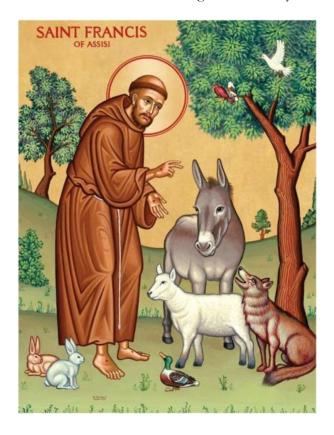


St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: Proper 21
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
Pet Blessing

October 1, 2023

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.

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Ordinary Time: Creation

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.

From Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Switch hearing aid to T-c

Entering in...

Everything Jesus did, he did by self-emptying. He emptied himself and descended into human form. And he emptied himself still further, "even unto death on the cross." In every

life circumstance, Jesus always responded with the same motion of self-emptying—or to put it another way, descent: taking the lower place, not the higher.

-Cynthia Bourgeault

St. Francis and the Franciscan movement continued this way of being.

Practice...

In what ways might your life be transformed by taking the lower place, not in some false humility, but a real handing over of your power to live in compassion with those in the lower places? What one lower step might you take this week?

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Opening Acclamation

Please stand as able.

Presider

Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

Assembly

Glory to God forever and ever.

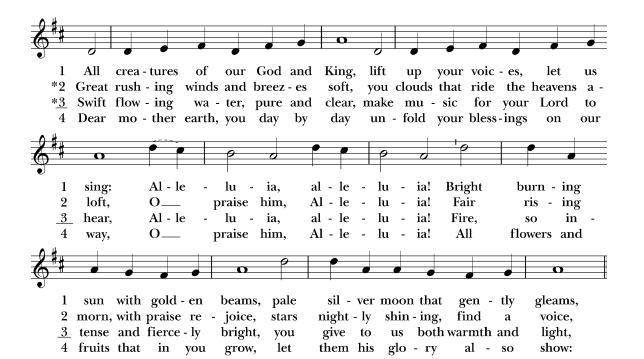
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Hymn 400 (Music on the next page)

"All creatures of our God and King"

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Verses 1-4



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Collect of the Day

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Presider God be with you.

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Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may, for love of you, delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the

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ia!

Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Assembly Amen.

Word of God

First Reading Job 39:1-18

A Reading from the Book of Job.

"Do you know when the mountain goats give birth? Do you observe the calving of the deer? Can you number the months that they fulfil, and do you know the time when they give birth, when they crouch to give birth to their offspring, and are delivered of their young? Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open; they go forth, and do not return to them.

"Who has let the wild ass go free? Who has loosed the bonds of the swift ass, to which I have given the steppe for its home, the salt land for its dwelling-place? It scorns the tumult of the city; it does not hear the shouts of the driver. It ranges the mountains as its pasture, and it searches after every green thing.

"Is the wild ox willing to serve you? Will it spend the night at your crib? Can you tie it in the furrow with ropes, or will it harrow the valleys after you? Will you depend on it because its strength is great, and will you hand over your labour to it? Do you have faith in it that it will return, and bring your grain to your threshing-floor?

"The ostrich's wings flap wildly, though its pinions lack plumage. For it leaves its eggs to the earth, and lets them be warmed on the ground, forgetting that a foot may crush them, and that a wild animal may trample them. It deals cruelly with its young, as if they were not its own; though its labour should be in vain, yet it has no fear; because God has made it forget wisdom, and given it no share in understanding. When it spreads its plumes aloft, it laughs at the horse and its rider."

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Psalm 121

Read responsively by whole verse, with the reader leading.

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; * from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the Lord, * the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved * and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel * shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The Lord himself watches over you; *

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the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, * nor the moon by night.

7 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; * it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, * from this time forth for evermore.

Second Reading

Galatians 6:14-18

A Reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

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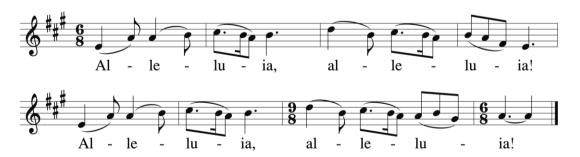
Gospel Acclamation

"Alleluia, alleluia"

Alleluia

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Please stand as able.



Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Larry Handwerk

A period of silence follows.

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Apostles' Creed

Assembly I believe in God, the Father almighty,

Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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.

Prayers of the People

A New Zealand Prayer Book, adapted

Intercessor Caring God, we thank you for the gifts in creation:

For our world,

Assembly The heavens tell of your glory;

Intercessor We pray for our land, its beauty and its resources,

Assembly For the rich heritage we enjoy.

