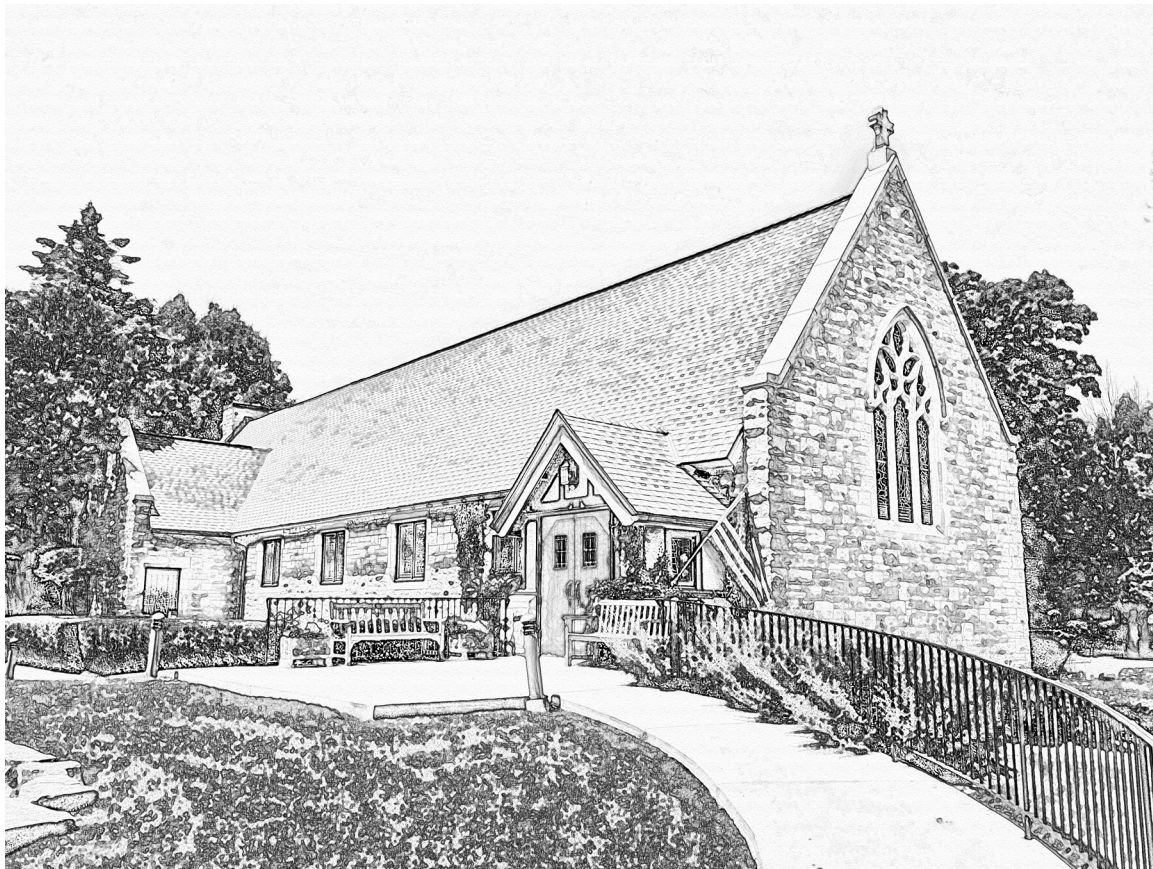

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All Saints Day

November 1, 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

9:00 am – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 am – Sung Eucharist

11:00 am – Coffee Hour, Sunday Forum, Sunday School

Sunday Forum

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

Children's Sunday School

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

In the Church Year: All Saints

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death. -- Charles Wesley

All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith. — *Common Worship: Times & Seasons*

A New Baptismal Promise

Beginning on All Saints' Day 2026, Bishop Paula Clark has authorized congregations in the Diocese of Chicago to experiment with adding a sixth promise to the Baptismal Covenant that reflects our shared responsibility to care for God's creation. The five traditional

Baptismal Covenant promises from the 1979 Book of Common Prayer will remain unchanged.

