

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
Scandia, Minnesota
November 7, 2021

Our Mission: To
boldly glorify God.

Introduction: Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

Prelude

Welcome

Ringling 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:

Harriet Johnson

Marlys Ostrand

Elizabeth (Libby) Jeschke

Joyce Engstrom

Lois Johnson

Lois Vennewitz

Geoffrey Peel

Children lost to miscarriage

Mignon Johnson

Pam Sherwood-Gabrielson

Denise Kjellberg

Those who died from COVID

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.

Hymn: *ELW 424 - Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones, verses 1 & 3*

Confession and Forgiveness

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

Have mercy on us, O God.

**We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.**

**We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.**

**We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.**

**Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.**

**Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.
Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Yours is the kingdom of God. **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

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.

Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Special Music: *In Memoriam* – Words by Susan Naus Dengler & Lee Dengler, Music by Lee Dengler

We give them back to you, Lord, those loved ones whom You gave to us; in living, were not lost to you; in dying are not lost to us. For life is eternal, and love is immortal; and death, a mere horizon, that obscures what lies beyond.

Going home, going home, God's eternal home; going home, going home, nevermore to roam. Peacefulness, endless rest, all is fair and bright. Work is done. Joy's begun, bathed in glorious light. Going home, going home, nevermore to roam. Going home, going home, God's eternal home.

Gracious Lord, grant them light, God of peace, God of hope, God of love, keep them safe in Your care. Grant them rest.

Gospel: John 11:32-44

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 423 Shall We Gather at the River, verses 1, 3, & 4*

Prayers of the People

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

Offering

Offering Prayer

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Communion - Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Table Blessing/Prayer

Blessing and Sending

God, the beginning and the end,
 who has written your name in the book of life,
 † bless and keep you in grace and peace
 from this time forth and forevermore. **Amen.**

Led on by the saints before us,
 go in peace to serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Worship Participants

Preaching Today: Pastor Meredith McGrath

Presiding Minister: Pastor Sarah Henrich

Organist/Pianist: Ken Cheney

Reader: Lynne Moratzka

Acolytes: Cobain and Sece Johnson

Special Music: Elim Adult Choir, Janet Beckman, Director

Schedule for the Week

Today	11/7	8:00 a.m. Communion Worship 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship
Mon.	11/8	9:30 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. AA
Wed.	11/10	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
Thur.	11/11	Veterans Day
Sun.	11/14	8:00 a.m. Worship 8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship



Veterans Day is Thursday, November 11

Please remember to pray for, honor, and thank all who have served; those within our congregation and throughout our extended community, and nation.

Announcements



Date Change!

The Annual Congregational Meeting – Part I will be held on **Sunday, December 19** following the 9:30 service. The call committee has recommended a candidate for our new pastor; the council has approved the recommendation. There will be two meet and greet sessions with the candidate in early December.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting Part I will include elections for Council and other Boards, a presentation of the proposed 2022 budget, and a vote to call a pastor. Additional details will be forthcoming in the mail, in the bulletin, and in the Elim Happenings email.

As you may have already heard, Pastor Meredith will be leaving Elim. Her last Sunday here will be December 5. Because of our current COVID restrictions, we are not planning a send-off gathering. However, we have set up the Gold Box in which you can drop a card and perhaps a gift card – if you do desire. Cards can be dropped off in the office or mailed to Elim (P.O. Box 67, Scandia, MN 55073).



Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart

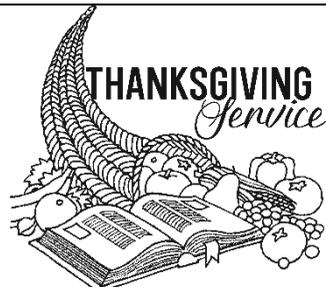
The Elim Foundation welcomes your gifts to grow the Foundation, which then grows the gifting/granting each year to Christian ministries outside Elim Church locally, nationally, and internationally. We invite you to **“Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart”** to meet and surpass a \$5,000 matching challenge from a donor between November 1- December 31, 2021. The total amount raised by this challenge will be revealed at worship on Sunday, January 9, 2022, Epiphany Sunday (and Foundation Sunday), along with those Christian ministries receiving gifts/grants from your Elim Foundation.

Gifts to the Foundation can be made by check (made payable to Elim Foundation), cash (designate for Elim Foundation), or a gift of stock (see Elim Foundation webpage for directions). They can be mailed to Elim Church or placed in the offering plate on Sunday morning.

www.elimscandia.org → Ministries → Foundation



Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes will again be distributed to persons finding it necessary to receive assistance. Please call Joan at Elim Lutheran Church (651-433-2723) if you or someone you know would like to be included. Deadline for submitting names will be on Thursday, November 18. Thank you.



Join us for worship on Thanksgiving Eve (11/24) at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Watch for more details as the time gets closer.

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Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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