Intercessor We pray for those who make decisions about the resources of the earth,

Assembly That we may use your gifts responsibly;

Intercessor We pray for those who work on the land and sea and in the air, in city, and in

industry,

Assembly That all may enjoy the fruits of their labors and marvel at your

creation;

Intercessor We pray for artists, scientists, and visionaries,

Assembly That through their work we may see creation afresh.

Intercessor We thank you for giving us life;

Assembly For all who enrich our experience.

Intercessor We pray for all who through their own or other's actions or for reasons we

do not understand are deprived of fullness of life, for prisoners, refugees, those with disabilities, and all who are sick, or suffering, especially:

Leslie Alter

Walter Tuohy, John Tuohy's brother

<u>Linda</u> Staubitz <u>Peter</u> Staubitz

are there others?...

Intercessor We pray for the agencies and ministries whom our congregation supports,

Interfaith Action Soup Kitchen, Family Promise, New Trier Township Food Pantry, and Orphans of the Storm. For those in politics, medical

science, social and relief work, and for your Church.

Assembly For all who seek to improve life for others.

Intercessor We pray for the Diocese of Chicago, and Paula our bishop. We thank you

for the Anglican Communion around the world;

Assembly May we work together across the globe.

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Intercessor We pray for all those who died this past week, and for all those who have

gone before us.

Assembly May we find inspiration in their lives.

Intercessor God, Creator, bring us new life.

Assembly Jesus, Redeemer, renew us.

Intercessor Holy Spirit, strengthen and guide us.

Concluding Collect

Presider God of peace, let us your people know that at the heart of turbulence

there is an inner calm that comes from faith in you. Keep us from being content with things as they are, that from this central peace there may come a creative compassion, a thirst for justice, and a willingness to give of

ourselves in the spirit of Christ.

Assembly Amen.

Confession and Absolution

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Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

The people may kneel.

Assembly

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our

Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the

Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Assembly Amen.

Blessing of the Animals

Intercessor On this day, God, we offer thanks for our pets, who are your daily

instruments of joy and comfort in our lives. As you demonstrate care for

us, move us also to demonstrate care for our pets and for all your

creatures, knowing that, in so doing, we are blessed to share in your love of

creation. We pray in the name of Jesus, in whose power we are made a

new creation.

Assembly Amen.

Intercessor O Lord, how manifold are your works.

Assembly You stretch out the heavens like a tent.

You set the earth on its foundations.

You make springs gush forth in the valleys

And give drink to every animal.

Intercessor You plant trees where birds may build their nests.

Assembly You cause the grass to grow for the cattle

And plants for people to use.

You open your hand and give all creatures

Their food in good season.

Intercessor Let us pray together a prayer attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.

Assembly Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy. Page 12 10:00 AM

O, God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

to be understood as to understand;

to be loved as to love;

for it is in giving that we receive;

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned;

and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

The Presider blesses the water.

Presider Bless this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit. May

our pet companions continue to provide us delight and a reminder that we are called to care for all of God's creatures and celebrate the

wonder of God's creation through Jesus Christ our Savior.

The Presider sprinkles each pet.

+Bless each of these beloved companions in the name of the Father,

and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Assembly Amen.

Presider God our Creator, we give thanks to you for making cats and dogs,

the birds and the fish, and all the animals which fill your world. May we think of you and thank you when we care for our pets. May we always celebrate the wonders of this world and may God use us as

instruments of blessing for all companions great and small.

Assembly Amen.

Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Please offer one another a sign of God's Peace while respecting others social distancing choices.

Welcome and Announcements

Birthdays 10-1 Carter Superfine 10-1 Susanne Arnell 10-3 Alex Landen 10-6 Adrienne Zimmerman

Those celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries are invited to come forward for a blessing.

Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries

Presider	God, thank you for the days of our lives: Look with joy, we pray, on N. and all celebrating birthdays as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Assembly	Amen.
Presider	God of our strength and joy, we thank you for the love we witness between two people because through their love for each other we get a glimpse of the love you have for each and every one of us. Through the power of your spirit may N.& N. live in fidelity and peace and obtain those eternal joys prepared for all who seek and love you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Assembly	Amen.

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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

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.

To make an online offering using your phone, look to the right on the menu bar of our home page at www.steglencoe.org for "Giving" or you can use this QR code as a shortcut.



Offertory Music

GTG 14

"For the beauty of the earth"

Dix

(Music on the next page)



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Doxology

Please stand as able.