This diocesan initiative follows Resolution B001, adopted by the 81st General Convention in 2024, which encouraged dioceses to explore additional creation care language while the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Music develops recommendations for consideration by the 82nd General Convention in 2027.

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 Communion of Saints: "Some of the most exciting and fruitful theology today is being described as the "turn toward participation." Religion as participation is a rediscovery of ... the tradition that so many saints and mystics have spoken of in their own ways. It constantly recognizes that *we are a part of something*, more than we are observing something or 'believing' in something." -- Richard Rohr

Be mindful today as we renew our baptismal promises that those promises are made in the context of belonging to something that is more than believing in something. How does participating in that "belonging" affect your daily life?



Saints en procession -- Luc-Olivier Merson, 1846-1920

The Holy Eucharist – Rite II

The Word of God

Prelude

Please rise as able at the ringing of the bell.

The Opening Acclamation

Enriching Our Worship

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

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

Presider God of unchangeable power, when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the wonders of creation and teach us to use all things for good, to the honor of your glorious name through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Song of Praise

“For all the saints”



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:___
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,___
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!___



thee___ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;___
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
We feeble - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O — Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.
 win, with— them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are— one in thee, for all are thine.



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

The Hymnal 1982 #287, Text: William Walsham How (1872-1959),
 Music: *Sine Nomine*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

The Collect

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers

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

Presider Let us pray.

God of unfailing light, in your realm of glory the poor are blessed,
 the hungry filled, and every tear is wiped away. Strengthened by
 this vision, may we follow in the way of holiness that your Son
 made known in life and death.

Assembly **Amen.**

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

A Reading from the Revelation to John.

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”
And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four
living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped
God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that
knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great
ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the
Lamb.

“For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe every tear from their eyes.”

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

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for the psalm.

The Psalm

Psalm 34

Assembly

- A I will bless the Lord at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- B I will glory in the Lord; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- A Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- B I sought the Lord, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- A Look upon him and be radiant; *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- B I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- A The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him; *
and he will deliver them.
- B Taste and see that the Lord is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!



- A Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
 for those who fear him lack nothing.
- B The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
 but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.
- B The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, *
 and none will be punished who trust in him.

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

“I sing a song of the saints”



1 I sing a song of the saints of God, _____
 2 They loved their Lord so _____ dear, so dear, and _____
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are



pa - tient and brave and true, who _____ toiled and _____ fought and _____
 his love _____ made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for _____
 hund-reds of thou-sands still, the _____ world is _____ bright with the



lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And _____
 Je - sus' sake, the _____ whole of their good lives long. And _____
 joy - ous saints who _____ love to do Je - sus' will. You can



one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
 one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was _____ slain
 meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,



herd - ess on the _____ green: they were all of them saints of _____
 by a fierce wild _____ beast; and there's not an - y rea - son -
 or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of _____ God are just



God— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
 no, not the least, why I should-n't be one too.
 folk like _____ me, and I mean to be one too.

The Gospel

Matthew 22:34-46

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

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 Renewal of Baptismal Vows

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.**

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?"

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 Samuel Wells and Abigail Kocher, adapted by Adam Spencer*

Intercessor God be with you,

Assembly **And also with you.**

Intercessor Let us pray.

Loving Father, your Son said, "Blessed are the poor." Be close to all who experience material poverty. Give them friends, give them work, give them hope, give them stability of life. Free them from the fear of crime, of impossible rents, of bad living conditions, of chronic illness. Give us eyes to see the wealth in those we call poor, and the poverty in those we call rich. Speak your words of grace and challenge to all who are materially rich, that they may

discover more fully how their wealth may honor and glorify you and make friends in your heavenly mansions.

