

ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

10:00 AM

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



Love for one's neighbor

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.

Easter

Easter, the oldest celebration of the Christian year, is not a single day but an entire season: Easter lasts fifty days, from Easter Day (the Sunday of the Resurrection) through the Day of Pentecost. The season also includes the feast of the Ascension, when the resurrected Jesus ascended to heaven and was seen on earth no longer. Throughout the year every Sunday even during Lent — is considered a little Easter, a mini feast of the resurrection on what Christians have called the first day of the week. The primary theme of Easter is the resurrection: on this day Jesus was raised from the dead, overcoming the power of death and the grave. We celebrate that we, too, are raised to everlasting life with him in our baptism.

At Pentecost we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the ongoing life of the Holy Spirit in the church today. It is the Holy Spirit who breathes life into the Body of Christ, the church; it is the Holy Spirit who provides the gifts and guidance needed to sustain our life. At every Eucharist we pray that the Holy Spirit will sanctify the bread and wine of communion to be "the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him." We also pray that the Spirit will "sanctify us also" so that we may receive the Eucharist with faith and serve God "in unity, constancy, and peace." It is the Holy Spirit who makes God present and alive in our hearts.

-From Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Entering in...

When we know that we are loved, we will quite naturally love in return; our hearts will respond to the call of love with gratitude and affection, with devotion and with an eagerness to please and to serve the One who has so loved us. -Br. David Vryhof, SSJE

Practice (Orthopraxy)

Whose love do you quite naturally love in return in gratitude and affection? Let them know this in some new way this week.

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Please stand, as you are able, and join in singing.

Opening Hymn

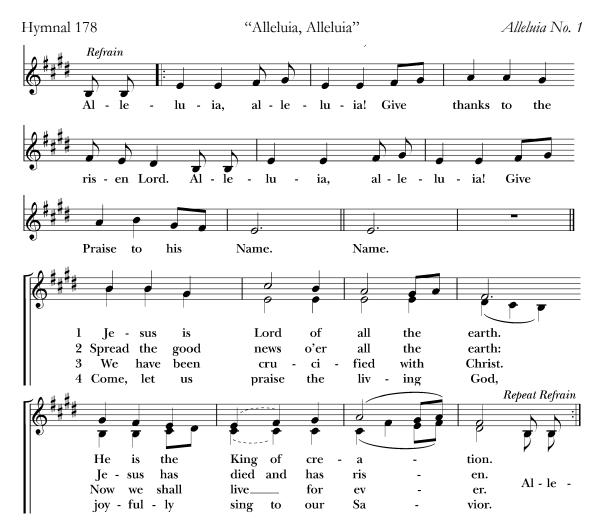


 6 Let every kindred, every tribe, on this terrestrial ball, to him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all!

Opening Acclamation

Presider	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
Assembly	The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Song of Praise



Collect

Presider	God be with you.
Assembly	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.
	Faithful God, make our hearts bold with love for one another. Pour out your Spirit upon all people, that we may live your justice and sing in praise the new song of your marvelous victory, through Jesus the Christ.
Assembly	Amen.

Please be seated for the readings.

First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

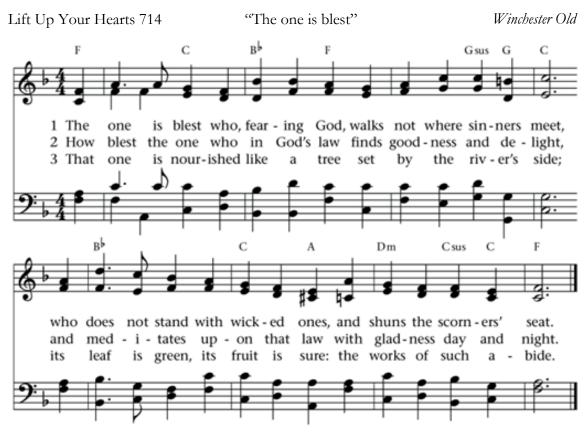
While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 1



- 4 The wicked, like the driven chaff, are swept from off the land; they shall not gather with the just, nor at the judgment stand.
- 5 The LORD will guard the righteous well, their way to God is known; the way of sinners, far from God, shall surely be o'erthrown.

