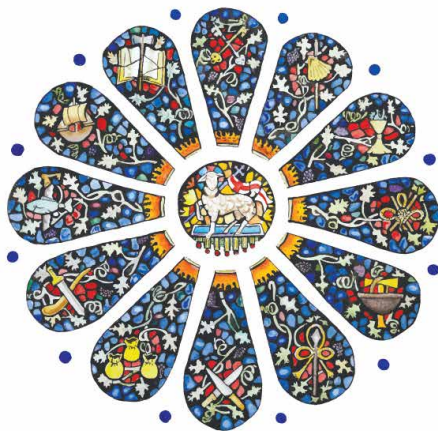


NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, JULY 26, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF JULY 26 - JULY 31

Sunday

10:00 am Children's Chapel (Chapel)
10:00 am Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)
11:15 am Super Soaker Sunday & Lemonade / Iced Tea Hour (Parish Hall)

Monday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Tuesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
10:00 am Summer Storytime (Parish Hall)
5:30 pm Food for the Spirit (Parish Hall)

Wednesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
7:00 pm Evening Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

Thursday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
10:00 am Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
6:00 pm Family Dinner (Parish Hall)

Morning Prayer is on Zoom only, Monday through Friday at 8:30am

Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at jim.alimena@gmail.com

**Morning Prayer Zoom - Meeting ID: 858 4728 7483 Password: Morning*

WELCOME

Cooling Station and Water

If the church is too hot for your comfort, you may sit in the Chapel where there is air conditioning and watch the live-streamed service on the large, wall TV. Water is available in the hallway between the Narthex and the Chapel and by the bathrooms and elevator.

Baptism

The upcoming baptism dates are August 23, September 13, October 11, November 1, and November 22. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Melina for more information.

Families with Young Children Welcome!

Quiet activity "pew bags" and Children's Worship materials are available outside the Narthex. A staffed nursery for infants-5 years is open upstairs (2nd floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms.

Summer Parish Office Hours

Summer office hours are 9am - 2pm Monday - Friday. Either Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those times.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TODAY Summer Children's Chapel and

Super Soaker Sunday

Sunday, July 26 at 10am

Summer Storytime

Tuesday, July 28 at 10am

(Parish Hall)

Join us for a fun-filled Storytime designed especially for children ages 8 and under!

Bring your little ones for a morning of imagination, friendship, and faith in a welcoming and joyful environment. Each session includes an engaging story, a creative craft, and a tasty snack as we learn, create, and grow together. All children are welcome - bring a friend!

Food for the Spirit

Tuesday, July 28 at 5:30pm

Mezze

(Parish Hall)

Once a month this summer, gather with us for food, fellowship, and conversation as we explore the things that truly nourish us. As we create a different themed board each month, we'll reflect on what feeds our minds, bodies, and spirits; how to let go of the things that drain us, and how to cultivate the things that bring life and joy. We will also explore and try different spiritual practices together as part of our time.

Final Friday Family Dinner & Games

Friday, July 31 at 6pm

(Parish Hall)

Bring the whole family and join us for an evening of food, fun, and fellowship! Enjoy a delicious casual dinner, connect with friends old and new, and challenge each other with games for all ages. RSVP to bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org.

Blessing Shelf

School's out, hunger isn't. Let's fill the shelves this summer! No child should spend summer hungry. Help us to fill empty plates and full hearts! Donate tuna, pasta, dry goods, snack items, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry detergent, cleaning supplies, and canned goods.

Every donation makes a difference no matter how big or small. The collection period is from June 10-August 1. Contact

Emily Olkowski at olkowskiemily@hotmail.com with any questions.

Rev. Melina's Final Sunday

Sunday, August 30

To give thanks to Rev. Melina's ministry, you can contribute to a purse that we will give to her. You can give your gifts securely using the QR code or mail or drop off a check in the parish office with "Melina's purse" in the memo.



Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 3

Save the date!

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Petite Suite*
I- En Bateau

Claude Debussy
(1862-1918)

*The Prelude is the first act of worship and sets the tone for all that follows in the service.
You are invited to pause from the busyness of life and connect with God during this
sacred time.*

OPENING HYMN 680 “O God, our help in ages past”

Verses 1, 4-6

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

BCP 355

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

BCP 355

GLORIA, Hymnal S-280

THE COLLECT

BCP 231

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.”

