

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF JULY 19 - JULY 24

Sunday

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)
11:15 am Episcopal Jeopardy & Lemonade / Iced Tea Hour (Parish Hall)

Monday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)
5:30 pm Prepare & serve dinner at St. Paul's CDC Emergency Men's Shelter, Paterson

Tuesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

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

Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

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 A/C 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

Guest Preacher and Episcopal Jeopardy during Lemonade / Iced Tea Hour

Sunday, July 19

Our own Dr. Jeremy Sabella will return to the pulpit to deliver the Homily. During Lemonade / Iced Tea hour, Rev. Melina will lead Episcopal Jeopardy. Join us!

Summer Children's Chapel and Super Soaker Sunday

Sunday, July 26 at 10am
(bring your water play items!)

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

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, and 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 how small. The collection period is from June 10th to August 1st. 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 on our parish website or mail or drop off a check in the parish office with "Melina's purse" in the memo. <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YZ6G/campaign/C-16F72>

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 3
Save the date!

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Gymnopédie No. 1*

*Erik Satie
(1866-1925)*

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

OPENING HYMN 450 "All hail the power of Jesus' Name!"

Verses 1, 3-6

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved.

Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 691 “My faith looks up to thee”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

HYMN 691 “My faith looks up to thee”

Verse 3

THE HOMILY

Dr. Jeremy Sabella

THE NICENE CREED

BCP 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM VI

BCP 392

THE ABSOLUTION

BCP 360

THE PEACE

BCP 360

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 *Beautiful City*
from "Godspell"
Jeffrey Castellano, tenor

Music and Lyrics by Stephen Schwartz
(b.1948)

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

PROPER PREFACE OF GOD THE SON

BCP 377

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

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 292 "O Jesus, crowned with all renown"

HYMN 665 "All my hope on God is founded"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 537 "Christ for the world we sing!"

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Holberg Suite, Op. 40*
III- Gavotte

Edvard Grieg
(1843-1907)

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Guest Pianist and Organist: Virginia Stephens

Crucifer: Mary Wynn Seiter

Lector: Debra Anderson

Eucharistic Ministers: Debra Anderson, Mary Wynn Seiter, Catherine Carter

Ushers: Steve Gorey, Daniel Rosario

Altar Guild: Gigo Lee-Taylor, Debra Anderson, Sue Reid

Lemonade / Iced Tea Hour: Caroline Deiss, Cathy Cardew

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.



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.

OUR MINISTRIES

Baptismal Blanket Ministry

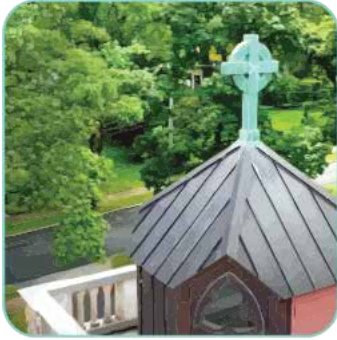
This group knits and crochets blankets for each child baptized at St. Elizabeth's, symbolizing warmth, comfort, and God's love. All skill levels are welcome—yarn and lessons provided. Join Thursdays at 10 am or Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30 pm. Contact Beth Van Emburgh (Wednesday) bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org or Sherry Kock (Thursday) for details.

Meals Ministry

St. Elizabeth's offers a meals ministry to support families during illness, recovery, or other challenging times. Volunteers deliver meals so you can focus on healing and being together. The ministry is led by Gaye Thurston and Karla Tombaugh. *Need help?* Contact Andy or Melina to get started. Gaye or Karla will follow up to arrange a meal schedule based on your needs and preferences, including delivery style. *Want to help?* Email Gaye (gaye.thurston@gmail.com) or Karla (ktomb833@outlook.com) to join. You'll receive notifications when meals are needed and can sign up for dates that work for you.

Card Ministry

Request handwritten celebration, sympathy, or "thinking of you" cards for loved ones—sent on behalf of our St. Elizabeth's community. Submit requests anytime to clergy, staff, or committee members. Contact Cathy Cardew, Sherry Kock, or Chair Valerie Florstedt with questions.



Prepare^{the}Way

Caring For Our Sacred Space



ST. ELIZABETH'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Work Has Begun!

Thanks to your generosity through the capital campaign, we're excited to announce that some projects will begin this summer. As work gets underway, you may notice a few temporary changes around the building. The first project will be the replacement of the Parish House roof this month, so please watch for occasional re-routes and other adjustments. We are grateful for your patience and flexibility during this time. 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.



Campaign Prayer

Almighty and everliving God, just as your prophet John the Baptist came as a messenger to prepare the way of the Lord, you call us to that very same ministry. May all your faithful people who gather here to worship your Son be devoted caretakers of this sacred space so that we and future generations may know the Good News of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit be honor, praise, and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIUMS

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Chris' parents, Kathryn and James Nettleton by Chris, Anne, Ian, and Tory Nettleton; Robert Bennett Muller by John and Meilin Muller, Catherine Bové, and June Bové; and Bruce's parents Guy and Ruth Dunnington by Bruce and Janet Dunnington.

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

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 Hommez

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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