Second Reading

A Reading from the first letter of John.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation



Choir	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Assembly	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
Choir	I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord.
	I will come back to you, and your hears will rejice.
Assembly	Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All face the Gospel Book.

1 John 5:1-6

Gospel	John 15:9-17
Gospeler	The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.
Assembly	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

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

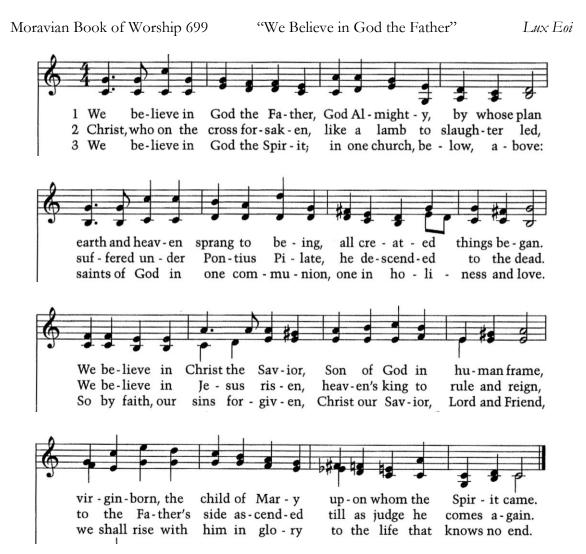
Sermon

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The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows. Please stand as you are able for the creed and prayers.

Creed



Prayers of the People

BCP Form VI, adapted

Intercessor	In peace, we pray to you, O God. <i>(Silence)</i>
Assembly	For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.
Intercessor Assembly	For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.
Intercessor Assembly	For the just and proper use of your creation; For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.
Intercessor Assembly	For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble; For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.
Intercessor Assembly	For the peace and unity of the Church of God; For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.
Intercessor	For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Paula our Bishop; and all bishops and other ministers;
Assembly	For all who serve God in his Church.
Intercessor	For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, those who have asked for our prayers, especially:
	<u>Susan</u> Chadd <u>Viola</u> Bradshaw <u>Anna, Ian and their baby Raymond</u> , Fred Johnston's friends <u>Benjamin</u> Whipple <u>and family</u> <u>The people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine</u> <u>All those affected by gun violence</u> <u>The people of Baltimore</u>
	are there others? (Silence)
Assembly	Hear us, O God. For your mercy is great.
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Intercessor	We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. <i>(Silence)</i> We will exalt you;
Assembly	And praise your Name for ever and ever.
Intercessor	We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternity. <i>(Silence)</i>
Assembly	Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them; Who put their trust in you.

Confession and Absolution

All Creation Sings

Presider Assembly	Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. To you, O God, all hearts are open, to you all desires known. We come to you, confessing our sins. Forgive us in your mercy, and remember us in your love. Show us your ways; teach us your paths; and lead us in justice and truth, for the sake of your goodness in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
Presider	By water and the Holy Spirit God gives you a new birth, and through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, God forgives you all your sins. The God of mercy and might strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life.
Assembly	Amen.

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. Please be seated for the announcements.

Welcome and Announcements

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

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

Birthdays

Susan Chadd 5-5 Barbara Miller 5-8

- 5-9 Anne Tuohy
- 5-11 Duke Baur

Anniversaries

5-9 Adrienne & Rod Zimmerman

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

Collection

Thank you for your generous giving to the mission and ministry of St. Elisabeth's church. You can leave a donation in the offering plate or use your phone to scan the QR code to donate online.



Offertory Music

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" Glory to God 465 1 What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear! 2 Have we tri - als and temp-ta-tions? Is there trou-ble an - y-where? 3 Are we weak and heav-y lad - en, cum-bered with a load of care?