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 660 “O Master, let me walk with thee”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Response before the Gospel: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

“Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

Response after the Gospel: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

HYMN 660 “O Master, let me walk with thee”

Verses 3-4

THE HOMILY

Rev. Melina Dezhbod

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THE NICENE CREED	BCP 358
THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI	BCP 392
THE ABSOLUTION	BCP 360
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THE HOLY COMMUNION



An offering is taken at this time. You may place your offering in the plate as it is passed or use the QR code to donate securely online.

THE OFFERTORY	<i>Messiah</i>	<i>George Frideric Handel</i>
	<i>Aria: If God be for us</i>	<i>(1685-1759)</i>
	<i>Anastasia Swope, soprano</i>	

DOXOLOGY, Hymnal 380, stanza 3

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Amen

Celebrant: All things come of thee, O Lord.

People: And of thine own have we given thee.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A	BCP 361
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PROPER PREFACE OF GOD THE SON	BCP 377
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Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

SANCTUS, Hymnal S-129

The Congregation may remain standing or kneel after the singing of the Sanctus.

THE LORD'S PRAYER	BCP 364
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THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

BCP 337

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

AGNUS DEI, Hymnal S-163

Sung while the Clergy prepare the communion vessels.

THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All baptized Christians are invited to receive the consecrated bread and wine at St. Elizabeth's. Those who are not baptized, or those who do not wish to receive communion, are invited to receive a blessing. Simply cross your arms over your chest when you come forward. Gluten-free hosts (bread) are available upon request. When directed by the Ushers, the Congregation is invited to receive the Eucharist at the altar rail or at the station on the floor. After you receive communion, return to your pew via the side aisles. If you need communion brought to you, please let the Ushers know.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

HYMN 513 "Like the murmur of the dove's song"

HYMN 698 "Eternal Spirit of the living Christ"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 559 "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us"

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Trumpet Tune in D Major*

*John Stanley
(1713-1786)*

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Mary Wynn Seiter

Lector: Joan Cooke

Eucharistic Ministers: Sandy Sullivan, Mary Wynn Seiter, Don Taylor

Ushers: Jim Alimena, Todd Hoffman

Altar Guild: Debra Anderson, Mary Wynn Seiter, Pilar Meola, Sue Reid

Lemonade / Iced Tea Hour: Joan Cooke, Valerie Florstedt

Nursery Attendant: Gabriella Ragazzo

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman

2026 Pledge Statements were sent via Email

Given the increasing cost of postage and office supplies, our concern for creation care, and the capabilities in Realm, our new church management system, we emailed pledge statements on July 1. If you made a 2026 pledge you should have received your pledge statement via email. If you did not receive it in your email, please let Grace know. If you would still like to receive a paper statement in the mail, please let Grace know.

Bring Joy to Our Community

Volunteer for LEMONADE / ICED TEA Hour

To continue this cherished time of fellowship, we need your help! Each Sunday after our 10am worship service, we gather in Parish Hall to connect with fellow parishioners over lemonade, iced tea, and light refreshments. Volunteers provide food and clean up. Use the QR code to check the sign-up for the dates in which we need hosts.



EPISCOPAL JEOPARDY

Did you miss Episcopal Jeopardy last Sunday? We'll be running the questions by category each week and the answers the following week.

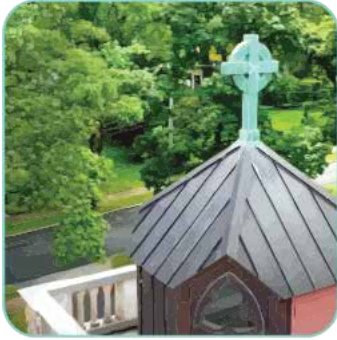
Category: Bible

- 100 Name the four Gospels.
- 200 The Bible is split into the _____ and the _____ Testaments.
- 300 Name 3 of the 7 "I am" Statements in the Gospel of John.
- 400 How many creation stories are there in the Bible?
- 500 Name a major and/or a minor prophet in the Old Testament.

