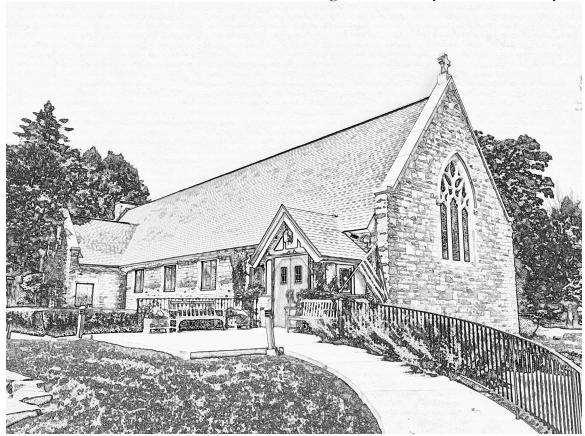


St. Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

May 11, 2025

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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Today at St. Elisabeth's

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist

9:00 a.m. - Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. – Sung Eucharist

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship

11:00 a.m. – Sunday Forum

11:00 a.m. – Children's Sunday School

Sunday Forum

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

Children's Sunday School

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

Assisting Today

First Reading Polly Baur Second Reading John Tuohy

Prayers Hall Healy

Altar Guild Lauren Ede

Lauren Edelston Carrie Miller-Mygatt

Usher Phil Miller

Coffee Hour

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.

Entering in...

God so loves us – and the world – that God comes looking for us, like the shepherd who leaves ninety-nine sheep to go find the one who has gone astray. This is grace: God's gift of God's self to us. It has nothing to do with our efforts, nothing to do with pumping iron or spiritual gymnastics. God longs to restore us to relationship with God, but that is only the beginning. – *Br. Geoffrey Tristram, SSIE*

Do you know someone who is constantly striving to be loveable? What might you do or say to them to get them to understand that they are already loved by God? by you?

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The Holy Eucharist – Rite II The Word of God

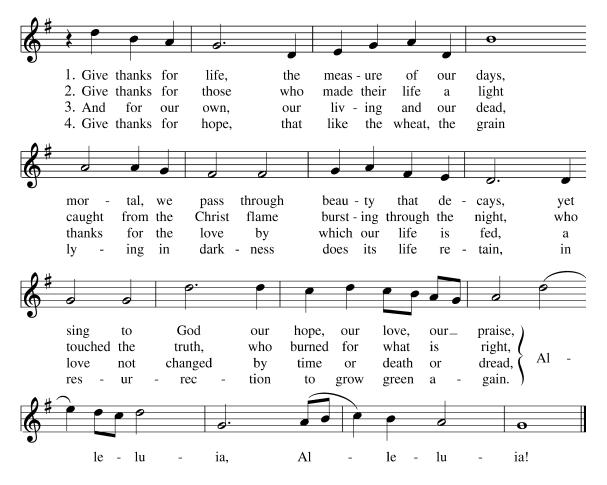
The Prelude

Please stand as you are able.

The Opening Hymn

"Give thanks for life"

Wonder, Love, and Praise #775, Text: Shirley Erena Murray, Music: Sine nomine



The Opening Acclamation

Presider Alleluia. Christ is risen.

Assembly The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Presider Let us pray.

Assembly Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

Assembly And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

God of comfort and compassion, through Jesus, your Son, you lead us to the water of life and table of your bounty. May we who

have received the tender love of our Good Shepherd be

strengthened by your grace to care for your flock.

Assembly Amen.

The people may be seated.

The Lessons

The First Reading

Acts 9:36-43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

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Reader

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

Assembly

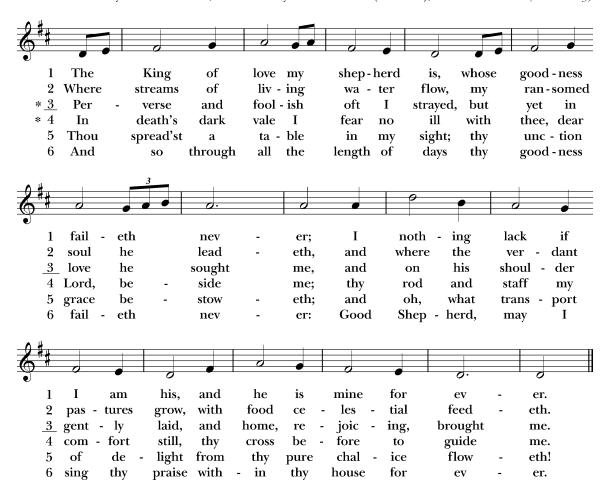
Thanks be to God.

Please stands as you are able.

