



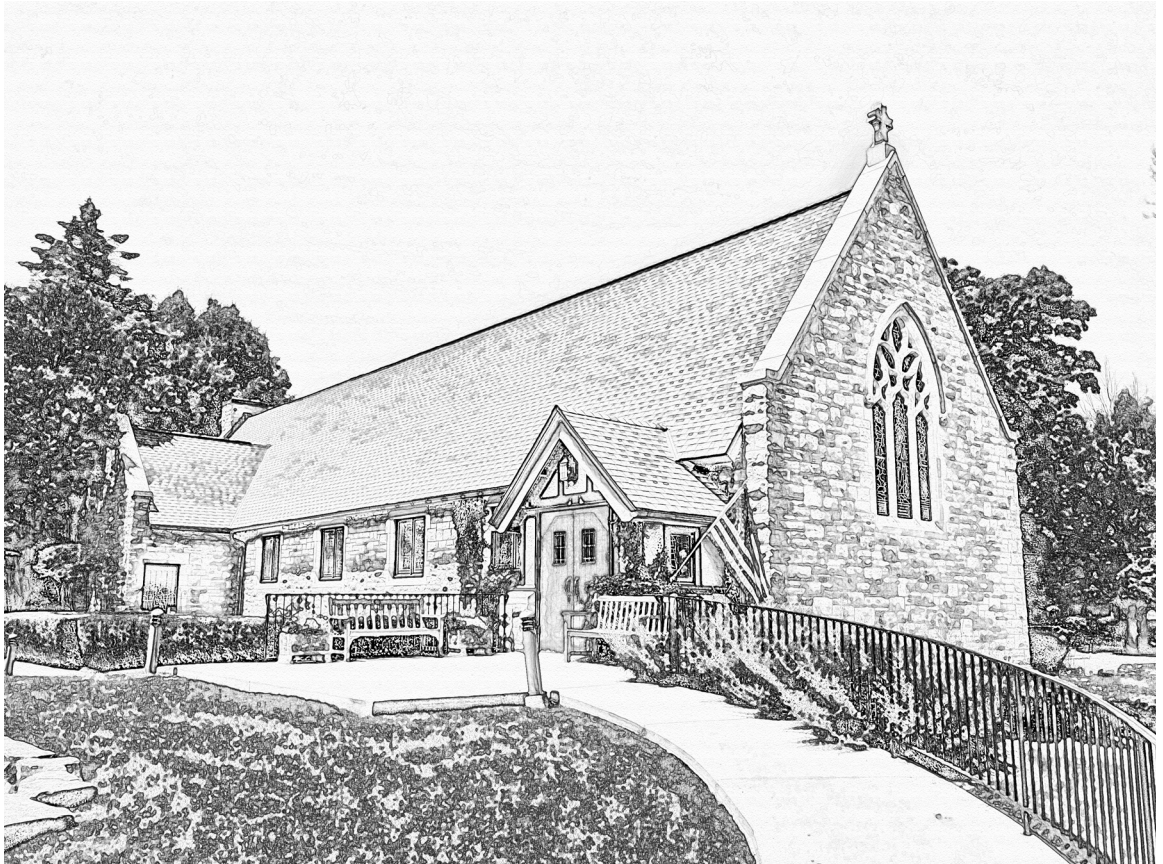
ST. ELISABETH'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Third Sunday of Easter

May 4, 2025

8:00 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.

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

Daily Prayer for All Seasons

Entering In

The story of St. Paul’s conversion on the road to Damascus reminds us that as Richard Rohr writes: “Conversion is not a moral achievement accomplished by good behavior. Conversion is a mystical, unitive knowing that usually comes to people who need it intensely, who realize that only holding one side of life’s equation — the glory or the agony — has gotten them nowhere. Holding everything together becomes enlightenment itself.”

Which side of life’s equation — the glory or the agony — are you most likely to hang on to? What do you need to do to reach over to the other side of the equation?

Morning Prayer

Prelude

Please stand, as you are able.

Opening Sentence

Officiant Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Assembly **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Confession of Sin

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

All **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.**

All **Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our
Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of
the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Officiant Lord, open our lips.

Assembly **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.

Assembly **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

All **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Jubilate

Officiant Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness: Come let us adore him.

Officiant Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; *
 serve the Lord with gladness
 and come before his presence with a song.

Assembly **Know this: The Lord himself is God; *
 he himself has made us, and we are his;
 we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.**

Officiant Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
 go into his courts with praise; *
 give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

Assembly **For the Lord is good;
 his mercy is everlasting; *
 and his faithfulness endures from age to age.**

Officiant Alleluia. To us a child is born: O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

The Psalm of the Day

Psalm 30

Read responsively by full verse.

I will exalt you, O Lord,
 because you have lifted me up *
 and have not let my enemies triumph over me.

**O Lord my God, I cried out to you, *
 and you restored me to health.**

You brought me up, O Lord, from the dead; *
 you restored my life as I was going down to the grave.

**Sing to the Lord, you servants of his; *
 give thanks for the remembrance of his holiness.**

For his wrath endures but the twinkling of an eye, *
 his favor for a lifetime.

**Weeping may spend the night, *
but joy comes in the morning.**

While I felt secure, I said,
"I shall never be disturbed. *
You, Lord, with your favor, made me as strong as the mountains."

