



May 9, 2021  
6th Sunday of Easter



**Worship Participants**

Preaching Today: Pastor Lamont Koerner  
Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

This Sunday we are faced with a conundrum. Are there not people enough in the city, who hunger for the Gospel? Why send Philip to a wilderness road in a seemingly empty land? Meanwhile, in a place so full of people their desperate pleas, their insistent demands, crowd in, press upon Jesus, who will be heard? While responding to one, another interrupts. Heal my daughter, set me free from my suffering. In such a time as this, in our time, Jesus reaches out to raise more than the dead. It is faith he means to raise, then and now. A still greater miracle.

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Ring of the Bells**

**Hymn:** *ELW 631 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, verses 1 & 3*

**Thanksgiving for Baptism**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ, let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

*Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.*

We thank you, risen Christ, for these waters where you make us new, leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.

We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us in the grace-filled waters of rebirth, like rains to our thirsting earth, like streams that revive our souls, like cups of cool water shared with strangers.

Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.  
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.  
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.  
Make us one, risen Christ.  
Cleanse our hearts.  
Shower us with life.  
To you be given all praise, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God, now and forever. **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 healing, when someone in your world suffers, you suffer as well. Your deep heartache is beyond our understanding. Move us beyond our endless petitions to ever growing faith in your presence and healing power. So many of your beloved children still cry out for shelter, for bread, for healing and for justice. Lord Jesus, move us to love as you love, to be your instruments of healing and life for all of your creation. **Amen.**

**Reading:** Acts 8:26-40

**Gospel:** Mark 5:35-43

**Sermon**

**Hymn:** *ELW 708 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love, verses 1 & 4*

## Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Offering

### Offering Prayer

God of love, you call us beloved children and welcome us to your table. Receive our lives and the gifts we offer. Abide with us and send us in service to a suffering world; for the sake of your beloved Child, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Prayers of the People

### Lord's Prayer

### Blessing and Sending

May our glorious God grant you a spirit of wisdom  
to know and to love the risen Lord Jesus.

The God of life,  
Father, ✝ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever. Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.  
**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. Share the good news. Alleluia!  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

## Postlude

### Congregational Survey – Closes Today!

This is a pivotal moment in Elim's history. We are at the confluence of change in leadership and the emergence from a time of pandemic into a markedly changed world. Decisions need to be made that will shape our future for years to come. As we prepare for the search for a new lead pastor, we very much want to know what you think about Elim and what gifts you believe we should be looking for in our new pastor. Don't miss the opportunity to have your voice heard. You matter. We want to hear from you.

You will have the opportunity to complete the survey during worship or scan the QR code with your cell phone to complete the survey electronically.



For readings, refer to your Bible or use an online Bible source, such as [Bible Gateway](#). [NOTE: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) is used.]