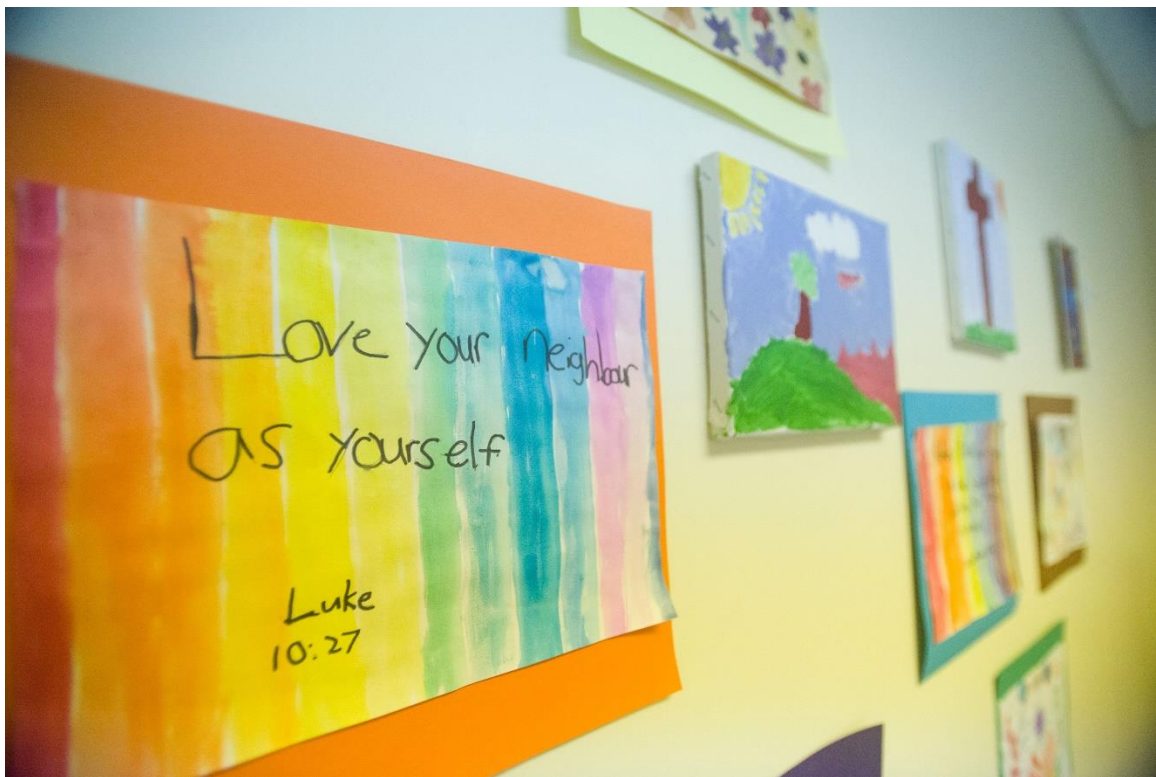


St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church



Sunday, July 17, 2022

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 11

Morning Prayer, Rite II

8 A.M. | The Chapel

10 A.M. | The Nave

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WELCOME

Thank you for choosing to worship at St. E's today!

St. Elizabeth's welcomes and affirms all of God's children. If the church can be of support to you, or if you are new and have questions about who we are, or about our worship style, please let us know.

How We Worship: Worship in the Anglican tradition invites us to engage our bodies, our minds, and our spirits. Sometimes we kneel or stand, other times we bow. It is often said in the Episcopal Church, "all may, some should, none must." At St. Elizabeth's, we follow the Christian year, which has for centuries been a way to seasonally organize our year around the life of Christ. The church year begins with Advent, a season of twenty-six days, as we await Jesus's birth at Christmas. After Christmas, we move into the season of Epiphany, where we celebrate Christ revealing himself to the world. After Epiphany, we move into Lent, where for forty days, we prepare for Christ's death which begins during Holy Week. Holy Week ends on Easter, when we celebrate Jesus's resurrection and power over death. After the fifty days of Easter, we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost, who sustains us in our life with Christ. This is God sending us their divine presence that we might not ever be alone. Living into this Spirit is living into the life of Jesus. Pentecost is our longest season, and it continues until Advent. The first Sunday after the Feast of Pentecost is Trinity Sunday. All of these seasons are represented by various colors donned in our worship space, and in the clergy's stoles. At the start of every new church year, our scriptural cycle begins, as we follow a three-year cycle called the Common Lectionary. Following this schedule enables us to get through most parts of the bible.



New here? St. Elizabeth's is an Episcopal Church, part of the worldwide Anglican Communion. We practice worship in an ancient and biblical way through common written prayer, fellowship, and liturgy. In a sense, this enables worship to be something that we all participate in. This way of worship also helps when our own words fail us; it enables us to feast regularly on the words of God; and it continually calls us back to the grace bestowed upon us, and all people, through the love of Jesus Christ. If you are new to St. Elizabeth's, we would love to hear from you. Please fill out a new visitor card (available from an usher or by the main door) or scan the QR code for an online form. We are so glad you joined us today!

