All Saints' Sunday

Welcome to this gathering of the saints, both here and in the heavenly kingdom. Let us worship God together!

Elim Lutheran Church **All Saints' Sunday** **November 1, 2026**

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

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Today, we remember the faithful believers who have gone before us. May their witness encourage us as we worship the God who remains faithful through every generation.

On this wonderful day that is designated All Saints' Sunday, we have come to invoke the presence of God. We welcome with joy all worshipers. Remember with gratitude all who have been faithful to God throughout the centuries.

Prelude

Welcome

Ringing of the Bells

The Commemoration of Saints

To those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace and peace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Today we remember those members and friends of Elim who have died since All Saints' Day last year. Their names are:

Edward Balfanz	David Zierman	Donna Granberg
Ruth Vogt	Charlotte Lundeen	Patricia Anderson
Hazel Walgren	David Olson	Robert Bodine
Audrey Nordin	Deloris Kaiser	Sari Alsaker
Eric Seavey	Jason Barr	Carol Seefeldt
Robert Mattheisen	Mark Cyrus Nelson	Children lost to miscarriage

If we are united with Christ in a death like His we shall also be united with Him in a resurrection like His! May this promise bring you hope, comfort, and peace.

Choral Introit: *The Road Home* – Adapted by Stephen Paulus; Lyrics by Michael Dennis Browne (See page 6 for lyrics)

Confession and Forgiveness (page 94)

Hymn: *ELW 847 - Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs*

Greeting (Setting 1, page 98)

Kyrie (page 98)

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

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, 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

Readings: Revelation 7:9-17

Special Music: *It is Well With My Soul*

Gospel Acclamation: (page 102)

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

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

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 422 - For All the Saints* (Verses 1, 2, 5, 6, 7)

Prayers of Intercession

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Response: *ELW 686 - We Give Thee But Thine Own (verse 1)*

Offering Prayer: **Eternal God, our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you. Receive what we offer, and all that you entrust to us, until hungry no more, all the world is fed, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Communion

Great Thanksgiving (page 107)
Holy, Holy, Holy (page 108)
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.

- 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.

Communion Hymns: *ELW 695 - As Saints of Old; ELW 773 - Precious Lord, Take My Hand; ELW 676 - Lord, Speak to Us that We May Speak*

Prayer After Communion

Blessing

The holy Trinity, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God, today and always. **Amen**.

Hymn: *ELW 414 - Holy God We Praise Your Name*

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another. **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
Choral Introit: Elim Adult Choir; Brian Voss, Director; Will Welch, Accompanist
Cantor: Tim Newcomb
Reader: Lynne Moratzka
Special Music: Tim Newcomb
Youth Ushers: Ainsley Carpenter, Kristin Voiss
Communion Assistant: Dan Sandager, Melinda Synicyn
Acolytes: Edmund Welch, Will Welch
Lead Usher: Geno Tuccitto
Altar Guild: Jan Hammond, Heidi McCurdy, Arlene Swenson
Livestream and Audio Techs: Ben Bakke, Cobain Johnson, Keegan Milligan

Schedule for the Week

Today	11/1	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)
Mon.	11/2	9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 a.m. Quilting (Quilting Room) 6:00 p.m. AA (Community Room)
Tue.	11/3	4:00 p.m. NA (Community Room)
Wed.	11/4	6:00 p.m. Property Committee (Library) 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir (Bell Choir Room) 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (Choir Room)
Sat.	11/7	9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Practice Class (Quilting Room or Patio) 1:30 p.m. D&D Mini Campaign (Sunday School Room)
Sun.	11/8	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)

Attendance for October 25

8:00 a.m. – 37	9:30 a.m. – 137	Online Views - 81

The Road Home

Tell me, where is the road
I can call my own,
That I left, that I lost,
So long ago?
All these years I have wandered,
Oh, when will I know
There's a way, there's a road
That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain,
When the dark is done.
As I wake from a dream
In the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling
From far away,
There's a voice I can hear
That will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me,
Come away, is the call,
With the love in your heart
As the only song;
There is no such beauty
As where you belong:
Rise up, follow me,
I will lead you home.

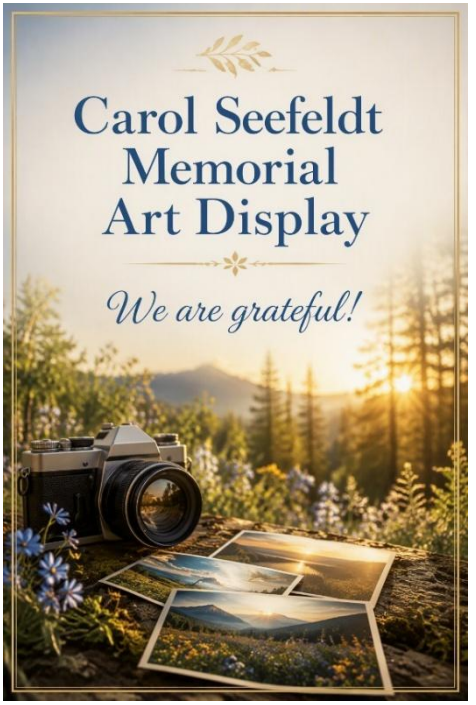
The Annual Congregational Meeting – Part I is scheduled for Sunday, November 15 following the 9:30 service. In addition to the election of council and other board members and presentation of the draft budget, action regarding the Elim Constitution will be needed.

Immediately following the Annual Part I meeting, a Special Congregational meeting will be convened to complete the necessary action related to the constitution.

Details regarding the action needed for the constitution at each meeting are provided below.

1. At the Annual Meeting Part I, the congregation will be asked to:
    a. ratify the amendments from the 2025 Churchwide Assembly.
    b. approve the amendment to the bylaw (C.10.01.01).
2. At the Special Congregational Meeting, the congregation will be asked to ratify the change to the bylaw (C.10.01.01).

A handout with the changed sections is available for pickup in the office and will be linked in this week's *Elim Happenings* email.



Carol's smile included her eyes.

We are grateful!

Carol's eyes saw God's beauty.

We are grateful!

Carol's heart was generous to all of us.

We are grateful!

Check out the hallway on your way to the Fellowship Hall. Displayed are some of Carol's art pieces, which are on loan from her Elim friends. The banners in the Fellowship Hall also feature photos by Carol.

Skool

This is what happens when you don't go to school!! It's that time of year for our annual Bega Kwa Bega scholarship drive. Bega Kwa Bega is a component of the Iringa Diocese in Tanzania. We at Elim have supported the scholarship program, giving $9,000 per year so that kids can continue their secondary education. Secondary education isn't free in Tanzania. Scholarships run about $600. We are asking for a full or partial scholarship – any amount helps. Please consider a donation to send a kid to school.

Payments can be made by check, made out to *Elim Lutheran Church*. Write *Bega Kwa Bega* in the memo. Place it in the offering plate, drop it off in the office, or send it in the mail. We will be collecting for scholarships through mid-November. If you have questions, call Rick Sandager (651-402-8383). ~ Thank You!

Our Mission: To boldly glorify God.

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