

In Memoriam  
**Elizabeth Jane Richards Engel**

September 15, 1933 – August 19, 2024



**St. Charles Episcopal Church**  
September 14, 2024 - 11:00 a.m.  
Service for the Burial of the Dead, Rite I

## *A Few Words Concerning Funerals in the Episcopal Church*

*The liturgy for the dead is an Easter liturgy. It finds all its meaning in the resurrection. Because Jesus was raised from the dead, we, too, shall be raised.*

*The liturgy, therefore, is characterized by joy, in the certainty that “neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, 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.”*

*This joy, however, does not make human grief unchristian. The very love we have for each other in Christ brings deep sorrow when we are parted by death. Jesus himself wept at the grave of his friend. So, while we rejoice that one we love has entered into the nearer presence of our Lord, we sorrow in sympathy with those who mourn.*

*-The Book of Common Prayer*



*Welcome. Please join us as we center ourselves and prepare to commemorate and celebrate the life of Elizabeth Jane Richards Engel. Text printed in **bold** is spoken by all, unless otherwise noted. Hymns can be found in the blue hymnals in the pews.*

**Voluntary**

**Arabesque**

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

**Welcome**

*The people stand as they are able.*

Gathering Hymn    Sing with All the Saints in Glory    *Hymn to Joy*



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur -  
2. O what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has  
3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who



rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,  
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts, for a - ges plead - ing,  
once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!



to the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the  
nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,  
Child of God, lift up your head! Ma - tri - archs from



clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;  
Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.  
dis - tant a - ges, saints all long - ing for their heav'n.



In God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er -  
Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it; Christ has passed the'e -  
Proph - ets, psalm - ists, seers, and sag - es, all a - wait the



last - ing peace.  
ter - nal gates.  
glo - ry giv'n.

Celebrant: I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;  
he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;  
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.

I know that my Redeemer liveth,  
and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth;  
and though this body be destroyed, yet shall I see God;  
whom I shall see for myself and mine eyes shall behold,  
and not as a stranger.

For none of us liveth to himself,  
and no man dieth to himself.  
For if we live, we live unto the Lord;  
and if we die, we die unto the Lord.  
Whether we live, therefore, or die, we are the Lord's.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord;  
even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labors.

## Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Let us pray. O God, whose mercies cannot be numbered: Accept our prayers on behalf of thy servant, Elizabeth, and grant her an entrance into the land of light and joy, in the fellowship of thy saints; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**People: Amen.**

*The people sit.*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### First Reading

**Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33**

Reader: John Burton Engel

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.” The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul that seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD. For the Lord will not reject forever. Although he causes grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not willingly afflict or grieve anyone.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

*Cantor first, then all.* Columba Kelly

The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful.

*The cantor chants the odd-numbers; everyone chants the even-numbers.*

- 1 O Lord you have searched me out and [known] me;\*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up:  
you discern my thoughts [from] afar.
- 2 **You trace my journeys and my resting [pla]-ces\***  
**and are acquainted with [all] my ways.**
- 3 Indeed...there is not a word on my [lips],\*  
but you O Lord know it [al]-together.
- 4 **You press upon me...behind and be-[fore]\***  
**and lay your hand [u]-pon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for [me]:\*  
it is so high that I cannot at-[tain] to it.
- 6 **Where can I go then from your [Spir]-it?\***  
**where can I flee [from] your presence?**
- 7 Search me out O God and [know] my heart;\*  
try me and know my [rest]-less thoughts.
- 8 **Look well whether there be any wickedness in [me]\***  
**and lead me in the way that is [ev]-er-lasting.**

*Repeat the antiphon*

## Second Reading

1 John 3:1-2

Reader: Alan Perry Wolff

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 23:1-6 **The Lord is My Shepherd** setting Robert A. Hawthorns

The Lord is my Shep - herd,  
I shall not be in want.

2. He make me lie down in green [pastures]\*  
And leads me beside still [waters].

3. He revives my [soul]\*

And guides me along right pathways for his [Name's sake].

4. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death...

I shall fear no [evil]:\*

For you are with me...your rod and your staff they [comfort] me.

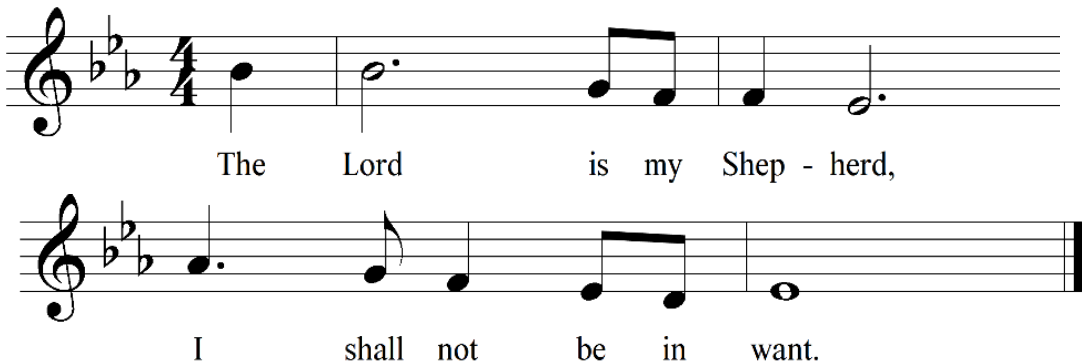
5. You spread a table before me in the presence of those who [trouble] me;\*

You have anointed my head with oil...and my cup is running [over].

6. Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my [life],\*

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for-[ever].

*Antiphon*



The Lord is my Shep - herd,  
I shall not be in want.

**Gospel**

John 14: 1-6

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**People: Glory be to thee, O Lord.** † *forehead*, † *mouth*, † *heart*

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a





was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

### **Prayers of the People**

Celebrant: In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant, we beseech thee, to thy whole Church in paradise and on earth, thy light and thy peace.

**People: Amen.**

Deacon: Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection may die to sin and rise to newness of life, and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass with him to our joyful resurrection.

**People: Amen.**

Deacon: Grant to us who are still in our pilgrimage, and who walk as yet by faith, that thy Holy Spirit may lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days.

**People: Amen.**

Deacon: Grant to thy faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind.

**People: Amen.**

Deacon: Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in thy fatherly care, that, casting all their grief on thee, they may know the consolation of thy love.

**People: Amen.**

Deacon: Give courage and faith to those who are bereaved, that they may have strength to meet the days ahead in the comfort of a reasonable and holy hope, in the joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love.

**People: Amen.**

Deacon: Help us, we pray, in the midst of things we cannot understand, to believe and trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to life everlasting.

**People: Amen.**

Deacon: Grant us grace to entrust Elizabeth to thy never-failing love; receive her into the arms of thy mercy and remember her according to the favor which thou bearest unto thy people.

**People: Amen.**

Deacon: Grant that, increasing in knowledge and love of thee, she may go from strength to strength in the life of perfect service in thy heavenly kingdom.

**People: Amen.**

Celebrant: Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in thy eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all thy saints, to receive the crown of life which thou dost promise to all who share in the victory of thy Son Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

**People: Amen.**

**Peace**

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And with thy spirit.**

*The ministers and people greet one another in the name of the Lord, then sit.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Celebrant: Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

# Offertory Hymn      How Great Thou Art

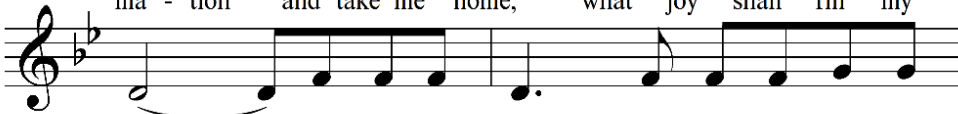
*O Store Gud*



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some  
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I  
3. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla -



won - der con - sid - er all the worlds thy hands have  
wan - der and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the  
ma - tion and take me home, what joy shall fill my



made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing  
trees: when I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played:  
gran - deur, and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze:  
ra - tion, and there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art".

