



Elim Lutheran Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 3, 2026

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission in the world. As 1 Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life.

Dear Lord: Enable me to prepare myself for communing with You. Quiet my spirit, direct my thoughts and enable me to grasp the Truth you have for me and my fellow worshipers today.

Welcome, one and all. Let us join in the prayer of the psalmist: "May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. May those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'" (Psalm 70:4). It is good that we are here. Let us praise God together.

Prelude

Welcome

Ring of the Bells

Choral Introit: *This is the Day* – By Les Garrett (verse 1)

Confession and Forgiveness (page 94)

Hymn: *ELW 535 – Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises*

Greeting (Setting 1, page 98)

Kyrie (page 98)

Canticle of Praise: *This is the Feast* (page 101)

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.



Confirmation [Affirmation of Baptism] (ELW – page 234)

The candidates for confirmation are listed below:

Gwen Louise Triden

Lilly Marie Triden

Children's Time

Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Choral Anthem: *Rest in Me* – Words by John Parker; Music by David Lantz, III

Rest in me, set aside anxiety. Lay your burden down a while. Rest in me, my child.

Burdens and stress, the strains of life, a load that is heavy to bear. Step in the water of God's cool grace. Wade in his comfort and care. There is calming peace. There is soothing release waiting there.

Consider the birds, they neither sow nor reap. Yet the Lord feeds them all just like He feeds His Sheep.

Gospel Acclamation: (page 102)**Gospel:** John 14:1-14

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

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

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 376 - Thine Is the Glory*

Prayers of the People

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

Sharing of the Peace**Offering**

Offertory Response: *ELW 885 - Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Offering Prayer: **Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.**

Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Communion

Great Thanksgiving (page 107)

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Lamb of God (page 112)

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 the Body of Christ to each person starting on the piano side.
 - An assistant will follow the pastor to distribute the wine.
 - An assistant will collect the cups.
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Communion Hymns: *ELW 712 – Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service;*

ELW 477 – I Received the Living God

Prayer After Communion

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

Hymn: *ELW 379 - Now the Green Blade Rise*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **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

Cantor: Stephanie Pereboom

Reader: Lynne Moratzka

Choral Anthem: Elim Adult Choir - Brian Voss, Director; Will Welch, Accompanist

Acolytes: Jordan Pereboom, Natalie Pereboom

Lead Usher: Geno Tuccitto

Youth Ushers: Marshall Carter, Secelia Johnson

Communion Assistant: Rachel Putratz

Altar Guild: Heidi McCurdy, Lynne Moratzka, Judy Silk

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

Attendance for Sunday, April 26

8:00 a.m. – 28

9:30 a.m. – 149

Online Views - 55

Happening Today

- 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.	5/4	9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 6:00 p.m. AA (Community Room)
Tue.	5/5	4:00 p.m. NA (Community Room) 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Chapel)
Wed.	5/6	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir (Bell Choir Room) 6:00 p.m. Property Committee (Library) 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (Choir Room)
Sat.	5/9	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Practice Class (Quilting Room)
Sun.	5/10	8:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary) 8:40 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Library) 9:30 a.m. 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)

Prayers of sympathy and comfort to the family of David Olson who passed away on Saturday, April 18, 2026. A Celebration of Life will be held here at Elim Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 6, 2026 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation an 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.*

Announcements



Unexpected Company Chorale, a local community chorale, is presenting their Spring concert – *Sing as One* at two performances. Tickets are \$15 and are available in the church office, online (www.ucchorale.org) or at the door.

Today - Sunday, May 3 @ 3:00 PM
Chisago Lakes High School Performing Arts Center

The Feed My Starving Children Lakes Area Mobile Pack in April was a great success. A total of 256,608 meals were packed - enough to feed 708 kids for a year! We are unsure at this point if there are enough funds to cover all the meals that were packed. A huge thank you to all of you Elim Folks - for coming and volunteering to pack (there were over 50 of you!), for all of you who gave of your time to help with coffees to raise funds, for all of you who gave such generous donations, for the Elim Foundation who gave a \$5,000 donation, and for all the prayers that went up for this endeavor. The \$2,000 match was made and our congregation donated over \$12,000 to the pack. We can all be grateful that there will be 708 kids in the coming year who won't have to wonder when they will have their next meal.

Scandia Farmers Market Plant Sale

Just in Time for Mothers Day!

Wednesdays May 6 & 13 from 3-6 p.m. at the Scandia Community Center

Featuring bedding plants, perennials, cut flowers, herbs and vegetables from our local vendors.



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 – May 31 and beyond



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Our Mission: To
boldly glorify God.

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