Great Thanksgiving

Enriching Our Worship 1

All stand at the invitation of the Presider

Presider The Lord 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 We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life

abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your

love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing

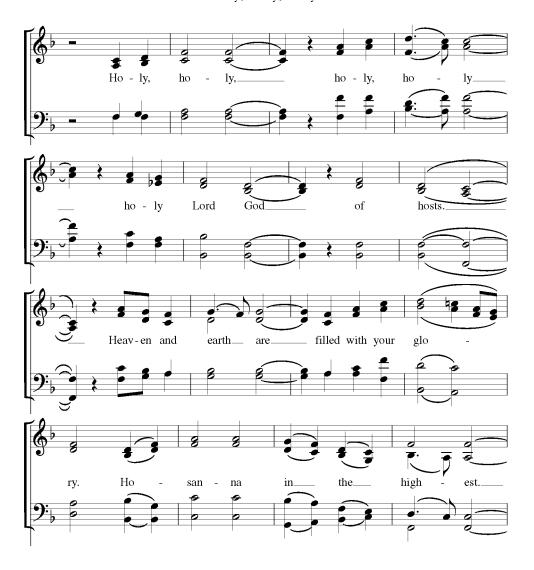
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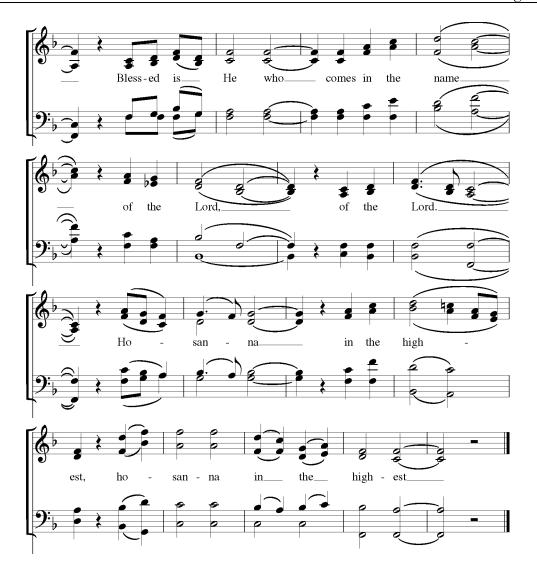
Sanctus

LEVAS 255

"Holy, Holy, Holy"

Traditional





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Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, 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. Again, he gave thanks to you, 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."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with Elisabeth and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. 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.

Lord's Prayer

Presider As Jesus taught his friends, as his friends we now pray,

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.

Breaking of the Bread

The Presider breaks the consecrated bread. A period of silence is kept.

Presider The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

Assembly We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

All are welcome to receive Communion or a blessing.

Communion will be in one kind only; the congregation will receive the host and not the cup.

Gluten-free host available upon request.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing instead of the sacrament, please cross your arms over your chest.

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Adapted from Saint Augustine's Prayer Book By The Rev. Mandy Brady

For congregation members not comfortable receiving communion in-person and for those participating online, we invite you at this time to pray this prayer for Spiritual Communion.

Jesus, in union with the faithful of every place and people and nation, I join in offering the sacrifice of my praise and thanksgiving to you. I believe that you are truly present in the Bread that has been blessed, broken and given. Since I cannot now receive this holy sacrament, I pray that you will come spiritually into my heart. Abide with me, that I may embrace you entirely, and submit myself to your love and mercy. Let me never be separated from you, that in my waking and in my sleeping I may know the comfort of your presence. I ask this for the sake of your love. Amen.

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Communion Music

Hymn 593 "Lord, make us servants of your peace" Dickinson College 1 Lord, make of where is us ser vants your peace: there Where all is doubt, may faith; where all is we sow _3_ Je - sus, our Lord, may we not seek to be con -May look love's but seek 4 we not for re turn, to Dy - ing, live, born through death's dark we and are re hate, where there may we sow love; is hurt, may we for gloom, where 2 may we hope; all is night, may sow we sow <u>3</u> soled, but to con sole, nor look to un der - stand - ing love un - self - ish ly, for in ing our giv we re night to end-less day: Lord, make us ser vants your strife, give; where there is make may we one. 2 light; where all is tears, sow joy. may we 3 hearts, but look hearts stand. for to un der 4 ceive, and in for giv ing are for given. 5 peace, to wake last inhea - ven's light. at

Post Communion Prayer

Common Worship

Please stand as able.

Presider

Let us pray.

