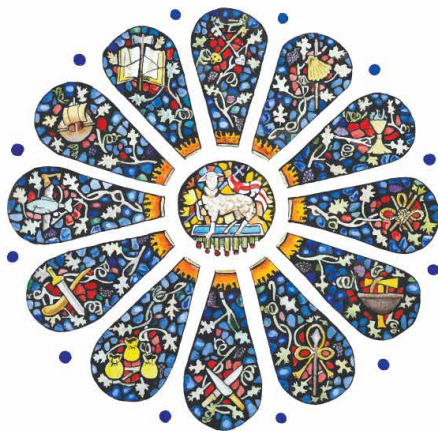


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

welcome home

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20 - SEPTEMBER 25

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Family Service & Holy Eucharist Worship Service (Church)

11:15 a.m. Welcome Home Picnic (Front Lawn)

11:30 a.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Monday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

5:30 p.m. St. Paul's CDC Emergency Men's Shelter Dinner (Paterson)

Tuesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

7:00 p.m. Vestry Meeting (Conference Room)

Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

7:00 p.m. Evening Needlecrafters

Thursday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

10:00 a.m. Morning Needlecrafters (Parish Hall)

5:30 p.m. Children's Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday

8:30 a.m. Morning Prayer (Zoom*)

Morning Prayer is offered on Zoom only, Monday through Friday, at 8:30 a.m.

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

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

WELCOME

Families with Young Children Welcome!

Quiet activity "pew bags" and children's worship materials are available outside the Narthex. A staffed nursery for infants through age 5 is open upstairs (second floor). Changing tables are in all restrooms. The new nursery attendant is Akshara Puli, a junior at Ridgewood High School. She comes to us with extensive experience as a Graydon camp nurse and Waldwick EMT. She is the trumpet section leader of the Ridgewood High School Marching Band, a cadet in the Civil Air Patrol US Air Force Civilian Auxiliary, and a Girl Scout Gold Award candidate focusing on writing and building workshops to teach children basic safety and first aid.

Baptism

The upcoming baptism dates are October 18, November 1, and November 22. If you are interested in baptism for yourself or a child, please contact Rev. Andy for more information.

Parish Office Hours

Office hours are 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Monday–Friday. Stephanie or Grace will be in the office during those hours.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Welcome Home Picnic

Sunday, September 20 at 11:15 a.m.
Today!

Blessing Shelf

Today is our last collection day for Ridgewood Social Service Association. Please donate snack size applesauce, laundry detergent, shampoo, mac & cheese, pasta, rice, cold cereal, peanut butter, jelly, canned vegetables, soup, and juice. Many thanks to the Goklani and Marchetti families for delivering donations this week. The next collection will be for Oasis, starting next Sunday.

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, September 27
Rooted in Faith, Growing in Grace

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 3
5 p.m. cocktails at 61 California St.,
followed by dinner and dessert
\$75 per person

Lector and Eucharistic Minister Training

Sunday, October 4, following Sunday
Worship in the Church.
If you have any questions about Lector
Training, contact Catherine Outten
Olivo. If you have questions about or
interest in becoming an Eucharistic
Minister, contact Rev. Andy.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4 at 3 p.m.
St. Elizabeth's Front Lawn
Bring pet food or a toy as a donation for a
rescue shelter.

Before Lunch Book Talk

Tuesday, October 6, at noon in the
Garden Room and on Zoom. The group
will be discussing *The Girl Who Wrote in
Silk: A Novel of Chinese Immigration to
the Pacific Northwest (Inspired by True
Events)* by Kelli Estes followed by lunch
(bring your own).

Meeting ID: 823 8050 3238
Passcode: Book

Midweek Holy Eucharist

Resumes on Wednesday, October 7, at
12:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

Parish Office Closed

Monday, October 12 for Columbus Day /
Indigenous Peoples Day

Serve Together Ministry Fair

Sunday, October 18 following 10am
Worship. Save the date!

Blessing of the Costumes and the Holy Ghost Weenie Roast

Sunday, October 25 at 10am

CHURCH SCHOOL NEXT SUNDAY 9/27

September 27th Church School will have a **JOY Worship** service for 4th Grade and under for families, and **"Breakfast and Believe"** conversation group for 5th-8th Graders. Led by the very talented Mrs. Kristen Lee, JOY Worship is a special Sunday morning service for young children and their parents with multimedia worship, music and movement as we celebrate the glorious gifts of God. Breakfast & Believe is just for 5th-8th graders where there's room for waffles, questions, laughter, and faith all at the same table. We will gather around a waffle bar breakfast, share time with friends, and dig into Bible stories and real-life conversations in a fun, relaxed way.