The Psalm

"The King of Love my Shepherd is"

The Hymnal 1982 # 645, Words: Henry Williams Baker (Psalm 23), Music: St Columba (Irish Melody)



The Second Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from the Book of Revelation of John.

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

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

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

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

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; Page 10 10:00 AM

for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,

and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

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

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.



"Alleluia, alleluia"

Text: Jean Tisserand, Tune: O Filii et Filiae (French, 15th Century)







- 1 Christ our king: to-day the grave has lost_ its sting! Al-le-lu-ia!
- 2 near the tomb, a stran-ger spoke, she knew not whom. Al-le-lu-ia!
- 3 you_would claim?" and then, at last,_ he spoke her name. Al-le-lu-ia!

The Gospel John 10:22-30

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Assembly Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

Assembly Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Adam Spencer

A period of silence follows the Sermon, beginning and ending with a chime.

Please stand as you are able.

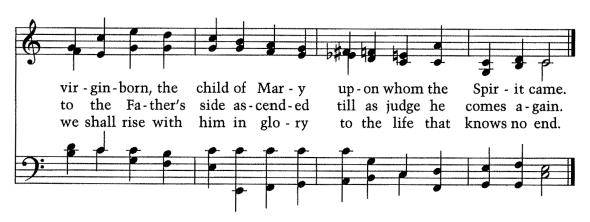
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The Creed

"We believe in God the Father"

Moravian Book of Worship #669, Text: Apostles Creed (Paraphrased), Tune: Lux Eoi





The Prayers of the People

Times and Seasons, adapted

Intercessor In joy and hope let us pray to the God of Life.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

Assembly Hear our prayer.

Intercessor That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in

the good news of Easter, we pray to the Lord.

Assembly Hear our prayer.

Intercessor That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in

Christian love, we pray to the Lord.

Assembly Hear our prayer.

Intercessor That God may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter,

we pray to the Lord.

Assembly Hear our prayer.

Intercessor That by God's power war and famine may cease through all the

world, we pray to the Lord.

Assembly Hear our prayer.

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Intercessor

That God may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them, praying especially for

Susan Chadd

Sally Graver

Annette Johnston

The Rev. <u>Larry</u> Handwerk

Ben Whipple, son of Larry & Susan Whipple

Kris McKinnon, sister of Kay Rossiter

<u>David & Jane</u> Barry, Lydia Kutko's parents

Margaret Barry, Lydia Kutko's sister

Clarie 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.

we pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

That, according to God's promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor

That God may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon us, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, we pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Hear our prayer.

Presider

O God, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.

Assembly

Amen.

The Confession and Absolution

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Presider In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Presider Let us confess our sins.

All Merciful God,

we have sinned

in what we have thought and said,

in the wrong we have done

and in the good we have not done.

We have sinned in ignorance:

we have sinned in weakness:

we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry.

We repent and turn to you.

Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,

and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Presider God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that

you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all

goodness and keep you in life eternal.

Assembly Amen.

The Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

Assembly And also with you.

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

Welcome and Announcements

Blessings for Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Travelers

Duke Baur - May 11

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

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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

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



Please stand as you are able.

Offertory Hymn

"Day by Day"





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Doxology

Text: John H Danner, Music: Old 100th





Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the very heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us in your image and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

Assembly

God's love is shown to us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Presider

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. In him, you make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

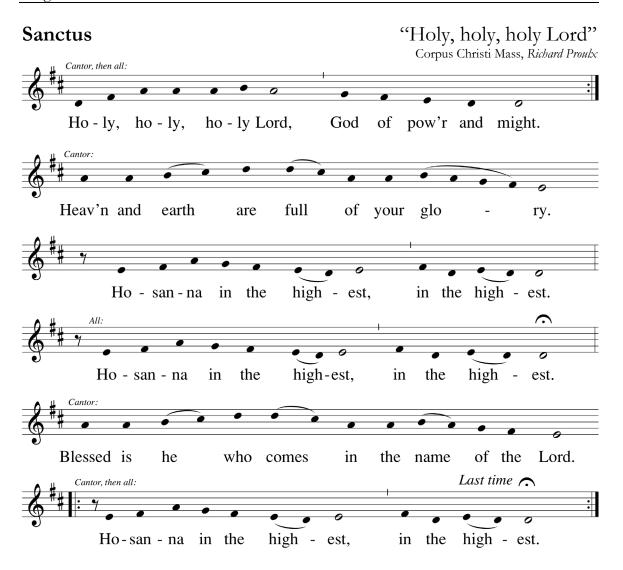
Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Assembly

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Presider

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and sing: Page 20 10:00 AM



Presider

All glory to you, Giver of life for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

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> After supper he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you, and for many, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and alive in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Come Lord Jesus. Assembly

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our Presider access to you, O God, and source of all new and abundant life. In Christ we offer ourselves to you to do your will.

