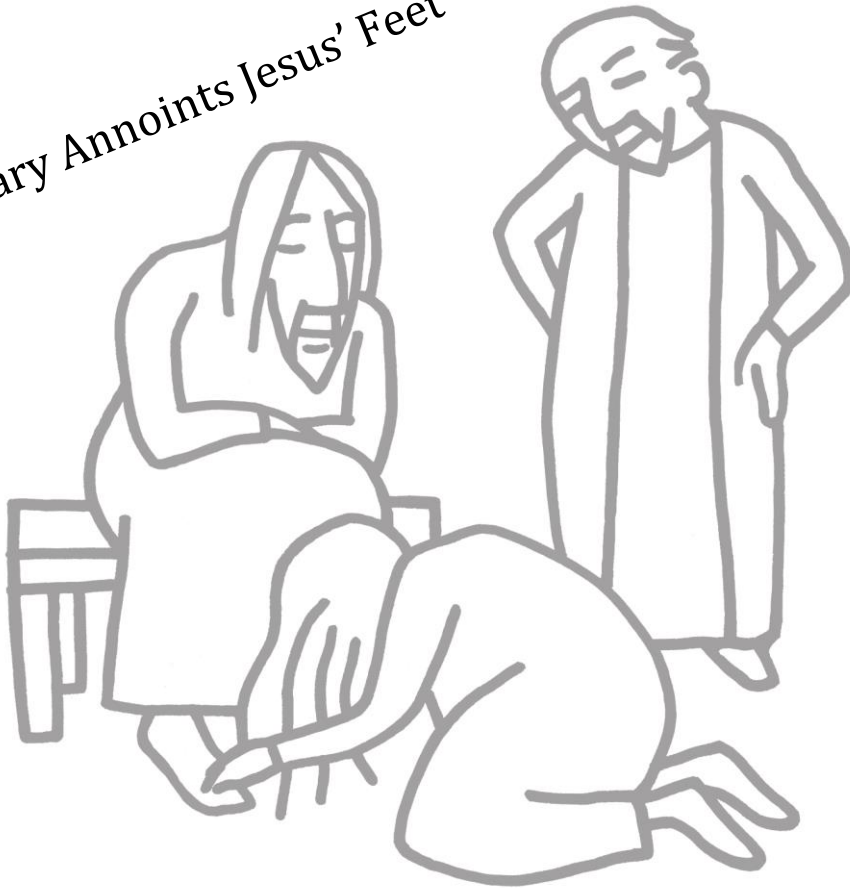


Mary Anoints Jesus' Feet



Our Mission: To
boldly glorify God.

Elim Lutheran Church
Scandia, Minnesota
April 3, 2022
Fifth Sunday in Lent

Introduction: Our God makes all things new. In the first reading God promises it. In the gospel Mary anticipates it, anointing Jesus' feet with costly perfume in preparation for the day of his burial. In the second reading Paul recalls his transformation from the persecutor Saul into an apostle. In baptism, God's new person (you!) rises daily from the deadly mire of trespasses and sins.

Prelude

Welcome

Ringling of the Bells

Hymn: *ELW 324 - In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of God, who makes a way in the wilderness, walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Holy One, we confess that we have wandered far from you: we have not trusted your promises, we have ignored your prophets in our own day, we have squandered our inheritance of grace, we have failed to recognize you in our midst. Have mercy on us! Forgive us and turn us again to you. Teach us to follow in your ways, assure us again of your love, and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.

Beloved in Christ, the Word draws near to you, and all who call out to God shall be saved. In Jesus, God comes to you again and again and gathers you under wings of love. In † Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven. God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **Amen.**

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

Creator God, you prepare a new way in the wilderness, and your grace waters our desert. Open our hearts to be transformed by the new thing you are doing, that our lives may proclaim the extravagance of your love given to all through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 43:16-21

Special Music: *Jesus Lover of My Soul* – words by Charles Wesley, Music by Simeon B. Marsh, Arr. by David Huntsinger

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly. While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high. Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past. Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; hangs my helpless soul on Thee. Leave, ah! Leave me not alone; still support and comfort me.

Children's Time

Gospel: John 12:1-8

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 685 - Take My Life, That I May Be, verses 1, 2, 5, & 6*

Prayers of the People

Petition Response: Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offering Prayer

Extravagant God, you have blessed us with the fullness of creation. Take and use what we offer here, come among us, and fill us with the spirit of Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Communion - Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Table Blessing/Prayer**Blessing and Sending**

You are children of God, anointed with the oil of gladness and strengthened for the journey. Almighty God, motherly, majestic, and mighty, † bless you this day and always. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Coffee will be served following the 9:30 service.

