



Luke 31:34 - How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!



Our Mission: To
boldly glorify God.

Elim Lutheran Church
Scandia, Minnesota
March 13, 2022
Second Sunday in Lent

Introduction: Though we sometimes doubt and often resist God's desire to protect and save us, our God persists. In holy baptism, God's people have been called and gathered into a God-initiated relationship that will endure. Lent provides the church with a time and a tradition in which to seek God's face again. Lent provides another occasion to behold the God of our salvation in the face of the Blessed One who "comes in the name of the Lord."

Prelude

Welcome

Ringing of the Bells

Hymn: *ELW 727 - Lord Christ, When First You Came to Earth, verses 1, 2, & 4*

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

God of the covenant, in the mystery of the cross you promise everlasting life to the world. Gather all peoples into your arms, and shelter us with your mercy, that we may rejoice in the life we share in 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: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Special Music: *God So Loved the World* – By Lloyd Larson

God so loved the world that he gave His only Son that All who believe in Him should not perish. God so loved the world that He gave His Son, His one and only Son.

God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world and grant eternal life.

Children's Time

Gospel: Luke 13:31-35

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 613 - Thy Holy Wings, verses 1 & 2*

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 Justin Grimm

Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

Reader: Bev Cameron

Special Music: Elim Adult Choir; Janet Beckman, Director

Greeter: Tammy Peterson

Ushers: Jay and Gloria Flattum

Altar Guild: Gloria Flattum

Schedule for the Week

Today 3/13 8:00 a.m. Communion Worship

9:30 a.m. Communion Worship

9:50 a.m. Sunday School (age 3 through 6th grade)

Mon. 3/14 9:30 a.m. Quilters

7:00 p.m. AA

Wed. 3/16 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

Thur. 3/17 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting

Sun. 3/20 8:00 a.m. Worship

9:30 a.m. Worship

9:50 a.m. Sunday School (age 3 through 6th grade)

Attendance for Ash Wednesday - March 2

11:00 a.m. – 16

7:00 p.m. – 50

Online Views - 13

Attendance for Sunday - March 6

8:00 a.m. – 23

9:30 a.m. – 30

Online Views - 47

Announcements

**Coming this Spring**

Tuesdays from April 5th through May 24th from 6:00 PM to 7:30 at church.

Our study will be "It's not supposed to be this way" by Lysa Terkeurst president of Proverbs 31 ministries and a New York Times best-selling author. Her study is jam packed with scriptures. (See March *Elim Messenger* for more details.)

Please let me know by March 22 if you are interested in attending and would like a book and study guide. You can also contact Joan in the church office (651-433-2723; joan.detzler@elimscandia.org).

Thank you! Gloria Flattum (facilitator 651 269-6388)

Deadline Reminders

If you wish to include an item in the bulletin, Elim Happenings email, or the monthly newsletter, the deadlines are listed below. Send your item to Joan via email (joan.detzler@elimscandia.org). Thanks!

- For Sunday bulletins and the following week's Elim Happenings email – the deadline is noon on the preceding Wednesday.
- For the April *Elim Messenger* – the deadline is Monday, March 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. There are four areas of focus that this campaign will support. Today we learn more about the second focus area.

Help renew the congregations of our synod! - The Saint Paul Area Synod's Planting Hope Campaign seeks to help congregations in the St. Paul area discover ways to revitalize their mission and share God's good news in a time of increased secularization and indifference to faith life. The campaign will strengthen mission starts and ethnic specific congregations, lead congregations in an intense program of renewal and engage many more congregations in the process of congregational vitality and stewardship education. Our synod seeks to raise \$2.75 million in total for the Planting Hope Campaign. Of this total, \$150,000 will be invested into inviting others into life in Christ.

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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Feed My Starving Children Lakes Area Mobile Pack April 20-23, 2022

Have you ever had to put a child to bed hungry? (Other than when they just refused to eat their supper?) And have you ever had one of your kids say to you- "I am just STARVING!" Not too many of us really know what that is even like – to go hungry.

Each meal costs 25 cents, a seemingly small amount. What could each of us give up at Lent in order to feed hungry kids? How many kids would that Starbucks cup of coffee feed? Please join us in helping to feed these kids – by saving up random change, maybe giving up a treat that you would normally have, and also by considering helping pack in April. And of course, prayers for this endeavor are always appreciated! Any questions, contact Arnie (651-245-3877) or Debbie (651-402-0259) Wright.

Electronic Giving

Interested in setting up a one-time donation or reoccurring giving from your checking account or with a credit card? This QR code will take you to the Giving page on Elim's Website, or go to www.elimscandia.org and click on Giving. The E-Giving button will take you to the page to set up a donation. Just follow the prompts on the screen.



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Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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