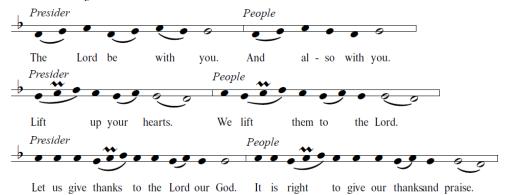
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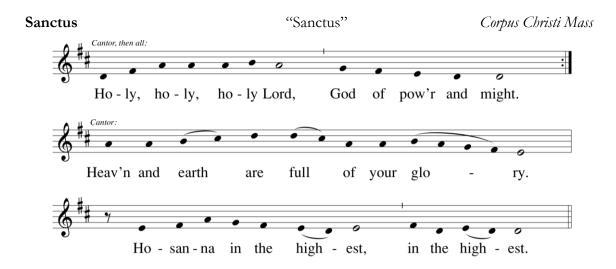
The Great Thanksgiving

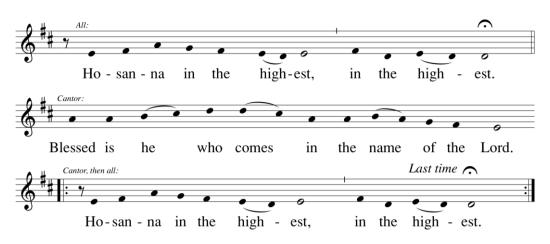
All Creation Sings

Please stand as you are able.



Presider It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:





Please remain standing or kneel, as you are able.

PresiderBlessed are you, O God, creator of heaven and earth. You rescued your
covenant people, led them on all their journeys, and taught them by the
prophets. You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that
everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying; This is my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Assembly Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Presider Pour out your Holy Spirit in this sacred meal, and make us one in this community of faith and with your people throughout the world.

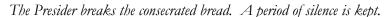
Glory and praise to you, O God, Author of life, Word made flesh, Power of the Most High, now and forever.

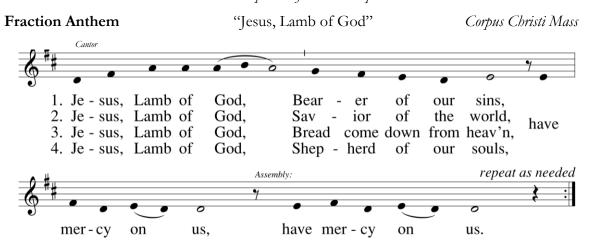
Assembly Amen.

Lord's Prayer

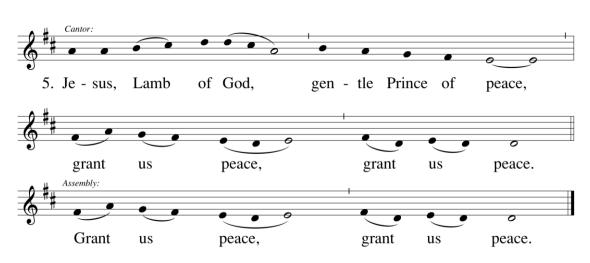
Presider	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Presider Assembly	 And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily 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.

Breaking of the Bread









Invitation to Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

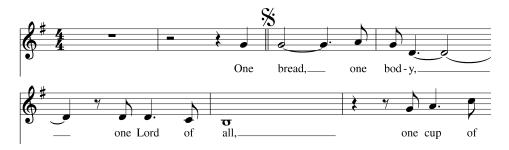
All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a blessing at this time. Gluten-free host available upon request. If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, simply cross your arms over your chest. If you are unable to come forward for any reason, please inform an usher so our clergy can bring communion to you in the pew.

Music during Communion

All are invited to sing.

Lift Every Voice and Sing 151

"One Bread, One Body"





Post Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly O God, in this holy communion you have welcomed us into your presence, nourished us with words of mercy, and fed us at your table. Amid the cares of this life, strengthen us to love you with all our heart, serve our neighbors with a willing spirit, and honor the earth you have made; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Presider The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Assembly Amen.

Closing Hymn

"He Lives" Lift Every Voice and Sing 42 1. I Sav - ior. He's serve а ris en in the world to day;_ 2. In all the world а _ round me Ι see His lov - ing care,_ 3. Re - joice, re - joice. 0 Chris - tian, lift up your voice and sing. 1. I know that He is liv - ing, what - ev - er oth - ers say;_ 2. And though my heart grows wea - ry Ι nev - er will de spair;_ 3. E ter - nal hal - le _ lu - jahs to Je - sus Christ, the King!_ 1. I His hand of hear His voice of see mer - cy, I cheer.__ 2. I He is lead - ing through know that all the storm - y blast, 3. The all who seek Him, hope of the help of all who find,_



Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Postlude

You are invited to come forward to listen to the postlude. If you need to leave before the conclusion, please do so quietly.

