



Elim Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024

This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve; but for John's gospel, the image of servanthood is too hierarchical, too distant, to capture the essence of life with Christ. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us. The Greeks believed that true friends are willing to die for each other. This is the mutual love of Christian community commanded by Christ and enabled by the Spirit.

As spring blooms ever more brightly, it seems the earth is making a joyful noise to the Lord, breaking into songs of praise! (See Psalm 98:4.)

Jesus says, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love" (John 15:9, NRSV). One way we do that is to gather in Christian community. Welcome, beloved ones!

Prelude

Processional Prelude: *ELW 377 - Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!* [As the music swells, toward the end, join in and sing verse 5]

Welcome/Announcements

Ringling of the Bells

Confession and Forgiveness (page 94)

Hymn: *ELW 482 - I Come with Joy*

Greeting (Setting 1, page 98)

Kyrie (page 98)

Canticle of Praise: *This is the Feast* (page 101)

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Time

Reading: Acts 10:44-48

Special Music: *Spirit of God, Unleashed on Earth* –Arr. by J. Bert Carlson

Spirit of God, unleashed on earth with rush of wind and roar of flame. With tongues of fire they spread good news; earth, kindling, blazed its loud acclaim.

You came in power, your Church was born; O Holy Spirit, come again! Raise up new saints from waters deep; let new tongues hail the risen Lord.

Let new lips, tasting victory won, inspire our hearts grown cold with fear; revive in us baptismal grace, and fan our smoldering lives to flame.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come. Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Gospel Acclamation: (page 102)

Gospel: John 15:9-17

Gospel announcement response: **Glory to you, O Lord**

Gospel proclamation response: **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 637 - Holy God, Holy and Glorious*

Prayers of Intercession

Petition Response: God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response: *ELW 531 - The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing*, verse 1

Offering Prayer

Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through Jesus Christ, our true vine. Amen.

Communion

Great Thanksgiving (pp. 107-108)

Words of Institution

Gluten free wafers are available.

Lord's Prayer

Non-alcoholic wine is available in the center of the tray.

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God (page 112)

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- The ushers will direct you to the rail.
 - The Pastor will distribute communion from left to right and each person will receive the Body of Christ from the pastor.
 - An assistant will distribute the wine from left to right.
 - An assistant will collect the cups from left to right.
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Communion Hymns: *ELW 359 - Where Charity and Love Prevail; ELW 742 - What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Prayer After Communion

Blessing

Alleluia! Christ is risen! **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

Hymn: *ELW 389 - Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Postlude**Worship Participants**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Seth Perry

Organ/Accompanist: Brian Voss

Reader: Lynne Moratzka

Special Music: Elim Adult Choir; Janet Beckman, Director

Communion Assistant: Dan Sandager

Acolytes: Secelia Johnson, Jordan Pereboom

Youth Ushers: Natalie Pereboom, Gabe Smith

Altar Guild: Deb Havener, Nancy Walcker, Denise Zauner

Please join us in the Fellowship Hall following the 9:30 service for coffee, treats, and fellowship.

Attendance for Sunday, April 28

8:00 a.m. – 35

9:30 a.m. – 144

Online Views - 38

Schedule for the Week

Today	5/5	8:00 a.m. Communion Worship (Sanctuary) 8:40 a.m. Adult Education (Library) 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m. Youth Group/Confirmation (Youth Room)
Mon.	5/6	9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 7:00 p.m. AA (Community Room)
Tue.	5/7	5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall/Chapel)
Wed.	5/8	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir (Bell Choir Room) 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (Choir Room)
Sun.	5/12	8:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 8:40 a.m. Adult Education (Library) 9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m. Youth Group/Confirmation (Youth Room)

Announcements



Cemetery Update

The cemetery committee has updated the rules for Elim's Cemeteries. They are slightly different so there are two versions, one for the North and one for the South.

The updated rules can be found in the May *Messenger*. Copies will also be available in the church office.

Cemetery Committee

Elim's 170th Birthday Celebration – May 19, 2024

This year marks 170 years of ministry to Scandia by the people of Elim Lutheran Church offering worship, fellowship, Bible study, Holy Sacraments, hope, grace, and help. What a great partner to all of the people of the Scandia area started by newly arrived immigrants from Sweden who came with dreams, skills, energy and creating a congregation in their community.

Each of YOU are invited to the party on May 19, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. - Worship at the GammelKyrkan, our original sanctuary built in 1856.
- 9:30 a.m. - Pentecost Worship with Holy Communion, Bishop Lull, preaching
- 10:30 a.m. - Birthday Potluck! Sign-up sheets in the Office Hallway
- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. - Gammalgården Museum open Free tours



**WE ARE
HIRING!**
Join Elim as our
CHORAL DIRECTOR
and Worship & Music Team Member



**Elim
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Church**

If you, or someone you might know, might be interested, check out the **Jobs** tab our website for information about the position and how to apply.



Host a Coffee Hour – Support a Ministry

Looking for a way to support a ministry, program, or need within Elim? Consider hosting a coffee hour – it's a great way to raise funds for a worthy cause. Claim your date on the sign-up sheet in the office hallway.

Available Dates: May 26 and beyond

Elim Summer VBS

June 10-13, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

This year's VBS is called "I Wonder". Kids are naturally curious, and when you're curious about who God is it's easy to grow your relationship with Jesus. That's why, in this 4-part series for Vacation Bible School, we're going to engage kids' imaginations! Kids will not only get curious about science, technology, engineering, and mathematics — but also about the God who created it all! They'll hear from early church leaders like Paul, Peter, John, and Timothy, who helped the first Jesus-followers wonder what made their stories unique, what gifts God gave them (and how they could use those gifts to serve), what they could learn from others, and how they could spend time with God. **There is no cost for VBS.**

**Use the QR code
to register
today!**





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boldly glorify God.

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