Assembly

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Blessing

Common Worship

Presider

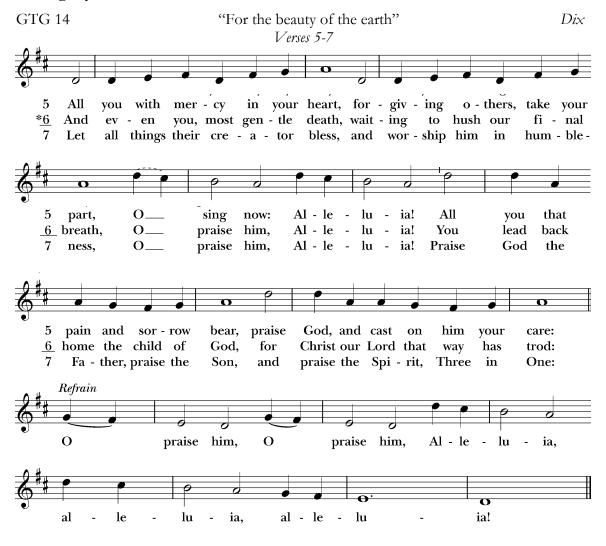
The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Assembly

Amen.

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Closing Hymn



Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: Congregations in the Waukegan Deanery: St. Ignatius of Antioch in Antioch; St. Mary in Crystal Lake; St. Gregory in Deerfield; St. Andrew in Grayslake; Annunciation of Our Lady in Gurnee; And for our Companion Dioceses in SE Mexico and Renk.

Assisting Today

First Reading Polly Baur

Second Reading Linda Illes

Prayers Peter Rossiter

Altar Guild Susan Chadd, Lauren Edelston, Carrie Miller-Mygatt

Usher John Tuohy

Coffee Hour Volunteer Needed

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This Week

Monday, October 2 Boy Scout Troop #28 (7:15 PM)

AA Meeting (8:00 PM)

Thursday, October 5 Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

Friday, October 6 Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Saturday, October 7 AA Meeting (5:00 PM)

Up Next

Sunday, October 8 Spoken Eucharist: Rite I (8:00 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (9:00 AM)

Choral Eucharist: Rite II (10:00 AM)

Forum: Architecture of the Church (11:30 AM)

October 10 St. E's Book Group (NOON)

Vestry Meeting (7:15 PM)

October 12 Spoken Eucharist: Rite II (7:30 AM)

Choir Rehearsal (7:30 PM)

October 13 Bible Study (11:00 AM)

Announcements

Sunday Forum: The Gospel in Stone and Glass Join Adam at coffee hour after the 10:00 AM service on Sunday, October 8 for a tour of the church and chapel exploring the theological and spiritual meaning present in our church's stained glass and architecture.

Join the Choir: Choir rehearsals begin on Thursday, October 5, at 7:30 PM! All are invited to join. Background or education in music is not required to participate. We will work together to learn our hymns and anthems, while building basic singing skills along the way! For more information, talk to Walter or any member of the choir.

Weekday Worship: Come join Adam before work or school for a short service of Holy Communion with a brief homily on the readings assigned for the day. We will have a weekly weekday morning celebration of the Spoken Eucharist Rite II at **7:30 AM every Thursday**.

Spirit Day October 22: Please join the LGBTQ team on Sunday October 22 for lunch and a workshop after the 10:00 AM service to recognize Spirit Day. Spirit Day was started in 2010 in response to a number of bullying-related LGBTQ suicides. Lizzy Appleby, LCSW from Youth Services, will facilitate the workshop and help us to reconceptualize bullying from an anti-oppression framework and to understand what we can do about bullying behavior and the silence and shame in which it thrives.

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study Our brand-new St. E's Bible Study group will meet weekly in person, **Fridays at 11:00 AM** in the Guild Room. We will be reading through entire books of the Bible beginning with Genesis and Exodus. For more information, contact Mark Tilton.

SAVE THE DATE: St. Elisabeth's Legacy Society Members This year's dinner will be Sunday night, **October 29** at Skokie Country Club at **5:30 PM** -- Invitations will go out in the mail. We have 24 members now and are looking forward to adding new members to our list. The dinner is a THANK YOU for members who have made gift donations or financial commitments in the present or in future to support the continued life of the church. Funds as collected are deposited in the Baehr Legacy Fund. For more information contact: The Rev. Adam Spencer or Anne Tuohy

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The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago

The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, Bishop

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Lizzy Arnell Carrie Miller-Mygatt Mark Tilton

Robert Fischer Susan Newcomb John Tuohy, asst. Treasurer

Sunday Schedule

8:00 AM Spoken Eucharist: Rite I

9:00 AM Choir Rehearsal

10:00 AM Choral Eucharist: Rite II

Office Hours

Tuesday by appointment, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 10:00 AM to 2:00 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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