Elim Lutheran Church **11th Sunday after Pentecost** **August 9, 2026**

Elijah finds the presence of God not in earthquake, wind, or fire, but in the sound of sheer silence. When the disciples face a great storm on the sea, they cry out with fear. Jesus says: "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Amid the storms of life, we gather to seek the calm presence of Christ that soothes our fears. In comforting words of scripture and in the refreshing bread and cup of the eucharist, God grants us peace and sends us forth to be a sign of God's presence to others.

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May your Holy Spirit come into each of our hearts this day, O Lord. Amen.

Come friends; let us worship the Creator/Redeemer of us all. With hands stretched out toward others, we rejoice that we are privileged to worship the Lord our God. Welcome all!

Prelude

Welcome/Announcements

Ringing of the Bells

Opening Hymn: *ELW 822 - O Sing to the Lord*

Greeting

Canticle of Praise: *ELW 858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, verse 1*

Prayer of the Day

O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Children's Time

Reading: Romans 10:5-15

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: *ELW 763 - My Life Flows on in Endless Song*

Apostles' Creed (page 105)

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response: *ELW 167 - Now the Feast and Celebration (Refrain Only)*

Offering Prayer

God, you are the reason we plant and the reason we harvest. We give thanks for the gifts we receive from you: time to labor outdoors, crops to tend, and possessions that we use for both leisure and stewardship. Inspire us to serve others this summer in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: *ELW 632 - O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Dismissal

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

Postlude

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

Worship Participants

Presiding Minister: Pastor Seth Perry
Organist: Brian Voss
Reader: Bill Strusinski
Lead Usher: Geno Tuccitto
Livestream and Audio Techs: Ben Bakke, Cobain Johnson, Keegan Milligan

Attendance for August 2

8:00 a.m. – 35	9:30 a.m. – 100	Online Views - 37

Schedule for the Week

Today	8/9	8:00 a.m. Worship (Gammelgarden) 8:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Library) 9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)
Mon.	8/10	9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m. Property Committee (Library) 6:00 p.m. AA (Community Room)
Tue.	8/11	4:00 p.m. NA (Community Room)
Wed.	8/12	6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Community Room)
Sat.	8/15	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Practice Class (Quilting Room or Patio)
Sun.	8/16	8:00 a.m. Communion Worship (Gammelgarden) 8:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Library) 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship (Sanctuary) 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall)

New Logo Concepts on Display

As part of Elim Lutheran Church's website refresh, we are also updating our church logo. This month, four new logo concepts will be displayed for the congregation to review.

Please visit the Fellowship Hall during August to view the concepts and vote for the design you prefer. Your feedback will help shape the visual identity Elim carries into this next season of ministry.

Choir and Handbell Rehearsals Resume Soon!

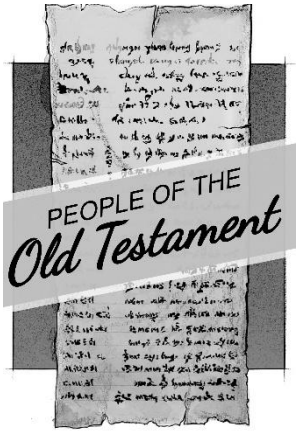
Elim is gearing up for another season of singing God's praises! Choir rehearsal resumes on Wednesday, **August 26** with a time of socializing, refreshments and getting acquainted with the new season's music. Social time begins at 6:30pm and we will finish by 8:30pm.

Handbell rehearsals will begin one week later, on **September 2** starting at 6:00pm. We have immediate availability for at least 5 more ringers. Spread the word!

We know participating in a music program can be quite a commitment - here at Elim we try to make it easy and enjoyable:

- No experience necessary!
- 100% attendance is not required!
- At-home rehearsal tools available!
- Participation is free!
- The experience is priceless!

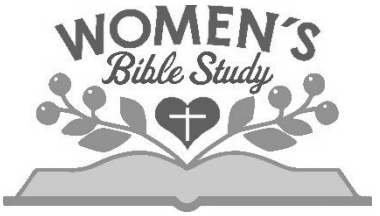
What makes music so much fun is having so many of us join together to create something bigger than ourselves. We would love to welcome new singers and ringers! Please extend Elim's invitation - and God's extravagant welcome - to anyone and everyone you know. Thank you!



People of the Old Testament

This fall, Pastor Seth will be preaching a sermon series on the people of the Old Testament. **To help shape the series, a suggestion box will be placed across from the office.** Please share the names of Old Testament figures you would like to hear a sermon about.

This is a chance for the congregation to help guide the series and to explore the stories, questions, faith, failures, courage, and calling of the people who shaped the biblical story.



Coming this Fall

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays: September 8 – October 27

Elim Chapel: 6:00-7:30 p.m.

12 Daring Women of the Bible-Part 2

Real Women, Real Trials, and Real Triumphs.

We'll learn from these women who dared to trust, believe and step out in faith.

If you haven't joined us for the first part of this study no worries as we study only one woman each time.

We also have streaming videos in case you miss a session.

All women are welcome. Bring a friend or friends!

Please let me or Trudy Lodien (our administrator) know by **August 31** if you are interested in joining us.

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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.

Need an idea for a worthy cause? Consider the Community Caring and Sharing fund (CCS) or the Engquist Music fund. The CCS fund is used to help community members who may need one-time emergency financial assistance. The Engquist Music fund supports bringing in musicians for festival worship services and concert events.

Available Dates: August 30 and beyond

Events @ Gammelgarden

History & Heritage Book Club at Gammelgården Museum August 14th @ 10:30am - 12:00pm - Free	**Spelmansstämman Cultural Festival - 2026 Japan** August 15th @ 10:00am - 4:00pm - Free Community Festival
NAMI Mindful Creations at Gammelgården Museum - Art Support Group August 19th @ 10:15am - 12:15pm - Free	

- For details or registration information, visit the Gammelgården Museum website.

Our Mission: To boldly glorify God.

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