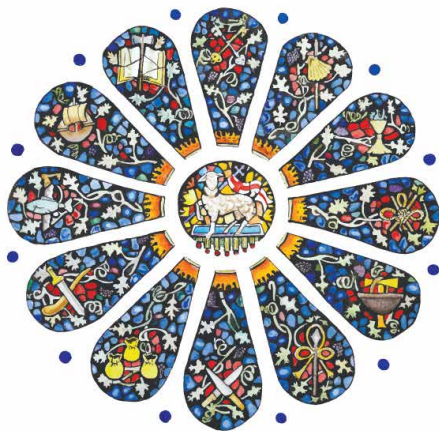


# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



## St. Elizabeth's

EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF RIDGEWOOD

*welcome home*

SUNDAY, JULY 5, 2026

10:00 A.M.

HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE TWO

## THE WEEK OF JULY 5 - JULY 10

### 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\*)

### 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\*)

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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

### 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.

### 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.

### 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!

### 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.

### Progressive Dinner

Saturday, October 3  
Save the date!

### 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).

### 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.

### 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>

## CHURCH SCHOOL 2026-2027

### Join our Leadership Team

In the fall, we will be in need of new members of our Church School Leadership team! We have several leaders graduating or moving at the end of this year.

All materials are provided, including lesson, reading, talking points, activities, and craft ideas. Teens in 9th and 10th grade who are Confirmed may volunteer with an adult. Teens in 11th and 12th grade who are Confirmed may volunteer in pairs. All volunteers must complete the required Safe Church training. Classes will start in mid-September. Contact Beth [bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org](mailto:bvanemburgh@stesridgewood.org) with any questions about helping with our Church School programs!

# THE ORDER OF SERVICE

## THE CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Milonga del ángel*

*Astor Piazzolla  
(1921-1992)*

*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 607 "O God of every nation"

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 God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

*BCP 242*

Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; 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 7:15-25a*

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN 692 “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

*Verses 1-2*

THE GOSPEL

*Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30*

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

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;  
we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

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

HYMN 692 “I heard the voice of Jesus say”

*Verse 3*

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 *Children of Eden*

Stephen Schwartz  
(b. 1948)

*Jeffrey Castellano, tenor*

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 302** "Father, we thank thee who hast planted"

**HYMN 482** "Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy"

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

BCP 366

## THE BLESSING

BCP 366

**HYMN 719** "O beautiful for spacious skies"

## THE DISMISSAL

BCP 366

Response: **Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE** *Suite from Water Music*  
VI- *Allegro Maestoso*

*George Frideric Handel*  
(1685-1759)

## PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICE

Crucifer: Karla Tombaugh

Lector: Mary Wynn Seiter

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Hayes, Karla Tombaugh, Mary Wynn Seiter

Ushers: Don Chappell, Wayne Yankus

Altar Guild: Gigo Lee-Taylor, Veronica Aquilino, Sue Reid

Lemonade / Iced Tea Hour: Denise Barrant & Karen Hoy

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.



## Name Tags

Did you bring your magnetic name tag home? Please return it to the white boards by the elevator. Do you need a new name tag? Have you lost your name tag? Is it broken in some way? Do you have two? Email Stephanie to replace lost name tags or create new ones. [sdoyle@stesridgewood.org](mailto:sdoyle@stesridgewood.org) Leave broken parts or extras on Stephanie's desk with a note. Thanks!

# OUR MINISTRIES

## Baptismal Blanket Ministry

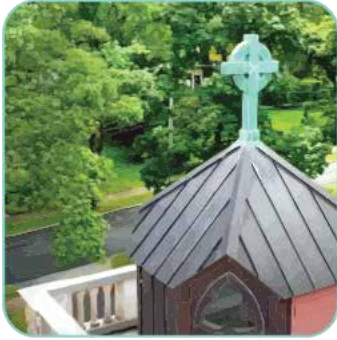
This group knits and crochets blankets for each child baptized at St. Elizabeth's, symbolizing warmth, comfort, and God's love. All skill levels are welcome—yarn and lessons provided. Join Thursdays at 10 am or Wednesdays from 7:00–8:30 pm. Contact Beth Van Emburgh (Wednesday) [bvaneburgh@stesridgewood.org](mailto:bvaneburgh@stesridgewood.org)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

## **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 departed loved ones of the Brown and Hermance families by Kris Hermance and family; Beverly Williams Kaplan by Lisa, Steven, and Lauren Beslity; and Charles R. and Mary Rocks by their family.

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

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We remember also those who have died, especially Stephen DePhillips,  
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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