COVID GUIDELINES

Facemasks are not required; *however, they are recommended for singing. Seating is open;* two pews (rear of the left side) are reserved for socially distanced seating. Please **only** sit in those pews **if** you seek socially distanced seating. **Communion around the Altar:** When you come forward, please find a place around the altar to stand or kneel, and Communion will come to you. We ask that you continue to **sanitize your hands before and after receiving Communion** with the sanitizer found in your pew. In lieu of the common cup, individual cups from a common tray will be offered to all those who come forward for Communion. Individual cups should be deposited in the baskets provided as you return to your seat. **TAKING RESPONSIBILITY:** By attending this service, I declare that...

- I understand that there may be people here who are unvaccinated; have tested positive for Covid-19; may test positive for Covid-19 or have recently traveled to higher risk places.
- By attending this service, I/we release St. Elizabeth's from any liability. **Thank you for understanding!**

Morning Prayer: Rite II

Prelude, *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*, by C. Callahan J. Carlson, organ, 10 A.M.

At the sound of the bell, the leader walks to the front to welcome the people and begin the service.

Leader Good morning, and welcome to St. Elizabeth's.

If you are new or visiting, welcome. We would love to get to know you. Please complete the visitor's card in the pew in front of you and give it to me, or an usher, or you may complete the card through the QR code at the front of your bulletin. As we worship today, the congregation is invited to respond where it is bolded. Thank you for being here today. Please stand as you are able.

The Opening Sentence *Psalm 122:1, The Book of Common Prayer, 78*

Leader I was glad when they said to me,

People "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

The Confession of Sin *The Book of Common Prayer, 79*

Leader Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God, to set forth God's praise, to hear God's holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship God, let us kneel or stand in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by God's infinite goodness and mercy.

Silence may be kept. Leader and People together, all kneeling

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.

Leader 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.**

Opening Hymn, I sing a song of the saints of God The Hymnal 1982, 293, 10 A.M.

Leader Please stand as you are able, to sing the hymn of praise.

The Invitatory and Psalter The Book of Common Prayer, 80-82

All standing, the leader begins

Leader Lord, open our lips.

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

**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. Alleluia!**

Leader The mercy of God is everlasting:

People **Come let us adore him.**

Leader Come, let us sing to the Lord;

People **let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.**

Leader Let us come go before God's presence with thanksgiving

People **and raise a loud shout to God with psalms.**

Leader For the Lord is a great God,

People **and a great King above all gods.**

Leader In God's hand are the caverns of the earth,

People **and the heights of the hills are God's also.**

Leader The sea is God's, for God made it,

People **and God's hands have molded the dry land.**

Leader Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,

People **and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Leader For she is our God,

People **and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of her hand.**

Leader Oh, that today you would hearken to God's voice!

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. Alleluia!**

Leader Please be seated for the readings.

Lector A reading from Paul's letter to the church in Colossae.

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

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

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalter, Psalm 15

Eric Kimble, 8 A.M., Karen Cutting, 10 A.M.

Lector The portion of the psalter appointed for today is Psalm 15.
Please respond where it is bolded.

LORD, who may dwell in your
tabernacle? **Who may abide upon your
holy hill?**

Whoever leads a blameless life and does
what is right, **who speaks the truth
from their heart.**

There is no guile upon their tongue;
they do no evil to their friends; **they do
not heap contempt upon their neigh-
bor.**

In God’s sight the wicked are rejected,
**but God honors those who fear
the LORD.**

God has sworn to do no wrong
and does not take back their word.

God does not give money in hope of
gain, **nor does God take a bribe against
the innocent.**

Whoever does these things, **shall never
be overthrown.**

The Sequence Hymn, Seek ye first

The Hymnal 1982, 711, v 1, 10 A.M.

Please stand as you are able, and remain standing throughout the second half of the Sequence Hymn.

The Holy Gospel, Luke 10:38-42

Eric Kimble, 8 A.M., Deacon Rev. Annette Molnar, 10 A.M.

In the Episcopal Church, clergy are called to proclaim the gospel in the Eucharist. In fact, proclaiming the gospel from the center of the aisle is one of the duties of deacons. If there are no deacons, priests can substitute. In non-Eucharistic services where there doesn’t need to be a priest (like Morning Prayer or any of the services from the Daily Office) lay people (non-ordained people) can read the gospel from the lectern, but cannot proclaim it from either center aisle or the lectern. This Sunday, the 8AM will have the gospel “read,” while the 10AM will have the gospel “proclaimed.”

8 A.M.	Lector	A reading from Luke. <i>(the congregation then remains silent)</i>
10 A.M.	Deacon	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
10 A.M.	People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying.

But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

8 A.M. *Lector* The word of the Lord.

8 A.M. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

10 A.M. *Deacon* The good news, the gospel of Christ.

10 A.M. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sequence Hymn, *Seek ye first*

The Hymnal 1982, 711, v 2, 10 A.M.

The Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles' Creed*, The Book of Common Prayer, 96

Leader Standing as you are able,
let us affirm our faith through the words of the Apostles' Creed.