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Merciful Father, your Son said, “Blessed are the hungry.” Open your heart to any whose lives are shrouded in hunger. Heal and succor all for whom food becomes the focus of or release from their deepest anxieties, such that eating becomes an escape or a torment. Strengthen all who work in farming and food service industries, and those who seek to cleanse the relationship of humankind to the earth, the seas and the skies, and the living things in each domain. Make all our eating a Eucharistic thanksgiving and a banquet of your hope.

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Compassionate Father, your Son said, “Blessed are those who weep.” Spread your arms of mercy around all who grieve. Shelter every parent who’s lost a child to sudden, premature, or violent death. Comfort those for whom the present economic conditions have taken away their home, their hope, or their identity. And give wisdom and generosity to all for whom life and love and money seem to come easily and painlessly.

We pray for all who struggle or suffer and especially today for:

Sally Graver

Sherry Schellenbach

Isabelle Thomson

Norris Byrnes, cousin of Libby Hinds

Donna, friend of Walter Aldrich

Leigh, niece of Annette & Fred Johnston

Patricia & Richard, friend of Annette & Fred Johnston

Heather Campbell, friend of Anne & John Tuohy

George

Are there others?

Silence

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Patient Father, your Son said, “Blessed are you who are hated.” We pray for those we hate. Searching for your grace, we pray for those who hate us as well. Strengthen the hands of all who strive to bring lingering hatreds to the table of dialogue, in the Middle East, in Russia and Ukraine, in Sudan, in family therapy, in restorative justice programs. Bring courage to those living in daily fear of military, militia, or terrorist attack. Give your Spirit of truth to all seeking political office, and all who cast their vote this week.

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Holy Father, our rock, our fortress, and our might, when our strife is fierce, our warfare long, sound in our ear the distant triumph song. Make our hearts brave, again, and make our arms strong.

Intercessor
Assembly

God in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Presider

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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

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.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly **And also with you.**

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

Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

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



Offertory Music

“Who are these, like stars appearing?”



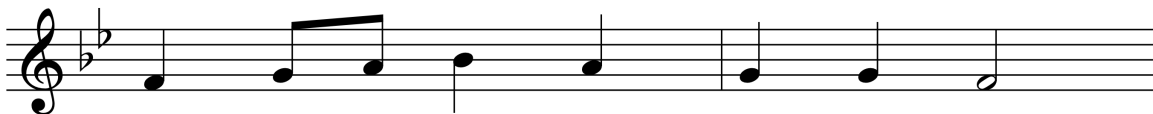
1. Who are these, like stars ap - pear - ing?
 2. Throngs in white be - yond all num - bers,
 3. Death shall no more be their por - tion;
 4. Ho - ly cit - y, bright as crys - tal,



Who are these with palms in hand?
 called from ev - 'ry tribe and land,
 for - mer things have passed a - way.
 sav - ing stream from Je - sus' side:



Each a gold - en crown is wear - ing,
 called by sev - en trum - pets' thun - der
 Night has passed and trib - u - la - tion;
 from the Lamb, life - giv - ing wa - ter



giv - ing glo - ry to the Lamb.
 by the Shep - herd and the Lamb.
 Christ the Lamb shall be their day.
 to re - fresh God's ho - ly bride.



Al - le - lu - ia, with them sing!
 They shall nev - er hun - ger more;
 Gone the trials and gone the fears;
 Gone for - ev - er dark of night;



Joined in song, our prais - es ring.
 Christ shall feed them ev - er - more.
 Christ has wiped a - way all tears.
 Christ shall be your last - ing light!

Worship #888, Text: Delores Dufner (b. 1939), Music: *All Saints* (1698)

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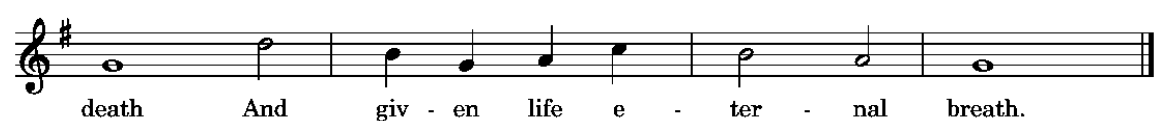
Doxology



Let trum - pets sound and voi - ces sing! Let all on earth their



prais - es bring! For Christ has con - quered sin and



death And giv - en life e - ter - nal breath.