Worship Participants and Assistants

Presiding Minister: Pastor Sarah Henrich

Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

Reader: Lynne Moratzka

Special Music: Elim Adult Choir; Janet Beckman, Director

Greeter: Lynne Moratzka

Ushers: Jay and Gloria Flattum

Altar Guild: Nancy Walcker and Denise Zauner

Schedule for the Week

Today	4/3	8:00 a.m. Communion Worship 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship 9:50 a.m. Sunday School (age 3 through 6 th grade)
Mon.	4/4	9:30 a.m. Blanket Making 7:00 p.m. AA
Tue.	4/5	6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study
Wed.	4/6	11:00 a.m. Mid-Week Lenten Worship 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Grades 7-9) 7:00 p.m. Mid-Week Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir
Sun.	4/10	8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship 9:50 a.m. Sunday School (age 3 through 6 th grade)

Attendance for Wednesday - March 23

11:00 a.m. – 7

7:00 p.m. – 35

Online Views - 25

Attendance for Sunday - March 27

8:00 a.m. – 20

9:30 a.m. – 101

Online Views - 45

Today we receive into membership William (Bill) Tellin. He has been attending worship with us for some time and hopes to become involved in other areas of our ministry. Please take a moment to welcome Bill as he joins us in our mission – To boldly glorify God!

Prayers of sympathy and comfort to the family of Debbie Krentz who passed away on Sunday, March 20. A Celebration of Life will be held here at Elim Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 16 at 2:00 p.m. with visitation an hour before. Burial will be at Elim Cemetery. Hebrews 13:14 reminds us: *For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.*

Today coffee is being served by the Feed My Starving Children team. Donations received will help support the Lakes Area Mobile Pack, scheduled for April 20-23, 2022.

Announcements

Cemetery Update

As we approach Easter, the Cemetery Committee is asking families to remove any wreaths and Christmas decorations from the cemeteries. You may place them in or near the waste containers in either of the cemeteries. We will do a general clean-up of any remaining items during Holy Week.

Thanks, Elim's Cemetery Committee

Parsonage Open House

Elim has been working on upgrades to our parsonage for months. Almost finished, an Open House is planned to allow all of our congregation and the greater community to admire the beauty of early 1900's construction. So, mark your calendar for: **Sunday, May 1, after church, during the Fellowship time.**

More information will be provided as planning progresses.



Continual Prayer

As we anticipate the approach of Easter, prayers of gratefulness, hope, and needs become part of our Lenten season. This year we wish to join in continual prayers from the last service on Good Friday (approximately 8:00 p.m. on April 15) to the first Service on Easter (approximately 7:30 a.m. on April 17). There will be two hour blocks of time for individuals to speak with God. Please join us by signing up on sheet across from the office or call Joan in the office at 651-433-2723.

Unexpected Company Chorale, a local community chorale, is hosting a combined choral festival titled "Sing!" on Saturday, April 9th, 3:00 p.m. at the Lent Township Hall located at 33155 Hemingway Avenue in Stacy. Chorales from Forest Lake High School and Rush City High School will be performing along with UCC. This is a ***FREE*** event sponsored by the East Central Regional Arts Council. You are cordially welcomed by Elim organist, Brian Voss, who will be accompanying the chorale on the grand piano. We look forward to seeing you there!

Worship Schedule for Holy Week and Easter	
Palm Sunday – April 10	8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship
Maundy Thursday – April 14	11:00 a.m. Communion service 7:00 p.m. Communion service
Good Friday – April 15	11:00 a.m. Service 7:00 p.m. Tenebrae Service
Easter Sunday – April 17	8:00 a.m. Communion Worship 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship

Bible Study Resumes After Easter

Along with the wonderful women's Bible Study on Tuesday evening, starting in the week after Easter, we'll again be offering our Tuesday morning (9:30) Zoom Bible Study and bible study between the 8:00 and the 9:30 service. Everyone and anyone is welcome! See the chart below if you want to read the passage ahead of time. We will always be working on a text that will come up in church the next week. **NO PREP REQUIRED!**

Dates	Text
Sunday April 24 & Tuesday April 26	Acts 9:1-20
Sunday May 1 & Tuesday May 3	Acts 9:36-43
Sunday May 8 & Tuesday May 10	Acts 11:1-8
Sunday May 15 & Tuesday May 17	Acts 16:9-15
Sunday May 22 & Tuesday May 24	Acts 1:1-11
Sunday May 29 & Tuesday May 31	Acts 2:1-21

Planting Hope Campaign

During Lent (March 2 – April 15), you are invited to offer financial support to the St. Paul Area Synod Planting Hope Campaign. We'll provide a **green flower pot** at both services to receive your gifts. You can also send them directly to the church office. Checks should be made payable to *Elim Lutheran Church*. Include *Planting Hope* in the memo.

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