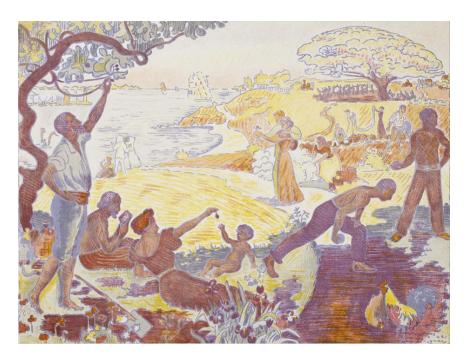


ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH The Feast of the Ascension

8:00 AM

Welcome to St. Elisabeth's Church



In the Time of Harmony: The Joy of Life--Sunday by the Sea Signac, Paul, 1863-1935

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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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

Jesus praying for his disciples in the upper room said "Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Practice (Orthopraxy)

In what ways to you see Jesus prayer that we may be one as he and the Father are one becoming a reality in your life and in the life of this community? What might you do to become an answer to this prayer.

The Holy Eucharist: Rite One The Word of God

The Prelude

The Opening Acclamation

Please stand as you are able.

Presider	Blessed be God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
Assembly	And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect for Purity

PresiderAlmighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from
whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the
inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily
magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord.

Assembly Amen.

The Summary of the Law

PresiderHear what our Lord Jesus Christ saith: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God
with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the
first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it: Thou shalt
love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the
Law and the Prophets.

The Kyrie

Presider	Lord, have mercy upon us.
Assembly	Christ, have mercy upon us.
Presider	Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Collect of the Day

Presider	The Lord be with you.
Assembly	And with thy spirit.
Presider	Let us pray.
	O Almighty God, whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things: Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to his promise, he abideth with his Church on earth, even unto the end of the ages; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting.
Assembly	Amen.

Please be seated.

The Lessons

The First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Reader	The Word of the Lord.
Assembly	Thanks be to God.

The Psalm

Read responsively by whole verse, with the reader leading.

Psalm 93

1 The Lord is King; he has put on splendid apparel; * the Lord has put on his apparel and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure * that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; * you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O Lord, the waters have lifted up their voice; * the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, * mightier is the Lord who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, * and holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever and for evermore.

The Second Reading

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

ReaderThe Word of the Lord.AssemblyThanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel, as you are able.

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

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

Jesus said to his disciples, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with youthat everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high." Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

GospelerThe Gospel of the Lord.AssemblyPraise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

Seán Hansen

A period of silence follows.

The Nicene Creed

Please stand as you are able.

Assembly	I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;
	And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
	and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father;

and he shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost the Lord, and Giver of Life,

who proceedeth from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified;
who spake by the Prophets.
And I believe one holy Catholic and Apostolic Church;
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins;
and I look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

BCP pgs. 328-330

Intercessor Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church and the world.

Almighty and everliving God, who in thy holy Word hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men: Receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord; and grant that all those who do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all bishops and other ministers especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Paula our Bishop, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace, and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

We beseech thee also so to rule the hearts of those who bear the authority of government in this and every land especially Joseph, our president, that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world.

Open, O Lord, the eyes of all people to behold thy gracious hand in all thy works, that, rejoicing in thy whole creation, they may honor thee with their substance, and be faithful stewards of thy bounty.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succor all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. Particularly:

<u>Susan</u> Chadd <u>Anna, Ian and their baby Raymond</u>, Fred Johnston's friends <u>Benjamin Whipple and family</u> <u>The people of Israel, Palestine, and Ukraine</u> <u>All those affected by gun violence</u>

Are there others?

And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear, beseeching thee to grant them continual growth in thy love and service; and to grant us grace so to follow the good examples of Elisabeth and all thy saints, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom.

Grant these our prayers, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Assembly Amen.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

PresiderYe who do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and
charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the
commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways:
Draw near with faith, and make your humble confession to Almighty God,
devoutly kneeling.

Please kneel as you are able.

Assembly	Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word or deed, against thy divine Majesty, provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us, the burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
Presider	Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Assembly	Amen.
Presider	Hear what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him.
	Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. <i>St. Matt. xi. 28.</i>
	So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. <i>St. John iii. 16.</i>
	Hear also what Saint Paul saith.
	This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. <i>1 Tim. i. 15.</i>
	Hear also what Saint John saith.

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the Propitiation for our sins. *1 St. John ii. 1, 2.*

The Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

Assembly And with thy spirit.

Please offer one another a sign of God's Peace.

Please be seated for the announcements.

Announcements

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

Birthdays		Anniversaries
5-18	Katherine Seccombe	

The Offertory Sentence

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

The 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 at the back of the church, or use your phone to scan the QR code to donate online.



The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Please stand as you are able.

Presider	The Lord be with you.
Assembly	And with thy spirit.
Presider	Lift up your hearts.
Assembly	We lift them up unto the Lord.
Presider	Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Assembly	It is meet and right so to do.
Presider	It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.
	Through thy dearly beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who after his glorious resurrection manifestly appeared to his disciples; and in their sight ascended into heaven, to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory.
	Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying,
Assembly	Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts: Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please remain standing or kneel, as you are able.

PresiderAll glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven
and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy,
didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to
suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and

perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

Presider For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearlybeloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord;

By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

Assembly

The Lord's Prayer

Presider	And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Assembly	 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

A period of silence is kept.

The Prayer of Humble Access

Assembly We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

The Post Communion Prayer

Please stand as you are able.

Assembly Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Gloria

Assembly	Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men.
	We praise thee, we bless thee,
	we worship thee,
	we glorify thee,
	we give thanks to thee for thy great glory,
	O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.
	O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ;
	O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
	that takest away the sins of the world,
	have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Blessing

Assembly	Amen.
	Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.
	Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
	minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our
Presider	The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and

The Dismissal

- *Presider* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
- Assembly Thanks be to God.

The Postlude

This Week

Monday, May 13	AA Meeting (8:00 PM)
Tuesday, May 14	St. E's Book Group (12:00 PM)
Wednesday, May 15	Boy Scout Meeting (7:15 PM)
Thursday, May 16	Spoken Eucharist Rite II (7:30 AM)
	Soup Kitchen
	Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
Friday, May 17	Bible Study (11:00 AM)
Saturday, May 18	Family Worship & Potluck (4:30 PM)
	AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

Up Next

<u>Sunday, May 19</u>	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)
May 21	Vestry Meeting (7:00 PM)
May 23	Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)
	Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)
May 24	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.

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.

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 11-12. 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.

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday evening June 11** as St E's LGBTQ Team joins forces with the **Glencoe Public Library** for **a Pride month event focusing on Trans and Nonbinary questions and issues**. With our support, the library will feature our favorite facilitator Lizzy Appleby, Pride/Share Director of Youth Services of Glenview/Northbrook, to host a panel discussion in honor of Transgender Day of Visibility aka TDOV, whose official date fell on Easter Sunday. Lizzy has put together a Transgender and Non-binary panel to engage the community in open and deeper conversation around these timely and relevant issues. **The event will take place at 7:00 PM at the library.** We hope to see you there. More details to follow!

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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