Music: *Old 100th*

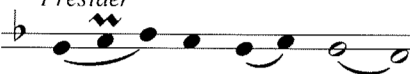
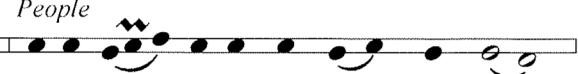
Pledge Campaign Ingathering

Presider Lord, who provides seed for sowing and bread for eating and supplies all we need for a new harvest, bless we pray you these pledges of our first fruits which we offer to your service in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship, Prayer 3

<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 All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

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

The Hymnal 1982 #S124, *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

Presider

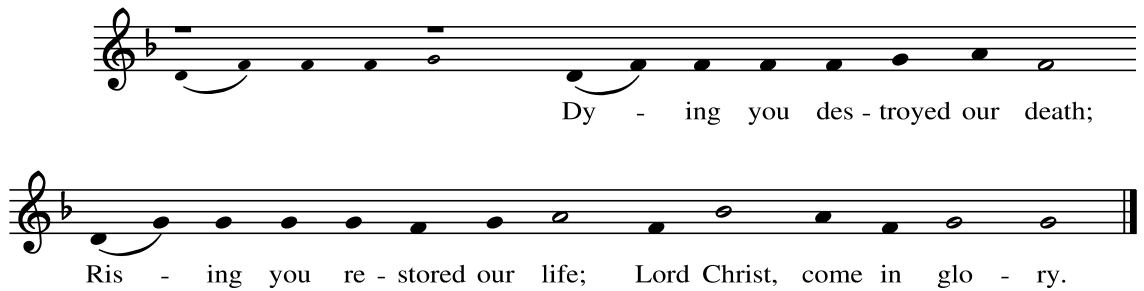
Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this is my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:



Setting: Jonatha Dimmock

Presider

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with blessed Elisabeth, and all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

All

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.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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The Hymnal 1982 #S161, *New Plainsong*, David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

Communion Music

“At the River”

by Aaron Copland, sung by St. Elisabeth’s Choir

*Shall we gather by the river,
Where bright angel’s feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God.*

*Yes we’ll gather by the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river.
Gather with the saints by the river
That flows by the throne of God.*

*Soon we’ll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease.
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.*

Post Communion Prayer

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly **God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever 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.

Linda Cline – November 1 Chuck Chadd – November 6

The Blessing

Enriching Our Worship

Presider Holy eternal Majesty,
 Holy incarnate Word,
 Holy abiding Spirit,
 Bless you for evermore.

Assembly **Amen.**

Necrology

Presider Let us in silence recall those who we love but see no longer.

The names of the dead are read.

Prayer at the Memorial Table

Presider Let us pray.

 Father of all, we pray to you for those we love, but see no longer;
 Grant them your peace; let light perpetual shine upon them; and,
 in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the
 good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Assembly **Amen.**

Procession to the Columbarium

The Congregation sings as they process outside to the Columbarium.

Music in Procession

“Bless the Lord, My Soul”

Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's ho - ly name.

Bless the Lord my soul, Who leads me in - to life.

Wonder, Love, and Praise #825, Text: Psalm 103, Music: *Taize*, Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)

Station at the Columbarium

“Give Rest, O Christ”

Kontakion, Sung by St. Elisabeth's Choir

*Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with your saints,
 where sorrow and pain are no more,
 neither sighing, but life everlasting.
 You only are immortal,
 the creator and maker of mankind;
 and we are mortal, formed of the earth,
 and to earth shall we return.
 For so did you ordain,
 when you created me, saying,
 'You are dust, and to dust you shall return.'
 All of us go down to the dust;
 yet even at the grave we make our song:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

The Presider blesses the Columbarium.