CHURCH SCHOOL 2026-2027

Join our Leadership Team

This fall, we're looking for new Church School Leadership Team members as several leaders will be graduating or moving on. All lesson materials are provided, including readings, discussion guides, activities, and crafts. Confirmed students in grades 9–10 may volunteer with an adult, and Confirmed students in grades 11–12 may volunteer in pairs. All volunteers must complete Safe Church training. Classes begin in mid-September. Questions? Contact Beth at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org.



Prepare^{the}Way

Caring For Our Sacred Space



ST. ELIZABETH'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Work Has Begun!

Thanks to your generosity through the capital campaign, the replacement of the Parish House roof began on Thursday, July 23. It's exciting to know these long-awaited improvements are finally beginning. Thank you for helping make them possible!



Please Contribute!

Pledge online using the QR code provided here.



MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ronald E. Hermance Jr. by Kris Hermance and family; and Karla's Father, Francis Dudzik and brother, Kenneth Dudzik, by Karla, Emma and Audrey Tombaugh.

Mary Szurly is our flower memorial coordinator. Contact the church office if you are interested in honoring a loved one with altar flowers.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Al	Frank	Penny
Alex Casazza	Frankye Crump	Peter Flannery
Alice	Frederick Bruno	Prasse Family
Amy Brink	George & Shelley Mackey	Qian (Chen) Liu
Anne	Gretchen	Quinn
Barbara	Gunnip Family	Richard Brunelle
Bill Brancato	Jack	Rick
Blanca Rojano	Jaime	Robbie
Bob	Jamie Whaley	Robert
Bob Bell	Jane Winer	Robyn Pring
Bob C.	John Berryman	Rochelle Kilzy
Bruce	John Mills	Ruth
Bruce Neandross	Juan	Ruthie
Catherine	Julie & Jim Robertson	Sarah
Catherine O'Connell	June Bové	Sarah
Chris	Justine and Tom Boylan	Segovia Pasichniak
Chris C.	Kate	Sophie
Christian	Ken Thiess	Sr. Maureen Mitten
Christina Olkowski	Kim Heitzenrater	Sue Vanderploeg
Claire	L Russ	The Rev. Dean Weber
Connie	Lequan & Stephen Dudzik	Thomas Maloney
Cookie C.	Linda	Valerie
Danikka Dillon & Family	Lois Chapman	Vincent Colling
David Barrand	Lora Salt	Vincent Desimone
David Hawthorne	Lori Cardinale	Virginia DuDeck
David Thurston	Marcus Noble	Virginia Leahy
David Y.	Margaret	Wes Pace
Dawn	Maritza	Winston
Denny	Marty Melamed	Yochio Kurahashi
Diane and Frank Barletta	Mary	
Diane Pring	Mary Ann Newcomb &	
Dick Davies	Family	
Donna	Matthew Garcia	
Doris	Michael Colling	
Dorothea Hickey	Midge	
Doug	Milt	
Effie	Nancy Schrempp	
Elizabeth Sofia	Nancy Teichman	
Ellen Ingber	Norma Hensler	
Evelyn & Steve Dyke	Pat	
Family of Mary Ann	Paula Paulson	
DeGraw	Pauline Fiore & Family	

Prayer List Renewal

The prayer list has been refreshed for Pentecost. To add a name—whether for intercessions or thanksgivings—please contact the Parish Office.

ST. ELIZABETH'S STAFF & VESTRY

Rector

The Rev. D. Andrew Olivo

Assistant Rector

The Rev. Melina Dezhbod

Associate Priests

The Rev. Susan Schink

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan

Organist & Choirmaster

Garah Landes

Associate Choirmaster

Jennifer Homme

Associate for Children, Youth, & Family Ministries

Beth Van Emburgh

Director of Finance & Administration

Grace Arscott

Parish Life Coordinator

Stephanie Doyle

Sexton

Fredy Reyes

Soloists

Jeffrey Castellano, Alicia Luick,

Daniel Peretto, Anastasia Swope

Wardens

Sandy Sullivan '28, Mike Dickson '27

Treasurer

Steve Gorey

Assistant Treasurer

Denise Barrand

Clerk

Catherine Carter

Vestry

Denise Barrand '27

Catherine Cardew '27

Bruce Firkins '27

Steve Gorey '27

Steve Anderson '28

Joan Cooke '28

Jeremy Sabella '28

Elizabeth Thauer '28

Christopher Aquilino '29

Catherine Carter '29

Stacy Wilson '29

Lauren Winter '29



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