

Elim Lutheran Church

Easter Sunday

April 5, 2026

This is the day the Lord has made! Christ is risen, and through him all creation is made new! Indeed, "God shows no partiality" (Acts 10:34): Christ's resurrection truly brings life to everyone. We sing hymns of praise, gather around sacred words, and proclaim God's faithfulness, power, and love in the feast of holy communion. With the women at the tomb, we are astonished, elated, and grateful. We depart with joy to proclaim the good news of God's endless love.

On this glorious Easter Day, let us offer God our highest accolades for raising Christ from his grave and making him our eternal Lord.

CHRIST IS RISEN — HE IS RISEN INDEED! We greet all who are here with us today in the name of our risen Savior. We are gathered as a community of Christians. Our center is Jesus Christ.

We are here to know again the touch of his forgiving and healing hand.

Prelude: *Eastertide Carols* - Robert J. Powell (Organ and Music Ensemble)

I. *This Joyful Eastertide*

II. *He Is Risen*

III. *O Sons and Daughters*

V. *That Easter Day With Joy Was Bright*

O Worship the King – Arr. by Patricia Sanders Cota (Handbells)

Proclamation of Easter (*repeat 3 times*)

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Welcome

Ringing of the Bells

Choral Introit: *He Lives* – A. H. Ackley

Thanksgiving for Baptism (page 97)

Hymn: *ELW 365 – Jesus Christ is Risen Today*

Confession and Forgiveness (page 94)

Greeting (Setting 1, page 98)

Kyrie (page 98)

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

Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Time

Reading: Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Choral Anthem: *Begin the Song of Glory Now* – By Alfred V. Fedak, (Organ, Music Ensemble, Choir)

Begin the song of glory now: the Son has risen from his grave! The night of mourning long is past; life has a purpose, after all. Our Samson smashed the gates of hell, and we are free at last, at last! Begin the song of glory now: the Son has risen from our grave.

Prepare the song of glory now: the Son has risen from his grave! Composers, players, find new sounds for ev'ry instrument and voice: a note, a chord, an aria, a Kyrie, a Gloria. Prepare the song of glory now: the Son has risen from our grave!

Repeat the song of glory now: the Son has risen from his grave! Complete the Easter overture, and join the Alleluia choir. "In Jesus' name" the song begin and end: "All praise to God alone!" Repeat the song of glory now: the Son has risen from our grave!

Gospel Acclamation: (page 102)

Gospel: Matthew 28:1-10

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

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

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 367 - Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds*

Apostle's Creed (page 105)

Prayers of the People

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory: *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* (Organ & Nicholas Smith, Trumpet)

Offertory Response: *ELW 885 - Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Communion**Great Thanksgiving** (page 107)**Holy, Holy, Holy** (page 108)**Words of Institution****Lord's Prayer****Invitation to Communion****Lamb of God** (page 112)

Gluten free wafers are available.

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

Bell Anthem: *God of Grace and God of Glory* – Arr. by Jason W. Krug (Handbells)**Communion Hymns:** *ELW 379 - Now the Green Blade Rises; ELW 826 - Thine the Amen; ELW 376 - Thine Is the Glory***Prayer After Communion****Blessing**

The God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The God of all grace ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: *ELW 434 - Jesus Shall Reign***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *An Easter Celebration* - Joel Raney (Organ and Music Ensemble)

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



Worship Participants

Presiding Minister: Pastor Seth Perry

Organist: Brian Voss

Cantor: Becka Newcomb

Reader: Lynne Moratzka

Elim Adult Choir and Handbell Choir - Brian Voss, Director

Music Ensemble:

Trumpets: Nicholas Smith, Hailey Kouba, Matt Kusic, Will Welch

Trombones: James Grass, Isaac Jackson

Tuba: Isabella Vandemmeltraddt

Timpani: Cameron Martin

Acolytes: Mason Mans, JoJo Weller

Lead Usher: Geno Tuccitto

Communion Assistant: Dan Sandager, Melinda Syncyn

Altar Guild: Judy Silk, Peg Simpson, Arlene Swenson, Nancy Walcker, Denise Zauner

Livestream and Audio Techs: Ben Bakke, Cobain Johnson, Keegan Milligan

Attendance for Sunday, March 29

8:00 a.m. - 26

9:30 a.m. - 171

Online Views - 89

Happening Today

- 8:00 a.m. Festival Communion Worship (Sanctuary)
- **No Adult Bible Study**
- 9:30 a.m. Festival Communion Worship (Sanctuary)
- **No Sunday School**
- Fellowship Time after both services (Fellowship Hall)
- **No Youth Group/Confirmation/Connections & Crafts**

Schedule for the Week

Mon.	4/6	9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 a.m. Quilters (Quilting room) 6:00 p.m. AA (Community Room)
Tue.	4/7	1:00 p.m. Game Day (Fellowship Hall) 4:00 p.m. NA (Community Room) 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Chapel)
Wed.	4/8	No Bell Choir or Adult Choir
Sat.	4/11	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Practice Class (Quilting Room)
Sun.	4/12	8:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 8:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Library) 9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 9:45 a.m. Sunday School (Sunday School Room) 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m. Youth Group/Confirmation (Youth Room) 6:00 p.m. Connections & Crafts (Library)

Announcements



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 10 and beyond

Feed My Starving Children Lakes Area Mobile Pack

April 15-18, 2026

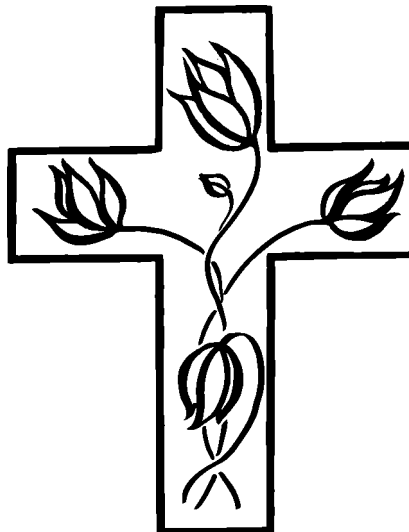
Hosanna Lutheran Church

A challenge match of \$2,000 has come forth - for every dollar donated toward food for the pack, it will be matched up to \$2,000. If we reach that goal, that \$4,000 would feed 37 kids for a year! Where else could you get that kind of value for your dollar?

We now have the packing times available and we have reserved spots in numerous packing sessions for Elim folks to pack together. The sessions we have reserved are:

- Wednesday, April 15: 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, April 16: 6:30- 8:30 p.m.
- Friday, April 17: 12:30- 2:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 18: 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Let us know if you would like to pack and we will get you on the schedule. There are also two other sessions (Friday from 5-7, and Saturday from 9-11) if none of the Elim sessions work out for you. Our goal this year is to pack 250,000 meals. If you are not able to pack with us, please consider making a monetary contribution toward the food that is packed. And also pray for this endeavor - so that every child can be fed. Any of these contributions is truly appreciated. If you have questions regarding the pack, you can contact Arnie or Debbie Wright (651-402-0259)





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