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**Elim Lutheran Church**

**Third Sunday of Easter**

**May 4, 2025**

The disciples make a big splash and eat breakfast with the risen Jesus. Wading in the water (remembering baptism) and eating with Jesus (celebrating holy communion) is our weekly encounter with the risen Christ. Jesus asks us again and again: Do you love me? And Jesus invites us, again and again, to follow him, bringing the Easter life to others.

“Weeping may stay for the night, but rejoicing comes in the morning” (Psalm 30:5, NIV).  
Whatever emotion each of us is feeling right now, may this time of worship grant  
nourishment. Amen.

Welcome to worship, friends! As Jesus met Saul (later called Paul) in a powerful light and voice  
on the road to Damascus, so he meets us here. It might be less dramatic, but it’s no less real.

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## **Prelude**

**Processional Prelude:** *ELW 384 - That Easter Day with Joy was Bright* [As the  
music swells, toward the end, join in and sing verse 3]

## **Welcome**

## **Ringing of the Bells**

**Confession and Forgiveness** (page 94)

**Hymn:** *ELW 729 - The Church of Christ, in Every Age*

**Greeting** (Setting 8, page 184)

**Kyrie** (pages 184-185) [Verse 1-All; Verse 2-Women; Verse 3-Men; Verse 4-All]

**Canticle of Praise:** *ELW 723 - Canticle of the Turning, verse 3*

## **Prayer of the Day**

**Eternal and all-merciful God, with all the angels and all the saints we  
laud your majesty and might. By the resurrection of your Son, show  
yourself to us and inspire us to follow 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 30

**Special Music:** *Gymnopédie No. 1*, By Erik Satie, Arr. by Jay Daniels  
[Bill Strusinzki, Narrator]

**Gospel Acclamation:** (page 188)

**Gospel:** John 21:1-19

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

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

## **Sermon**

**Hymn:** *ELW 507 - O God of Light*

## Prayers of the People

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

## Sharing of the Peace

### Offering

**Offertory Response:** *ELW 393 - A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!, verse 5*

### Offering Prayer

**Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. Amen.**

## Communion

**Great Thanksgiving** (page 190)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord** (page 190)

**Words of Institution**

Gluten free wafers are available.

**Lord's Prayer**

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

**Invitation to Communion**

**Lamb of God** (page 191)

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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 661 - I Love to Tell the Story; ELW 392 - Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

## Prayer After Communion

### Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✝ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

**Hymn:** *ELW 825 - You Servants of God*

### Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!** Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia! **Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

### Postlude

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

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**Worship Participants**


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Presiding Minister: Pastor Seth Perry

Organist/Accompanist: Brian Voss

Reader: Lynne Moratzka

Special Music: Elim Bell Choir; David Kassler, Director

Communion Assistant: Laurie Carlson

Acolytes: Luke Putratz, Lilly Triden

Youth Ushers: Kristin Voiss; JoJo Weller

Altar Guild: Peg Simpson, Judy Silk, Arlene Swenson

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**Attendance for Sunday, April 27**


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8:00 a.m. – 40

9:30 a.m. – 140

Online Views - 44

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**Schedule for the Week**


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Today	5/4	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)

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Mon.	5/5	9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)
		7:00 p.m. AA (Community Room)

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Tue.	5/6	6:00 p.m. Women's Bible Study (Chapel)
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Wed.	5/7	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir (Bell Choir Room)
		7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (Choir Room)

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Sun.	5/11	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)

## Announcements

### Faith and Mental Health Discussion Series – New Schedule

We have new dates scheduled for both in-person and online gatherings.

- The in-person sessions will be held at Elim on Thursdays, June 5, 12, 19, and 26 at 6:00 PM.
- For those who prefer or need to meet online, we will also host sessions via Zoom on Thursdays, July 10, 17, 24, and 31 at 6:00 PM.

These discussions will create a welcoming space where we can explore the relationship between faith and mental well-being, share our experiences, and support one another. The *Our Stigma Podcast* will be the central component of our discussion series. Since the fall I have worked on this podcast and along side it will be the discussion series. Each episode of the podcast features diverse voices, including multi-faith and multicultural perspectives, that delve into how mental health intersects with spirituality.

If you are interested in attending either session, check out the sign-up sheets in the hallway across from the office.

### Elim Creative Expressions – May, 2025



Creative Expressions Schedule	
Dates	Notes
May 11 – May 15	Deliver registration form, items, and signed waiver form to Elim☆
May 16 & 17	Setup – submitted items hung/displayed at Elim
May 18 – May 25	Exhibit Open☆
May 27 – May 29	Pick up submitted items☆

☆Elim office hours are Monday – Friday; 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. On Sundays, the building is accessible between 8:00 a.m. and noon.



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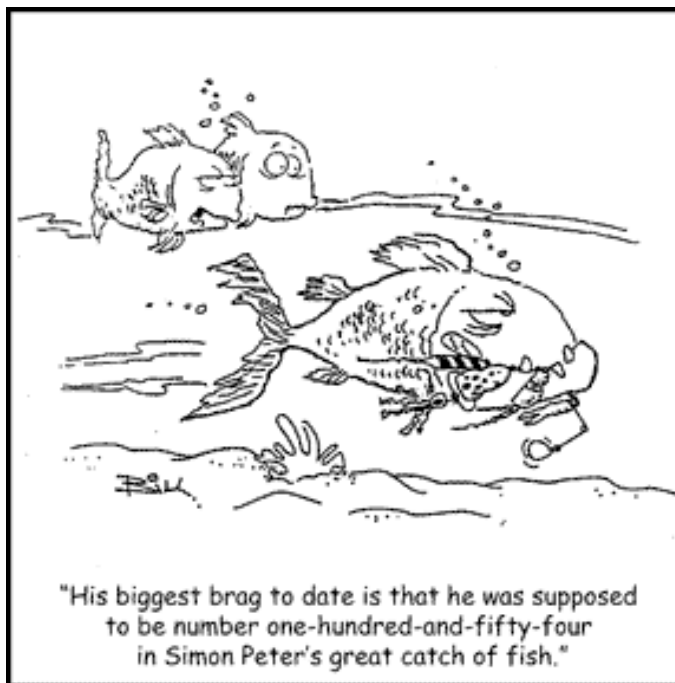
## Host a Coffee Hour – Support a Ministry

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.

**Available dates – May 25 and beyond**



**Attention parents of graduates:** In the June *Elim Messenger*, we would like to recognize this year's high school and college graduates. We do have a list of high school graduates, but don't always know who might be graduating from college. Plus, we want to make sure we have all the high school graduates. If you would like your student's name included, **please contact the office by Tuesday, May 20.**  
(651-433-2723 or [office@elimscandia.org](mailto:office@elimscandia.org))



## Gammelgården Museum Open for the Season

Gammelgården Museum opened for the season on May 3. The season brings many exciting events, activities, and opportunities. For a complete schedule of upcoming classes and events at Gammelgården Museum, visit the museum's website at <https://gammelgardenmuseum.org/events>.

Gammelgården also has a variety of volunteer opportunities. Contact the museum at [volunteer@gammelgardenmuseum.org](mailto:volunteer@gammelgardenmuseum.org) or 651-433-5053 if you have any questions or want more information. You can also check out the <https://gammelgardenmuseum.org/get-involved>.



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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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