> Empower our worship with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, summon us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share these gifts of love.

Assembly Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God, forever and ever. Amen.

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The Lord's Prayer

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

All Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy Name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

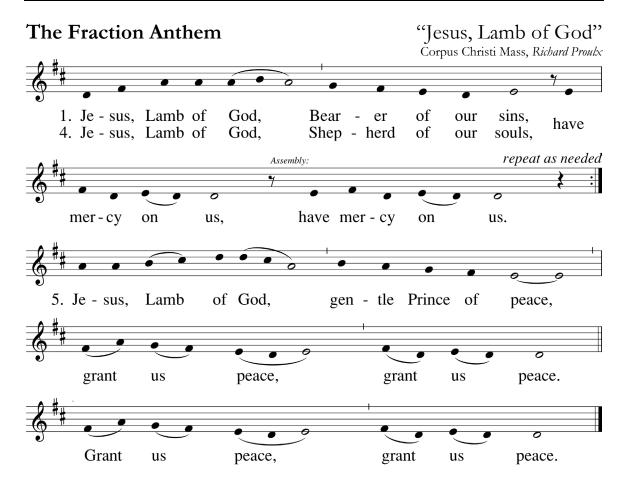
For thine is the kingdom,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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



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, please cross your arms over your chest.

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Communion Hymn

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

The Hymnal 1982 #664, Text: Isaac Watts, Music: Resignation, American Folk Songs



Please stand as you are able.

Post Communion Prayer

A New Zealand Prayer Book

Presider Most loving God, creator and redeemer, we give you thanks for

this foretaste of your glory.

All Through Christ, and with all your saints, we offer ourselves

and our lives to your service. Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in your world. We ask this through Jesus Christ the servant, our friend and brother.

Amen.

The Blessing

The Book of Occasional Services

Presider May Almighty God, who has redeemed us and made us his

children through the resurrection of his Son our Lord, bestow

upon you the riches of his blessing.

Assembly Amen.

Presider May God, who through the water of baptism has raised us from

sin into newness of life, make you holy and worthy to be united

with Christ for ever.

Assembly Amen.

Presider May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and

lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal

inheritance.

Assembly Amen.

Presider And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the

Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever.

Assembly Amen.

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"Savior, like a shepherd lead us" **Closing Hymn** The Hymnal 1982 #708, Text: Hymns for the Young, Music: Sicilian Mariners shep-herd lead 1 Sa - vior, like us; much we need thy a 2 Ear - ly let us seek thy fa vor, ear - ly let us ten - der care; inthy plea pas - tures feed us; sant thou, Lord, learn thy will; doour on - ly Sa vior, pre - pare. for our use thy folds **Bless** edJe - sus! with thy love bos - oms edJe - sus! our fill. **Bless** Je - sus! Bless - ed Thou hast bought thine we are. us, Bless -Thou edJe - sus! loved love us still. hast us:

Dismissal

Presider Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Assembly Thanks be to God.

Postlude

This Week at St. Elisabeth's

Monday, May 12

8:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Tuesday, May 13

7:00 p.m. – Vestry Meeting

Thursday, May 15

1:30 p.m. – Bible Study

Saturday, May 17

5:00 p.m. – AA Meeting

Sunday, May 18

8:00 a.m. – Spoken Eucharist

9:00 a.m. – Choir Rehearsal

10:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist

11:00 a.m. – Fellowship & Forum

11:00 a.m. -- Children's Sunday School

4:30 p.m. – Sunday Supper &

Family Worship

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 frederickpjohnston@gmail.com

Sunday Forum: Worship in the Summertime

Adam and Walter invite you to join them after the 10 am service on Sunday, May 25, for the next in a seasonal forum series on our worship together. They will share a bit about the changes to the liturgy and some of the musical selections upcoming in the Summer and will reflect with you about our common prayer.

Clean-Up Day, Part 2

St. Elisabeth's is organizing another cleanup day on **Sunday, June 1**, following the 10 am service. Please come dressed to work, and lunch will be provided.

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The Episcopal Diocese of Chicago The Rt. Rev. Paula Clark, *Bishop*

Saint Elisabeth's Episcopal Church

Clergy & Staff

The Rev. Adam Spencer Rector

The Rev. Larry Handwerk Priest Associate

Walter Aldrich Director of Music

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Elizabeth Clemmitt Associate for Spiritual Wellness

2025 Vestry

Robert Fischer, Warden

Fred Johnston

Jamie Kim

Carrie Miller-Mygatt

Warden

Kara Superfine

Mark Tilton, Treasurer

John Tuohy, Asst. Treasurer

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 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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