A Prayer

John Donne

Presider Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening into the house and gate of Heaven, to enter into that gate and dwell in that house, where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling, but one equal light; no noise nor silence, but one equal music; no fears or hopes, but one equal possession; no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity, in the habitations of thy glory and dominion, world without end.

Assembly **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Upcoming at St. Elisabeth's

Thursday, November 5 -- Bible Study
Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 8 -- Sunday Forum: Moral Injury and its Effect on Veterans
Thanksgiving Potluck Supper

Tuesday, November 10 -- Book Group
Vestry Meeting

Thursday, November 12 -- Bible Study
Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, November 15 -- Sunday Forum: Discovering Christianity

Saturday, November 16
Diocesan Convention in Rockford

Sunday, November 15 - Saturday, November 21
Family Promise

Thanksgiving Family Potluck

We will gather on **Sunday, November 8**, for a Thanksgiving-themed potluck. All are invited to attend. Jamie Kim is organizing a craft table for children. The doors open at 4:00 pm, and the potluck begins at 4:30 pm. Please sign up to bring a dish to share on the bulletin board or by scanning the QR code.



Sunday Forum: Moral Injury and its effect on veterans

We will be joined on **Sunday, November 8th** both in church and at the Forum after the 10am service by **The Very Rev. Mark C. Lee**, DMin, PhD, ACPE, President and Dean of Bexley-Seabury Seminary.

At the Forum, Mark will share with us about **moral injury and its effects on veterans**. As he writes, “Moral injury names something PTSD alone cannot: the wound that forms when a person has done, witnessed, or failed to prevent an act that shatters their own deepest moral convictions — a rupture not of the nervous system but of the soul, of what has been called the “injured thumos,” one’s very spiritedness. Moral injury is very prevalent in combat veterans, but also in first responders and medical providers. Unlike a disorder to be diagnosed and medicated, moral injury is better understood as a wound that can heal and even become the basis for growth. Research on Posttraumatic Growth shows that veterans who struggle hardest with meaning after trauma often emerge with deeper faith, stronger relationships, and a clearer sense of purpose – but only when they are not left alone to struggle. Understanding moral injury, and the potential for healing and growth, for combat veterans and others will help churches recognize and walk with those who suffer, being the incarnational representatives of Christ’s love.”

November Book Group Meeting

This year St Elisabeth's Book Group is reading selections from *The Art of the Short Story* (Gioia and Gwynn). Postponed from October, we will talk about **Paul's Case** by Willa Cather. This is the story of a high school student whose version of the life he wants doesn't correspond to the life he has. We will meet in the Chapel at 1:00 PM on **Tuesday, November 10**. Linda Illes will lead the discussion.

Interfaith Soup Kitchen

For some 30 years we have been partnering with First United Methodist Church of Evanston to staff a soup kitchen 6 times a year. We provide the food and the volunteers to pack and serve that food. Our next date will be Thursday, November 12. We also welcome contributions to the fund to purchase the food. Just contact [John Tuohy](#) or [Susan Newcomb](#) for details, dates, directions and the like.

Family Promise

Many thanks to the wonderful group of volunteers from St. Augustine and St. Elisabeth who supported our Family Promise families in October. Delicious meals, overnight support, and sincere fellowship happened every night. In fact, around the table after dinner one night the moms expressed their appreciation saying that of the congregations where they were housed St. Augustine's is the one with the most welcoming set up, nice sleeping rooms and people every night who spent time in some great conversations. Our volunteers see that appreciation goes both ways as we engage with these determined parents working to return to stability. Thank you to all who support Family Promise in various ways: hands on support and in-kind donations of goods and funds. Our next host week is **November 15-22**. Help will be needed for set up, overnight support, meals and fellowship. Please scan the QR code to sign up. Any and all support is welcome and needed. Many hands make work light! For more information, please contact Jim or Rocky Baur.



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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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.*