

# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

*welcome home*

SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

## THE WEEK OF JULY 12 - JULY 17

### Sunday

10:00 am Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)

11:15 am 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)

### Wednesday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)

### Thursday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)

10:00 am Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

### Friday

8:30 am Morning Prayer (Zoom\*)

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

*Questions? Contact Jim Alimena at [jim.alimena@gmail.com](mailto: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

### **Summer Storytime**

Tuesday, July 14th 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!

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### **NEXT SUNDAY**

### **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!

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### **Summer Children's Chapel and Super Soaker Sunday**

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

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### **Food for the Spirit**

Tuesday, July 28th 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 31st 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](mailto:bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org).

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### **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](mailto:olkowskiemily@hotmail.com) with any questions.

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### **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>

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### **Progressive Dinner**

Saturday, October 3

Save the date!

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Songs without Words, Op. 19*  
*Andante con moto*

*Felix Mendelssohn*  
(1809-1847)

*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 577 "God is love, and where true love is"

## 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 230*

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through 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 8:1-11*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead

dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN 455** “O Love of God, how strong and true”

*Verses 1-2*

**THE GOSPEL**

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

**HYMN 455** “O Love of God, how strong and true”

*Verses 3-4*

**THE HOMILY**

*The Rev. Melina Dezhbod*

**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 on-line.*

**THE OFFERTORY** *Ev'ry time I feel de Spirit* *African-American Spiritual*  
*Arranged by H. T. Burleigh (1866-1949)*  
*Anastasia Swope, soprano*

**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 341** "For the bread which you have broken"

**HYMN 516** "Come down, O Love divine"

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

## THE BLESSING

BCP 366

**HYMN 530** "Spread, O spread, thou mighty word"

## THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Well Tempered Clavier, Book I, BWV 848*  
*III- Prelude in C# Major*

*Johann Sebastian Bach*  
*(1685-1750)*

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Guest Pianist and Organist: Virginia Stephens

Crucifer: Mary Wynn Seiter

Lector: Mary Wynn Seiter

Eucharistic Ministers: Joan Cooke, Mary Wynn Seiter, Karla Tombaugh

Ushers: Bruce Firkins, Tom Palmer

Altar Guild: Debra Anderson, Joan Cooke, Sue Reid

Lemonade / Iced Tea Hour: Terry Battaglia, Mary Reyes

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](mailto:bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org).

## OUR MINISTRIES

### Baptismal Blanket Ministry

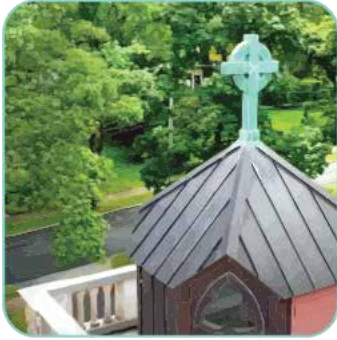
This group knits and crochets blankets for each child baptized at St. Elizabeth's, symbolizing warmth, comfort, and God's love. All skill levels are welcome—yarn and lessons provided. Join Thursdays at 10 am or Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30 pm. Contact Beth Van Emburgh (Wednesday) [bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org](mailto:bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org) 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](mailto:gaye.thurston@gmail.com)) or Karla ([ktomb833@outlook.com](mailto: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<sup>the</sup>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!

## **We've Reached Our Pledging Goal Thank You!**

To date we have received 111 pledges totaling a financial commitment of \$2,724,977. Thank you to everyone in our parish family who helped us reach beyond our goals. Your generosity now enables the projects to move forward, with work expected to get underway in the upcoming months. Although the active Prepare the Way Capital Campaign is now concluded, the opportunity for pledging continues. **Please pledge!** Please fill out and return a pledge card today, or pledge online using the link below or 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 Curtis Cooke by his wife, Joan; Jim Munhall by Susan and Lauren Munhall; Howard O. Colgan by Jacqueline C. Bradley and his children; and Brian Dowling by his wife, Ann, daughters, Kayti, Elizabeth, Caroline, and Meghan and their families.

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

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We remember also those who have died, especially  
Henry Factor-Leak and Grace Behringer.

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### 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 Hommeez

## **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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