All 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.

The Prayers

The Lord's Prayer, The Book of Common Prayer, 97

Leader The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Leader Kneeling or standing as you are able, let us pray. *Silence.*
Our Father,
People 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 Suffrages, set A, The Book of Common prayer, 97-98

Leader Show us your mercy, O God.
People **And grant us your salvation.**
Leader Clothe your ministers in righteousness.
People **Let your people sing with joy.**
Leader Give peace, O God, in all the world.
People **For only in you can we live in safety.**
Leader Lord, keep this nation under your care;
People **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
Leader Let your way be known upon earth;
People **Your saving health among all nations.**
Leader Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
People **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
Leader Create in us clean hearts, O God;
People **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**
Leader We pray for those on our hearts this morning. *Silence.*
As well as we pray for those on our parish prayer list, including: *Annette, Art, Betty, Carolyn, Catherine, Cheryl, Connie, Dave, Derek, Ellie, Laura, Liz, Mandy, Marion, Mary, Max, Robert, Sara, and Zachary.* We pray for the pandemic of racism in this country—that those who perpetuate it would change their ways—and we pray for those who are the victims of such injustice.

We pray for Ukraine, and for people affected by war, everywhere. We pray for those affected by gun violence, everywhere. We pray for those suffering with Covid-19. We pray also for those among us who left yesterday to participate in the Appalachian Service Project in Greenbrier, WV. We pray for their safety, and that through this trip their hearts grow in love and compassion for the world.

A Collect for Guidance, The Book of Common Prayer, 100

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

The Gathering Hymn, *Be not afraid*

Wonder, Love & Praise, 811, 10 A.M.

The General Thanksgiving

The Book of Common Prayer, 101

Leader Almighty God, Father of all mercies,

All 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 ourselves 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.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom, The Book of Common Prayer, 102

Leader Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Leader Let us bless the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

The Closing Hymn, *Be thou my vision*

The Hymnal 1982, 488, 10 A.M.



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The Announcements

Inês Stafford

The Dismissal, *Romans 15:13*

The Book of Common Prayer, 102

Leader May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

The Postlude, *Earth and All Stars*, by D. Johnson, setting by P. Manz Judy Carlson, organ

The service has ended, and the congregation may depart in peace.

Covid Respite Period
St. Elizabeth's will be Closed
Friday, July 22 - Saturday, August 6

The Vestry has heeded diocesan guidance to give a *two-week* Covid Respite to clergy, staff, and parish ministries. This means that our Parish Office will be closed, our clergy & staff will be off, and all parish ministries will go on break.

What if there is a pastoral or campus emergency?
Please contact: wardens@st-elizabets.org

St. Elizabeth's will only be open for a lay-led service of Morning Prayer, on Sundays, July 24 & 31, at 10AM
Two lay-leaders will be there to welcome you!
There will be no livestream, music, sermon, communion, or Coffee Hour.

We will return to our regular schedule on Sun., Aug. 7.
Questions? Contact Susan Dewey,
the Warden handling the Covid Respite period.

The Announcements

Thank you for supporting the CARE Pantry!

The items we are most in need of:

Unscented Body Wash,
Conditioner, Facial Cleanser, Body Moisturizer, Face Moisturizer,
Dental Floss, Dishwashing Liquid,
Disinfecting Wipes, Trash Bags, Windex, Paper Towels,
Sunscreen, Insect Repellent

Scan the QR code to open our Amazon Wish List!



PASTORAL CARE

If you are in need of pastoral care or support,
please reach out to Andrew+ directly.

*There are various kinds of pastoral care and support available.
Food. Conversation. Prayer. Healing ministry, and more.
To explore what might be helpful, please contact Andrew+.*


We are here to help.

We just need to know how and when we can!

Faithfully,
Andrew+



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DO YOU HAVE A PRAYER REQUEST?

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WEDNESDAYS IN JULY

JULY 20

6:00-7:30PM in Parish Hall
SUPPER - COMMUNION - FELLOWSHIP

Reengaging old friends and meeting new ones!

All are welcome!
No need to bring anything!

Questions? Contact Georgie Johnson & Nancy Morgan



St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church

Parish Leadership

The Rev. Andrew Switter-Bentley, *Rector*, andrew@st-elizabeths.org
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Carol Davies, Mary Grace Hennessy, Steve Kirkby, Inês Stafford, *Vestry at Large*
Jon Doane, *Chair of Buildings & Grounds*, Ed Kenealy, *Chair of Memorial Churchyard*
Kurt Graham, *Treasurer*, Cheryl Franke, *Assistant Treasurer*

Today's Service Participants

8AM

Leader, Eric Kimble
Altar Guild, Sara Kilkenny & Clare Perry

10AM

Leader, Steven Davies
Lector, Karen Cutting
Gospeler, The Rev. Deacon Annette Molnar
Vestry Person of the Week (VPOW), Inês Stafford
Ushers, Inês Stafford
Altar Guild, Sara Kilkenny & Clare Perry
Musician, Judy Carlson

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