the mountains”

Solo by Bishrel Batzaya

*God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation, we are formless; shape us now.*

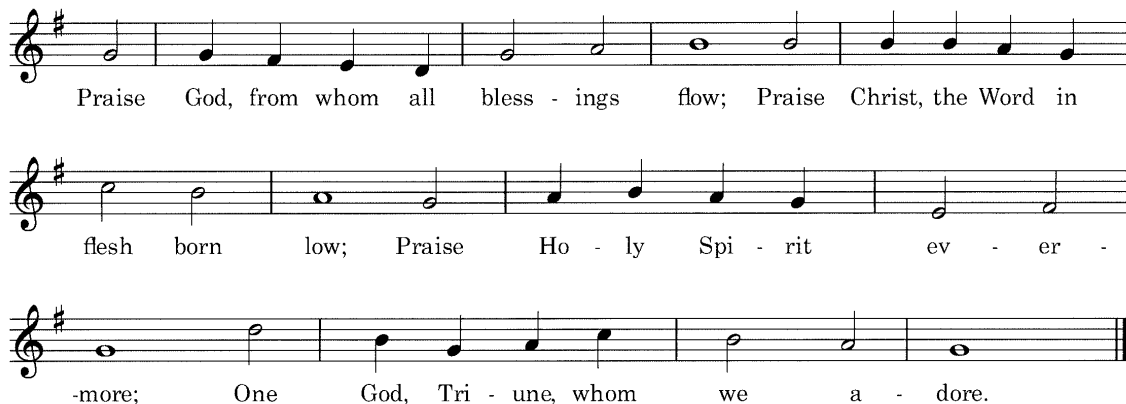
*God the nuisance to the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar of the darkness, God the beacon of the free:
you are gate of all deliv'rance, we are sightless; lead us now.*

*God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,
God the table turning prophet, God the resurrected Truth:
you are present every moment, we are searching; meet us now.*

*God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat:
you are host at every table, we are hungry; feed us now.*

Please stand as you are able.

Doxology



Music: *Old 100th*

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 1

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

Presider It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give thanks to you, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -

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

Blessed 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 #S125, Music: *A Community Mass*, Richard Proulx (b 1937)

Presider

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, 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 poured out for you and for all 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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Elisabeth and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and 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 We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

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

Communion Hymn

“Nearer, My God, to Thee”

1. Near - er, my God, to Thee, Near - er to Thee!
 2. Though like the wan - der - er, The sun goes down,
 3. There let the way ap - pear, Steps un - to heav'n;
 4. Then, with my wak - ing thoughts, Bright with Thy praise,
 5. Or if on joy - ful wing, Cleav - ing the sky,

1. E'en though it be a cross That rais - eth me;
 2. Dark - ness be o - ver me, My rest a stone;
 3. All that Thou send - est me, In mer - cy giv'n;
 4. Out of my ston - y griefs, Beth - el I'll raise;
 5. Sun, moon and stars for - got, Up - wards I fly,

1. Still all my song would be
 2. Yet in my dreams I'd be
 3. An - gels to beck - on me Near - er, my God, to Thee,
 4. So by my woes to be
 5. Still all my song shall be



Lift Every Voice and Sing #54, Text: William Walsham How (1823-1897) Music: *Munich*, Felix Mendelssohn (1807-1847)

Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly **Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

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

Bud & Glenna Foley – July 19 Susan Tillett – July 21

Pete Rossiter – July 22 JoAn Anderson – July 23

Phil Miller – July 24 Milli Mygatt – July 25

The Blessing

Enriching Our Worship – source: Celtic

Presider The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the Name of the one, holy and undivided Trinity.

Assembly **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

“O God of Bethel”



- 1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;
- 2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace:
- 3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan-dering foot - steps guide;
- 4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,
- 5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



- 1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:
- 2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.
- 3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.
- 4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!
- 5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

The Hymnal 1982 #703, Text: Sarah F. Adams (1805-1848), Music: *Bethany*, Lowell Mason (1792-1872)

Dismissal

Presider

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Living in Community

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The Bible Study group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. in the Chapel**. Questions: contact Chuck Chadd.

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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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.*