



Our Mission: To  
boldly glorify God.

**Elim Lutheran Church**  
**Scandia, Minnesota**  
**January 9, 2022**  
**Epiphany of Our Lord**

**Introduction:** The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Ringling of the Bells**

**Hymn:** *ELW 302 – As with Gladness Men of Old, verses 1, 2, & 3*

## **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.**

**Gloria:** *ELW 292 – Love Has Come, verses 1 & 3*

## **Prayer of the Day**

**Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## **Children’s Time**

**Reading:** Isaiah 60:1-6

**Special Music:** *The Christmas Gift* – Words/music by Pepper Choplin

Elim Adult Choir w/Tim Newcomb, soloist  
(Congregation join on verses 1 & 2 – see page 4)

**Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12

## **Sermon**

**Hymn:** *ELW 300 – The First Noel, verses 3, 4, & 5*

### **Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come 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.**

### **Offering**

#### **Offering Prayer**

**Gracious God, your Word-made-flesh brings harmony to the earth. As we offer ourselves and these your gifts, prepare us to receive the grace and truth you offer in word and fellowship and renew in us the song of your salvation, in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

#### **Elim Foundation Presentation**

#### **Prayers of the People**

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

#### **Lord's Prayer**

## Blessing and Sending

The God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Rejoice in Christ our Savior.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

### The Christmas Gift

The musical score is presented in three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is B-flat major (two flats) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are as follows:

System 1:  
 We raise our songs for you, Lord day to  
 We cel - e - brate your birth - day with

System 2:  
 cel - e - brate your birth, when — you were sent with  
 pre - sents round the tree. We — have a gift for

System 3:  
 heav - en's love as a pre - sent to the earth.  
 ev - 'ry - one, for — friends and fam - i - ly.

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### **Worship Participants**

Presiding Minister: Pastor Sarah Henrich

Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

Special Music: Elim Adult Choir, Janet Beckman, Director

### **Schedule for the Week**

Today	1/9	8:00 a.m. Worship 8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship 9:50 a.m. Sunday School
Mon.	1/10	7:00 p.m. AA
Tue.	1/11	9:30 a.m. Tuesday Bible Study – via Zoom
Wed.	1/12	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
Sun.	1/16	8:00 a.m. Communion Worship 8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship 9:50 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Budget Listening Session 7:00 p.m. Budget Listening Session – via Zoom

### **Attendance for January 2**

8:00 a.m. – 17

9:30 a.m. – 39

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The **Epiphany Banner** in the sanctuary was used in Saudi Arabia in the 1950's when Scandia residents, Anna and Rodney Engquist, worked there for Aramco. Being in a Muslim country, no Christian religious symbols were/are allowed. The Aramco employees who gathered for Christian worship had to call the meeting Fellowship Time. As Christmas approached, the congregation realized they could not have the traditional decorations (trees, crèche set, etc.). Anna Engquist acquired this scene painted on silk that shows the 3 Magi and the Pyramids – all acceptable for the Muslim authorities. When Rodney and Anna returned to Scandia, they brought it home with them. For many years it was rolled up and on a closet shelf in the Elim Sacristy.

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## Announcements

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### Advent Giving Tree Update

A big **Thank You** to those who participated in the Advent Giving Tree this year. A total of \$850.00 for ELCA Good Gifts was processed through Elim and has been sent to the ELCA. That doesn't include the gifts that you made directly to the ELCA either online or through the mail. Your generosity will help to fight hunger, transform lives, grow the church, and improve lives around the world!

### Volunteer Opportunities

#### Office Prep for Flooring Install

New flooring for the office is scheduled to be installed in early February YAY! However, some prep work needs to be done first. A work day is scheduled for Saturday, January 29 starting at 8:00 a.m. Work that needs to be done includes:

- Removing the carpeting in both offices.
- Removing the work station in the main office.
- Removing some furniture in both offices.
- Removing some items from the small storage room in the office.

If you are able to help, call or email the church office (651-433-2723; joan.detzler@elimscandia.org) – or just show up that morning.

#### Seeking SharePoint Expertise

Do you have expertise in setting up SharePoint sites? Would you be willing to share that expertise? We have a small group that is planning to work on this over the next few months, but we could use someone with more experience in this area. If you are interested, or know someone who might be able to help out, call or email the church office (651-433-2723; joan.detzler@elimscandia.org)



## **Annual Meeting Part II and Budget Listening Sessions**

**The Annual Meeting, Part II will be on January 23**, immediately after the 9:30 service.

The agenda will include:

- **A new vote on the election of Council and other Boards.** Because we did not have a quorum present for the election, we will have to vote again. We want to preserve all the protections of our constitution and vote in accord with what is laid out in it. **Elim's Constitution specifies that a quorum of 70 voting members to have a legitimate vote!**
- **Approval of the budget for 2022.**

To help you prepare for the budget discussion and approval, two listening sessions will be held:

- **An in-person session on January 16, following the 9:30 service.**
- **A Zoom session on January 16 at 7:00 pm.**

Copies of the detailed budget are available on the shelves outside the office. Please join us for either or both of these sessions to bring your questions and comments.

Zoom details for the evening listening session and Annual Meeting Part II will be closer to each event.

**Annual Report Reminder:** Please submit your reports (written and financial) by **Friday, January 14, 2022**. You can submit this information via email to: [joan.detzler@elimscandia.org](mailto:joan.detzler@elimscandia.org)

### **News About St. Andrew's Shelter**

**The St. Andrew's Family Shelter will be hosting an open house on Sunday (today), January 9 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** All volunteers and church members are invited to stop by and tour the facility. The shelter is located at Frenchman Road and Highway 61 – a large gray home just a bit north of St. Genevieve Church (14383 Forest Blvd., Hugo, MN). **Here at Elim we are looking for someone who would be willing to coordinate our volunteers at the shelter.** Contact the church office if you are interested in serving as the coordinator for Elim's volunteers.

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**Office Hours**

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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