## *Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou



art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God to



thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

# The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer I

*The people stand as they are able.*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

**People: And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

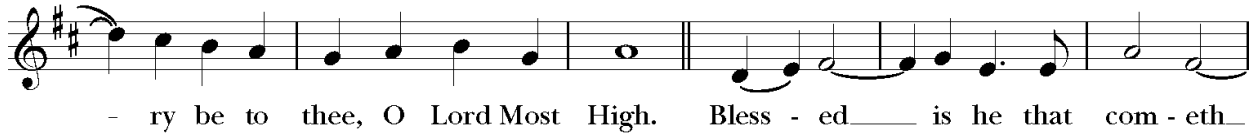
**People: It is meet and right so to do.**

Celebrant: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who rose victorious from the dead, and doth comfort us with the blessed hope of everlasting life; for to thy faithful people, O Lord, life is changed, not ended; and when our mortal body doth lie in death, there is prepared for us a dwelling place eternal in the heavens.

Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:





*The people kneel or stand as they are able.*

Celebrant: All glory be to thee, Almighty God, our heavenly Father, for that thou, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, according to the institution of thy dearly beloved Son our Savior Jesus Christ, we, thy humble servants, do celebrate and make here before thy divine Majesty, with these thy holy gifts, which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; rendering unto thee most hearty thanks for the innumerable benefits procured unto us by the same.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us; and, of thy almighty goodness, vouchsafe to bless and sanctify, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, these thy gifts and creatures of bread and wine; that we, receiving them according to thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant that, by the merits and death of thy Son Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we, and all thy whole Church, may obtain remission of our sins, and all other benefits of his passion.

And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable, holy, and living sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee that we, and all others who shall be partakers of this Holy Communion, may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son



Jesus Christ, be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction,  
and made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and  
we in him.

And although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer unto thee any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept  
this our bounden duty and service, not weighing our merits,  
but pardoning our offenses, through Jesus Christ our Lord;  
By whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost,  
all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world  
without end.

**All: Amen.**

Celebrant: And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,

**People: Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name.  
thy Kingdom come.  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

# Breaking of the Bread

*The priest breaks the consecrated Bread. Silence is kept.*

## Fraction Anthem S158

## Lamb of God

setting Healey Willan

O Lamb of God, that ta - kest a -  
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy up -  
on us. O Lamb of God, that  
ta - kest a - way the sins of the world, have  
mer - cy up - on us. O Lamb of  
God, that ta - kest a - way the sins of the  
world, grant us thy peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## **Communion**

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Gluten-free wafers are available as well as grape juice; please make your need known to the minister. If you wish to receive a blessing rather than communion, please indicate your choice by crossing your arms when you are at the altar rail.*

## **Communion Anthem** *(sung by the choir)*

### **Up to the Hills, I Lift Mine Eyes**

Normain Gouin

Up to the hills I lift my eyes, from where shall come my strength, my help?  
My hope rests in the Lord, my God, the Maker of the earth and skies.

God guides our steps and guards our way. He never slumbers, never sleeps.  
His love and grace fill all our days, the guard and hope of Israel.

No sun shall cause you harm by day, nor moonbeam in the dark of night.  
The Lord will ever keep you safe till you ascend to heaven's height.

The Lord will guard your soul from death; from ev'ry foe he sets you free.  
The Lord will guide your ev'ry step from now until eternity.

# Communion Hymn

# The Old Rugged Cross



1. On a hill far a - way stood an  
2. To that old rug - ged cross I will



old rug - ged cross, the em - blem of suf - fering and  
ev - er be true, its shame and re - proach glad - ly



shame; \_\_\_\_\_ and I love that old cross where the  
bear; \_\_\_\_\_ then He'll call me some day to my



dear - est and best for a world of lost sin - ners was  
home far a - way, where His glo - ry for - ev - er I'll



slain. \_\_\_\_\_ So I'll cher - ish the old rug - ged  
share.



cross, \_\_\_\_\_ till my tro - phies at last I lay

down; I will cling to the old rug - ged  
 cross, and ex - change it some day for a  
 crown.

## Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**All:** Almighty God, we thank thee that in thy great love thou hast fed us with the spiritual food and drink of the Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and hast given unto us a foretaste of thy heavenly banquet. Grant that this Sacrament may be unto us a comfort in affliction, and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death, neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all thy saints; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

## Commendation

*The Celebrant and other ministers take their places.*

Celebrant: Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,

**People: where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of mankind; and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so thou didst ordain when thou createdst me, saying, “Dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.” All we go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**People: Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints,  
where sorrow and pain are no more,  
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Into thy hands, O merciful Savior, we commend thy servant, Elizabeth. Acknowledge, we humbly beseech thee, a sheep of thine own fold, a lamb of thine own flock, a sinner of thine own redeeming. Receive her into the arms of thy mercy, into the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and into the glorious company of the saints in light.

**People: Amen.**

## Blessing

*The Celebrant blesses the people.*

# Sending Forth Hymn 405

*Descant*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, crea-tures great and small,

*Refrain*



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, God made them all.



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun-tain, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 He gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

*Repeat Refrain*



he made their glow-ing col - ors, he made their ti - ny wings.  
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky,  
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, he made them ev - ery one.  
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

## Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## Voluntary

**In Dir Ist Freude**

Johann Sebastian Bach

*In You is Gladness Amid All Sadness*



*The beautiful altar flowers are given to the glory of God,  
in memory of Elizabeth Jane Richards Engel by her family.*

*All are welcome to join us for a Lunch Reception in Ludtke Hall following the service.  
Interment at the columbarium will take place at a later date.*





## Service Participants

The Rev. Fran Holliday	Celebrant
The Rev. Deacon Steve Lowe	Deacon
Kelsey Jean Engel, Mary Elizabeth Wolff, Carlo Engel Nasisse	Eulogy
John Burton Engel, Alan Perry Wolff	Readers
Lindsey Elizabeth Engel Worek, Anita Jane Wolff	Oblation Bearers
Katie Thomson	Crucifer
Ed Manning, Jim Bachman	Ushers
Mark Downey	Organist & Choirmaster

*Cover art: painting by Elizabeth Engel*

Elizabeth Jane Engel, beloved wife, mother, grandmother, and artist, passed away on August 19, 2024, at the age of 90. Born on September 15, 1933, in Eau Claire, Michigan, to Burton and Jane Richards, Liz grew up on the Elburja Farm, where her love for animals, art and nature was nurtured.

A graduate of Drake University, Liz earned a BFA degree in merchandising and art. She was a member of Delta Zeta Sorority. Her professional career began at Marshall Fields in Chicago, where she was responsible for custom fabric and design of clothing fabrication. Her artistic talents were evident throughout her life, as she created beautiful drawings and paintings inspired by the natural world.

Liz met Larry Engel in Chicago, and the two were married, establishing a family that included their children John, Mary, and Jane. They raised their family in Lombard, Illinois, Murray Hill, New Jersey, and St. Charles, Illinois where they have spent the last 51 years. Liz was a devoted member of Saint Charles Episcopal Church and was active with the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Liz enjoyed travel, often sketching during her journeys and transforming the sketches into larger paintings. Her love for sports, particularly the Cubs and Bears, was a significant part of her life.

Liz is survived by her husband Larry; children John Engel (Tami), Mary Engel (Chris Fromm), and Jane Wolff (Alan); and her grandchildren Kelsey Engel, Lindsey Engel Worek (Brian), Carlo Nasisse (Maria Luisa Santos), Olivia Fromm, Kyle Fromm, Mary Wolff, Anita Wolff, and James Wolff. She will be remembered as a loving mother, grandmother, and devoted wife who saw beauty in every aspect of life.



*“Even if I’m not here, I’m everywhere.  
We are all everywhere with God.”*

*~ Words spoken by Elizabeth Engel six days before her death.*



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