**Then you hid your face, *
and I was filled with fear.**

I cried to you, O Lord; *
I pleaded with the Lord, saying,

**"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down to the Pit? *
will the dust praise you or declare your faithfulness?**

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon me; *
O Lord, be my helper."

**You have turned my wailing into dancing; *
you have put off my sack-cloth and clothed me with joy.**

Therefore my heart sings to you without ceasing; *
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Lessons

The First Reading

Acts 9:1-20

Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus, and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

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

The Canticle

Canticle 9 – The First Song of Isaiah

**Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Reading

Revelation 5:11-14

I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

Assembly **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle

Canticle 16 – The Song of Zechariah

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; *

he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty savior, *

born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old,

that he would save us from our enemies, *

from the hands of all who hate us.

He promised to show mercy to our fathers *

and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, *

to set us free from the hands of our enemies,

Free to worship him without fear, *

holy and righteous in his sight

all the days of our life.

Sermon

Mark Tilton

A period of silence follows the reflection, begun and ended with a chime. Please stand as you are able for the creed and prayers.

The Apostles Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Blessings for Birthday, Anniversaries, and Travelers

Susan Chadd – May 5 Barbara Miller – May 8 Anne Tuohy – May 9
Rod & Andrienne Zimmerman – May 9

The Prayers

The People stand or kneel.

Officiant The Lord be with you.

Assembly **And with thy spirit.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

Assembly **Christ, have mercy.**

Officiant Lord, have mercy.

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.**

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Assembly*

**O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage;
Govern them and lift them up for ever.**

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**Day by day we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name ever, world without end.**

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**Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin;
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

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**O Lord, let thy mercy be upon us;
As our trust is in thee.**

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**O Lord, in thee have I trusted;
Let me never be confounded.**

The Collect of the Day

Officiant

O God, whose blessed Son did manifest himself to his disciples in the breaking of bread: Open, we pray thee, the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

A Collect for the Renewal of Life

Officiant O God, the King eternal, who dividest the day from the night and turnest the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep thy law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done thy will with cheerfulness while it was day, we may, when the night cometh, rejoice to give thee thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Guidance

Officiant O heavenly Father, in whom we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray thee so to guide and govern us by thy Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget thee, but may remember that we are ever walking in thy sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory Sentence

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

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The Prayers of the People

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Intervessor 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 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 Donald, 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:

Susan Chadd

Sally Graver

Annette Johnston

The Rev. Larry Handwerk

Ben Whipple, son of Larry & Susan Whipple

Kris McKinnon, sister of Kay Rossiter

David & Jane Barry, Lydia Kutko's parents

Margaret Barry, Lydia Kutko's sister

Claire Choiniere, friend of Robert Fischer

Connelly Davis, son of Kara Superfine's friend.

Father Alonzo Pruitt, friend of Adam Spencer

Howard Prossnitz, a friend of John Tuohy.

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.

Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

All

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

The Grace

Officiant

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Officiant

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Monday, May 5

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in the Guild Room

Tuesday, May 6

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, May 8

1:30 p.m. – Bible Study

3:00 p.m. – Interfaith Soup Kitchen

Saturday, May 10

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting in the Guild Room

Sunday, March 11

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist (Rite I)

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist (Rite II)

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship, Forum and Children's Sunday School

Coming Up at St. Elisabeth's

Sunday Supper and Family Worship

Our next Sunday evening worship service and potluck supper is on **May 18**. We welcome everyone. If you have a family with young, active children, we are grateful for young and active kids. If you want to bring a friend, bring a friend. If you want to come by yourself, just come on in. Please bring a dish to share--whether it's a salad, a side dish, a main course or dessert. We will provide tableware and non-alcoholic drinks. (If you want to bring some wine to share, that's fine with us.) The doors open at 4:00 and the worship service starts at 4:30. The meal commences immediately after the prayer service. If you have questions, please contact Fred Johnston at 847-964 -0140 or frederickjohnston@gmail.com

Living in Community

Volunteers Needed for Parish Life and Fundraising Teams

It's time to start planning the St. Elisabeth's social calendar for the year ahead and the vestry would love for more member involvement in planning for such events. If you'd be interested in helping out, please contact Carrie Miller-Mygatt.

St. Elisabeth's Choir

All are invited to join the St. Elisabeth's Choir – no experience, background, or skill is required. Rehearsals are on **Thursday evenings at 7:30 p.m.** in the Choir Room. If you have any questions, you can reach Walter at music@steglencoe.org or catch him after a Sunday service. Hope to see you there!

St. Elisabeth's Bible Study

The St. E's Bible Study group meets weekly on **Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. on the second floor.** We are studying the book of Daniel. For more information, contact Larry Whipple.

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, 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 the office at 847-835-0458. You can also email Adam at rector@steglencoe.org.

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2024 Vestry

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Fred Johnston	Peter Rossiter, <i>Warden</i>	John Tuohy, <i>Asst. Treasurer</i>

Sunday Schedule



8:00 a.m.	Spoken Eucharist: Rite I
9:00 a.m.	Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist: Rite II
11:00 a.m.	Coffee Hour, Forum, and Sunday School

Office Hours

Tuesday - Thursday – 9:00 am to 2:30 pm

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