All are invited for coffee hour and conversation down the hall in the dining room immediately following the service. Sunday school for children is offered on the second floor.

First Reading	Kay Rossiter
Second Reading	Susan Newcomb
Prayers	Peter Rossiter
Altar Guild	Polly Baur
Usher	Phil Miller
Coffee Hour	Susan Newcomb

This Week

Monday, May 6	AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Wednesday, May 8	Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)
Thursday, May 9	Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM)
	Soup Kitchen
	Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
Friday, May 10	Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Saturday, May 11	Family Worship & Potluck (4:30 PM)

Up Next

Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM)
Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM)
Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM)
Coffee Hour, Forum, & Sunday School (11:00 AM)
Taizé Service at Christ Church Winnetka (5:30 PM)
St. E's Book Group (12:00 PM)
Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM)
Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)
Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Announcements

Volunteer with 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. Typically we take the second Thursday of every odd numbered month (January, March, etc.). We provide the food and the volunteers to pack and serve that food. The time requirement is not great: either 1-2 hours in the afternoon in Glencoe and/or 2-3 hours in the early evening in Evanston. **The next Soup Kitchen is this Thursday, May 9.**

We also welcome contributions to the fund to purchase the food. We typically cater to 60-80 diners, serve them a hot dinner and a sack lunch for the next day. We welcome newcomers. Just contact John Tuohy or Susan Newcomb for details, dates, directions and the like.

Volunteers Needed: Have you ever wondered how we get communion set up for each of our church services or why we use different colors for different seasons in the church? Did you know that the Altar Guild has its roots in the most ancient and sacred traditions of Jesus' ministry? And it's not just for women... in fact at several churches Altar Guilds include men, women and even teenagers.



Our Altar Guild at St. Elisabeth is responsible for the preparation of the Altar including setting up communion supplies, changing of the church linens and refilling our candles. It is also an opportunity to work closely with Adam as we set up and clean up after services. It is also a relatively low time commitment and easy way to help our community.

We are now in need of new volunteers to join our small but mighty crew that help with our set up and clean up after our services. If you are interested, please reach out to Polly Baur (polly.baur@gmail.com / 773-818-3738) or Adam.

Pastoral needs, hospital calls, nursing/rehab and home-bound parishioners: 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 and leave a private message in the rector's voicemail. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org

Announcements

Weekday Worship: Come join Adam before work or school at **7:30** AM every Thursday for a short service of Holy Communion with a brief homily on the readings assigned for the day.

Sunday School for Children, upstairs **after the 10:00 AM service** every Sunday. Children of all ages are invited to come learn about the Bible and have some fun with our Director of Children's Formation Abigail Pribble.

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study meets weekly on **Fridays at 11:00** AM in the Guild Room. At the next study, we will be reading Luke chapters 9-10. For more information, contact Larry Whipple.

Sunday Forum We will gather **weekly at Coffee Hour after the 10:00 AM service** in the Guild Room. We will discuss the day's readings, sermon, liturgy, music and whatever else is on folks' minds. These conversations will be facilitated by the Rector. On select Sundays, we will continue to have guest speakers and teachers on various topics.

Family Promise provides free family shelter to families with children – keeping families together during a time of homelessness, unlike other homeless shelters separate families by female/male. Family Promise also offers training, budgeting and other support to help families move from homelessness to success. Because St. Elisabeth cannot house families in our church; we partner with two other churches.

We need volunteers to help cook meals, stay overnight or just help serve meals. Homeless families with children want someone to talk with and someone to interact with their children.

We help three to five times per year for one week at a time. There is a sign-up online for dinners or sleepovers. It is easy, helpful, fulfilling and very efficient. It is good to share a meal with people in need.

For more information, please contact Robert Fischer, Lauren Edelston, Carrie Mygatt or Carla Arnell.

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Sunday Schedule



8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Choral Eucharist: Rite II
11:00 AM Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School

Office Hours

Tuesday by appointment, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM Pastoral Care Number: 847-786-3082

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

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