



The of Temptation Jesus

Elim Lutheran Church

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

These forty days called Lent are like no other. It is our opportune time to return to the God who rescues, to receive the gifts of God's grace, to believe with the heart and confess with the mouth the wonder of God's love in Jesus, and to resist temptation at every turn. This is no small pilgrimage on which we have just embarked. It is a struggle Jesus knew. It is a struggle Jesus shares. The nearness of the Lord, in bread and wine, water and word, will uphold and sustain us.

God, when I'm tempted to trust other people or things more than you, lead me by your Spirit, as you led Jesus in the wilderness. Amen.

The apostle Paul wrote: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13). So we call on God's name and rejoice! Welcome.

Prelude

Processional Prelude: *ELW 611 - I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* [As the music swells, toward the end, join in and sing verse 1]

Welcome

Ringing of the Bells

Hymn: *ELW 322 - O Love, How Deep, verses 1, 4, & 7*

Greeting (Setting 10, page 203)

Kyrie (page 203)

Canticle of Praise: (page 204 – option b)

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you led your people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide us now, so that, following your Son, we may walk safely through the wilderness of this world toward the life you alone can give, 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: Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

Special Music: *Pie Jesu*, By Andrew Lloyd Webber, Arr. by David Kassler

Gospel Acclamation: (page 205 – option b)

Gospel: Luke 4:1-13

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

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

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 333 - Jesus is a Rock in a Weary Land*

Apostles' Creed (page 105)

Prayers of the People

Petition Response: God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response: *ELW 188 - Create in Me a Clean Heart*

Offering Prayer

Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Blessing

God our tender parent, God the crucified one, God the reconciling Spirit, †
bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Hymn: *ELW 325 - I Want Jesus to Walk With Me*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Care for others as God cares for you. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

Worship Participants

Presiding Minister: Pastor Seth Perry

Organist/Accompanist: Brian Voss

Reader: Bev Cameron

Special Music: Elim Bell Choir; David Kassler, Director

Acolytes: Luke Putratz, Edmund Welch

Youth Ushers: Taylor Engstrom, Secelia Johnson

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

Attendance for Sunday, March 2

8:00 a.m. – 33

9:30 a.m. – 117

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Schedule for the Week

Today	3/9	8:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 8:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Library) 9:30 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) No Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time (Fellowship Hall) No Youth Group/Confirmation ☆☆6:00 p.m. Band Night (Sanctuary)☆☆
Mon.	3/10	9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 a.m. Quilting (Quilting Room) 7:00 p.m. AA (Community Room)
Tue.	3/11	1:00 p.m. Game Day (Fellowship Hall) 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee (Community Room)
Wed.	3/12	12:00 p.m. Soup Lunch/Devotion service @12:10 (Fellowship Hall) 5:15 p.m. Soup Supper (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir (Bell Choir Room) 7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship (Sanctuary) 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir (Choir Room)
Sat.	3/15	☆☆10:00 a.m. Silver Sobriety Town Hall (Fellowship Hall) ☆☆
Sun.	3/16	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)

Prayers of sympathy and comfort to the family of John Frankson who passed away on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. Funeral arrangements are pending at this time. Hebrews 13:14 reminds us: *For here we have no lasting city, but we are looking for the city that is to come.*

Announcements



Band Night @ Elim Lutheran Church Sunday, March 9, 2025

6:00 p.m.

Dust off that old horn and start getting back in shape. We'll play some easy arrangements for instruments. Bring your instrument and play at band night at Elim!

Silver Sobriety Town Hall

Saturday, March 15 @ 10:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall



Elim Lutheran Church invites you to the **Silver Sobriety Town Hall** on **Saturday, March 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM**. This gathering is a chance to connect, learn, and celebrate our senior mental health series while engaging in meaningful conversations about addiction recovery in later life.

Please RSVP Today! The sign-up sheet is on the tables in the office hallway.



We are looking for groups to serve the evening Soup Suppers. **Get your group together and sign up on the sheet across from the office** or call the office. (651-433-2723)

Available dates: March 26, April 2, and April 9

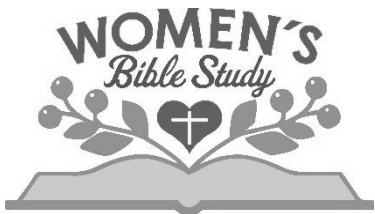


As you head toward Fellowship Hall, take a moment to check out the wall at the foundation map filled with envelopes. Each envelope has a different donation amount that you can choose to help send our youth to camp. There are also opportunities to provide a full scholarship for a student.

Our kids will be attending Summer Festival Camp (7th-9th grade) and Castaway Club (Senior High)

this summer—both are amazing places where their faith can grow, and they can build strong, lifelong friendships. Your generosity will make a world of difference in their spiritual journey. Thank you for helping our youth experience the power of camp!

We'd love to hear how camp has made a difference in your life! As we work on our fundraiser to send our youth to camp, your stories can inspire and encourage others. Please share your camp experiences by emailing them to Vanessa at vanessa.carpenter@elimscandia.org. Thank you for helping show the impact camp can have on a faith journey!



Coming this Spring

Women's Bible Study

Tuesdays: April 22 through June 10

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

Join us for "Twelve Women of the Bible" presented by several powerful leaders in Women's Ministry. This study takes us directly into the lives of these biblical women—triumphs and failures. Discover new insights from Biblical lessons we learn that show us God's gracious love that will leave you feeling challenged, encouraged, and deeply valued.

All women are welcomed – bring a friend or friends!

Please let us know by March 21 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 to wash the woodwork, pews, and altar and to vacuum the cushions. Buckets and cleaning cloths will be provided.

If anyone has a handheld vacuum to bring it would make things go quicker.

COME, help on Saturday, April 5 at 9:00 a.m. so we can have a clean start for Easter. Many hands make light work!

Thank You

Altar Guild

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We would like to thank everyone who helps out with the funeral luncheons. Whether you bake a desert or help serve, we appreciate it all. Without all of our volunteers, this would not happen.

It is a great service that we provide to the families when they have lost a loved one.

If anyone is interested in this valuable service, contact Joan and she will get your name to us.

Thank you once again.

Your Elim Funeral Leaders

Denise and Debbie



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