Contact Beth Van Emburgh for more information.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Six Preludes and Intermezzi, Op. 9*
IV-Allegretto

Hermann Schroeder
(1904-1984)

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

OPENING HYMN 620 “Jerusalem, my happy home”

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

ANTHEM *God Walks with Me*

Benjamin Kornelis

St. Elizabeth's Youth and Children's Choirs

*God was there with me on the day I was born,
God walks with me;
just a little baby cradled safe and warm,
God walks with me.*

Chorus:

*God walks with me,
every day for the rest of my life.
God walks with me,
every day for the rest of my life,
every day for the rest of my life.*

*God will be with me when the sunshines bright,
God walks with me;
God will be with me in the darkest night,
God walks with me.*

Chorus

*God will be with me when I'm old and gray,
God walks with me;
I'm gonna praise God every day!
God walks with me!*

Chorus

THE COLLECT

BCP 233

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing

away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.”

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 655 “O Jesus, I have promised”

Verses 1-2

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 20:1-16

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out

about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

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

HYMN 655 "O Jesus, I have promised"

Verse 3

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Andy Olivo

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 *Cantate Domino*

Karl Jenkins

Text from Psalms 46, 95, 99

(b. 1944)

(Vulgate)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Cantate Domino canticum novum, alleluia.

Sing to the Lord a new song, alleluia.

Jubilate Deo omnis, jubilate Deo omnis,

Sing joyfully, all, to God,

Jubilate Deo omnis terra.

all of the earth, sing joyfully to God.

Servite Domino, Domino in lætitia.

Serve the Lord, the Lord, in joyfulness.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Jubilate Deo omnis, jubilate Deo omnis,
Jubilate Deo omnis terra.
Cantate et exsultate et psallite Regem,
Et psallite Regem, Regem regum,
Et hymnum dicete Deo, Deo, alleluia,
Et hymnum dicete Deo, Deo.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
Sing joyfully, all to God,
all of the earth, sing joyfully to God.
Sing and exalt and sing psalms to the king,
and sing psalms to the king,
and say a hymn to God, to God, alleluia,
and say a hymn to God, to God.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

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 FATHER

BCP 377

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 309 "O Food to pilgrims given"

HYMN 343 "Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless"

HYMN 659 "O Master, let me walk with thee"

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 365

THE BLESSING

BCP 366

HYMN 347 "Go forth for God; go to the world in peace"

THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Jerusalem*

Arranged by Garah Landes

*C.H.H Parry
(1848-1918)*

CHURCH SCHOOL 2026-2027

Registration is now open on our website! Classes begin September 27. Class leaders are still needed, so please consider growing in faith alongside your children. All materials and lessons are provided. Contact Beth for more information. Questions? Contact Beth at bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org.



PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Edith Jordan

Lector: Debra Anderson

Eucharistic Ministers: Catherine Carter, Mary Wynn Seiter, Don Taylor

Ushers: Don Chappell, Bruce Firkins

Altar Guild: Pilar Meola, Denise Vollkommer, Sue Reid

Welcome Home Picnic: Cathy Cardew

Nursery Attendant: Akshara Puli

Livestream Guild: Matthew Hoffman, Duncan LeMay

WELCOME HOME ♦ LET'S CELEBRATE

Welcome HOME SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER ♦ 20 ♦ AT 10 AM

2026



10 AM FAMILY EUCHARIST ♦ FEATURING "HOLY SMOKERS"

BRING FRIENDS ♦ ALL ARE WELCOME

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Fall 2026 at St. E's

SEPTEMBER

- *Welcome Home Service and Picnic*
- *Rooted in Faith, Growing in Grace:*
Stewardship Sunday

Sept 20 at 10am

Sept 27 at 10am

OCTOBER

- Progressive Dinner
- Blessing of the Animals
- *Serve Together* Ministry Fair
- Blessing of the Costumes and
the Holy Ghost Weenie Roast
- *Signs and Grace:*
Rector's Fall Course, Dinner, & Compline

Oct 3 at 5pm

Oct 4 at 3pm

Oct 18 at 10am

Oct 25 at 10am

Oct 26 at 6:30pm

NOVEMBER

- All Saints' Sunday with Necrology Reading
- Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
- Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

Nov 1 at 10am

Nov 24 at 7pm

Nov 26 at 10am

DECEMBER

- Advent Quiet Day with Mary Ann Archer
- Advent Concert
- Christmas Tree Lighting
- Children's Christmas Pageant
- Family Christmas Eve Service
- Contemplative Christmas Eve Service
- Christmas Day Eucharist

Dec 4 at 9am

Dec 13 at 4pm

Dec 16 at 5:30pm

Dec 20 at 10am

Dec 24 at 4pm

Dec 24 at 10pm

Dec 25 at 10am



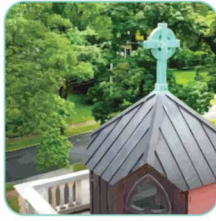
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PROGRESSIVE
DINNER

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
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FOLLOWED BY DINNER & DESSERT

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Prepare^{the}Way

Caring For Our Sacred Space



ST. ELIZABETH'S PROJECT UPDATES

A New Chapter for Our Sanctuary

After a very successful Prepare the Way capital campaign over the last year, we are officially in "project mode"!

