



## Theme for the Week Salvation

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**Elim Lutheran Church**

**Second Sunday in Lent**

**March 1, 2026**

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During Lent we journey with all those around the world who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. In today's gospel Jesus tells Nicodemus that he must be born of water and Spirit. At the font we are given a new birth as children of God. As God made a covenant with Abraham, in baptism God promises to raise us up with Christ to new life. From worship we are sent forth to proclaim God's love for all the world.

Make our minds receptive to your Word, Lord. Help us to hear it, to spiritually digest it, and to live by it. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

During this Lenten season, we praise God for His righteous Son, who perfectly kept all of God's commandments for us and paid the full price for our disobedience. Let us praise him with hearts filled with Christ's spirit of obedience.

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## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Ringing of the Bells**

**Choral Introit:** *ELW 768 - Lead Me, Guide Me, verse 1*

**Confession and Forgiveness** (page 94)

**Hymn:** *ELW 335 - Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

**Greeting** (Setting 3, page 138)

**Kyrie** (page 138)

**Canticle of Praise:** *ELW 324 - In the Cross of Christ I Glory, verse 2*

## **Prayer of the Day**

**O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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.**

## **Children's Time**

**Reading:** Psalm 121

**Anthem:** *Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley* – Arr. by Gordon Myers  
Becka Newcomb, Soloist; Brian Voss, Accompanist

**Gospel Acclamation:** (page 142, option b)

**Gospel:** John 3:1-17

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

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn:** *ELW 323 - God Loved the World*

## Prayers of the People

Petition Response: Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

## Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

**Offertory Response:** *ELW 803 - When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, verse 4*

**Offering Prayer: God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Communion

**Great Thanksgiving** (page 144)

**Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Invitation to Communion**

**Lamb of God** (page 146)

Gluten free wafers are available.

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

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- The ushers will direct you to the rail.
  - The Pastor will distribute communion from left to right and each person will receive the Body of Christ from the pastor.
  - An assistant will distribute the wine from left to right.
  - An assistant will collect the cups from left to right.
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**Communion Hymns:** *ELW 451 - We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus; ELW 448 - This is the Spirit's Entry Now*

## Prayer After Communion

### Blessing

Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity: God, who calls all things into existence, Jesus Christ, who redeems us, and the Holy Spirit, whose breath sustains creation, † bless you now and always. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** *ELW 638 - Blessed Assurance*

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe 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**

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Presiding Minister: Pastor Seth Perry

Organist: Brian Voss

Cantor: Becka Newcomb

Reader: Lynne Moratzka

Acolytes: Jace Maas, Abby Stoltzman

Lead Usher: Geno Tuccitto

Youth Ushers: Silas Stoltzman, Johanna Weller

Communion Assistant: Rachel Putratz

Altar Guild: Deb Havener, Heidi McCurdy, Peg Simpson

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

**Attendance for Sunday, February 22**

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8:00 a.m. – 25

9:30 a.m. – 113

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## Happening Today

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- 8:00 a.m. Communion Worship (Sanctuary)
- 8:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Library)
- 9:30 a.m. Communion 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)

**Schedule for the Week**

Mon.	3/2	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.	3/3	1:00 p.m. Game Day (Fellowship Hall) 4:00 p.m. NA (Community Room) 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir (Bell Choir Room) 6:00 p.m. Property Committee (Library) 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (Choir Room)
Wed.	3/4	11:30 a.m. Discussion Group & Prayer Service (Chapel) 12:00 p.m. Soup Lunch (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 p.m. Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m. Discussion Group (Quilting Room) 7:00 p.m. Lenten Service (Sanctuary)
Fri.	3/6	11:00 a.m. Funeral for Donna Granberg w/visitation 1 hour prior
Sat.	3/7	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Practice Class (Quilting Room)
Sun.	3/8	8:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 8:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Library) 9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) <b>No Sunday School</b> 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) <b>No Youth Group/Confirmation/Connections &amp; Crafts</b>



**Reminder:** Daylight Saving time begins at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to turn your clocks **forward** one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 7.

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*Prayers of sympathy and comfort to the family of Donna Granberg* who passed away on Saturday, February 21. A Celebration of Life will be held here at Elim Lutheran Church on Friday, March 6 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation one hour before. Hebrews 13:14 reminds us: *For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.*

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## Announcements

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### Worship Schedule for Holy Week and Easter

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Sunday, March 29  
8:00 AM and 9:30 AM



Thursday, April 2  
7:00 PM  
Communion Worship  
First Communion for some of our youth



Friday, April 3  
7:00 PM  
Reflective Worship



Sunday, April 5  
8:00 AM and 9:30 AM  
Festival Worship w/Communion

#### **Meal Train for Kowalik Family**

Jessica is currently undergoing treatment for breast and spinal cancer and recently had spinal surgery. During this time, her family is facing many challenges, including a loss of income. A meal train has been set up to support Jessica, and her family. Pre-made/cooked meals may be dropped off at **Elim Lutheran Church**, and they will be delivered to the family. Hotdishes, tacos, chicken and fruit are some favorites. Thank you for helping care for this family during a very difficult time.

Please sign up on the meal train link so we know when to expect meals. To sign up, scan the QR code or go to <https://www.mealtrain.com/trains/wn8mgw>.



**Coming this Spring**

**Women's Bible Study**

**Tuesdays: April 7 through May 26**

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

Join us as we study *12 Daring Women of the Bible* to learn about these Real Women, their Real Trials and their Real Triumphs. Discover new insights into God's character, how to persevere through difficult times, and find joy in the hope that Jesus provides.

All women are welcomed – bring a friend or friends!

**Please let us know by March 19** if you are interested in attending.

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**It's time for SPRING CLEANING of the Sanctuary to prepare for Easter.** We need your help... washing woodwork, pews, altar and vacuum the cushions. Buckets and cleaning cloths will be provided.

If anyone has a handheld vacuum to bring with it would make things go quicker. COME, help on Sat March 21st at 9:00 am so we can have a clean start for Easter. Many hands make light work.

Thank You ~ Altar Guild

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**The 2026 Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack will take place again this year at Hosanna Lutheran Church on April 15-18.** FMSC is an organization that feeds hungry kids throughout the world, body and soul. For 29 cents, you can feed a child for a day. For \$105 you could feed that child for a year. What could each of us give up this Lenten season so that hungry kids get the food they need to survive and THRIVE? Maybe forego one of those fancy coffees? Maybe forego that lunch out and eat at home? Maybe put 29 cents in a jar every time you have a meal?

Our goal this year is to pack 250,000 meals. There are several ways that you could help – making a monetary contribution towards the food that is packed, come and join the fun and pack meals with us, 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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Our Mission: To  
boldly glorify God.

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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