Work on our sanctuary renewal and improvement project will begin in early October. It is a large and somewhat complicated undertaking, so the next few months will bring change and modifications to our usual worship habits as we accommodate construction. We will keep everyone apprised as the schedule takes shape. We are working with a construction project manager who understands our need for safety and as minimal disruption as possible.

The work will include adding air conditioning, preparing the organ chamber for the improvements and completion of our organ (to happen in 2027), completing necessary roof work, and adding insulation to improve energy efficiency.

These are important investments in the future of St. Elizabeth's that will preserve our sanctuary as a place of welcome, worship, music, and celebration of important sacraments for generations to come. Thank you to all who have made this work possible.

This is an exciting - and ultimately joyful - new chapter for St. Elizabeth's and our beautiful sacred space!

Okay, here we go: thank you!!



A Small But Necessary Upstairs Kitchen Refresh

The upstairs mini-kitchen, used mostly by the church school, choir, staff, and for conference room events, was in need of a repair and refresh. Work included new flooring, woodwork refinishing, cabinetry repair, painting, and the addition of an under-sink water filter system. Thanks to Steve Anderson, Gaye Thurston, Anne Carson, and Ray Hovey for volunteering time and services to get this project completed well under budget. The larger parish hall kitchen is scheduled for renovation in the summer of 2027.



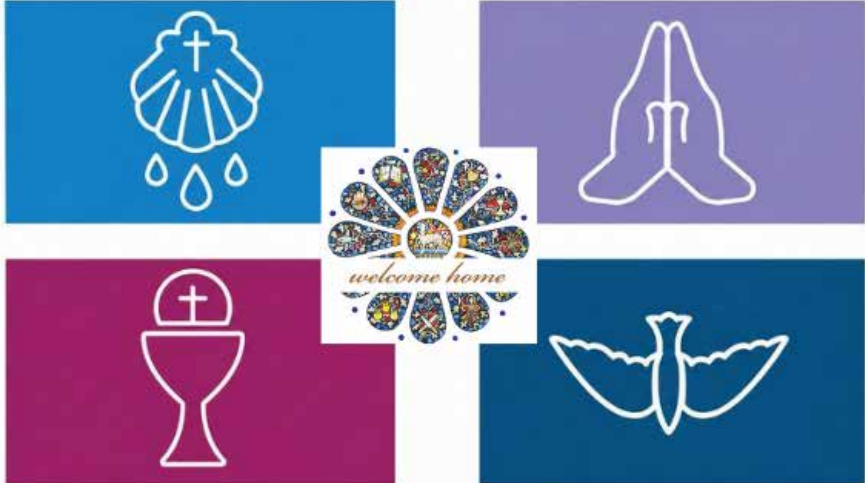
**Use the QR Code to make a
payment towards your pledge.**

Rector's Fall Formation for 2026

SIGNS AND GRACE

An Introduction to the Sacraments

October 26, November 2, 9, & 16



**Adult Education
in the Parish Hall**

**Dinner at 6:30pm
Class at 7:00pm
Compline at 8:05pm**

Contact the Rev. Andy Olivo for more information

MEMORIALS AND HONORARIA

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Pat's mother, Barbara Lewis by Pat, Hugh, Alex, Torey and Jake Middleton; and Patricia Sfeelje Reinauer and B. Franklin Reinauer by their children, grandchildren and great grandchildren

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

PARISH PRAYER LIST

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

We remember those who have died, especially Doug Judah, Joanne Judah, Beverly Hennemuth, Maritza Macdonald, Laura McGowan, Christi Pope Merrell, Sara Fitzmaurice, Alice Oehlschlager, Evelyn Burns, and Arsalus Hazarian.

ST. ELIZABETH'S STAFF AND VESTRY

Rector

The Rev. Andy Olivo

Associate Priests

The Rev. Susan Schink

The Rev. Dr. Richard Sloan

Organist and Choirmaster

Garah Landes

Associate Choirmaster

Jennifer Hommez

Associate for Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Beth Van Emburgh

Director of Finance and 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

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Lauren Winter '29



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