



Mark 10:15-16: "Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it. And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them."



Our Mission: To
boldly glorify God.

Elim Lutheran Church

Scandia, Minnesota

October 3, 2021

19th Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction: Today's gospel combines a saying that makes many of us uncomfortable with a story we find comforting. Jesus' saying on divorce is another of his rejections of human legislation in favor of the original intent of God's law. Jesus' rebuke of the disciples who are fending off the children should challenge us as well. What does it mean to receive the kingdom of God as a child does?

Prelude

Welcome

Ring of the Bells

Hymn: *ELW 796 - How Firm a Foundation, verses 1 & 4*

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

(Silence is kept for reflection.)

God our comforter:

Like lost sheep, we have gone astray.

We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.

We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.

We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.

Free us from our sin, gracious God.

Listen when we call out to you for help.

Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.

Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins. **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

Sovereign God, you have created us to live in loving community with one another. Form us for life that is faithful and steadfast, and teach us to trust like little children, that we may reflect the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Special Music: *Jesus Son of God* – Words/music by Chris Tomlin, Matt Maher, and Jason Ingram

Gospel: Mark 10:2-16

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 769 - If You But Trust in God to Guide You, verses 1 & 4*

Prayers of the People

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

Offering**Offering Prayer**

God of abundance, you cause streams to break forth in the desert and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us. Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world you love so dearly; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Communion - Words of Institution**Lord's Prayer****Table Blessing/Prayer**

Blessing and Sending

People of God,
 you are Christ's body,
 bringing new life to a suffering world.

The holy Trinity, † one God,
 bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude**Worship Participants**

Preaching Today: Pastor Meredith McGrath

Organist/Pianist: Janet Beckman

Reader: Lynne Moratzka

Special Music: Tim Newcomb

Schedule for the Week

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| Today | 10/3 | 8:00 a.m. Communion Worship 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship |
| Mon. | 10/4 | 11:00 a.m. Funeral for Denise Kjellberg 7:00 p.m. AA |
| Tue. | 10/5 | 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible study |
| Wed. | 10/6 | 3:45 – 5:30 p.m. LOGOS (K – 6 th) 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. LOGOS (7 th – 12 th) 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 6:30 p.m. Blessing of the Animals 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir |
| Thur. | 10/7 | 7:00 p.m. Property Committee Meeting |
| Sun. | 10/10 | 8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship |

Death came, as it must to all, to Denise Kjellberg on Tuesday, September 28, 2021 at the age of 63 years. A funeral service will be held here at Elim Lutheran Church on Monday, October 4 at 11:00 a.m. with visitation an hour before. Burial will be at Elim Cemetery. Our sympathy to the family.

Announcements



Blessing of the Animals

October 6 - 6:30 p.m.

This year we'll meet in the parking lot near the youth room door.

All are welcome.

Backpack Program

Thanks to your generosity and donations from our own Food Shelf, we were already able to provide Forest Lake Elementary with nourishing food for students in need.

We will continue to collect items throughout the school year.

Items needed include:

- Cereal (individual boxes, oatmeal packets, granola bars)

Donations can be placed in the large blue tote in the hallway near the office.

- Canned items (fruit, soup, tuna, etc.)
- Boxed Macaroni & Cheese
- Peanut butter
- Ramen noodles
- Pudding or Jell-O cups

Keep Your Contact Information Updated

Are you planning to move – or have you already moved? Do you use a cell phone instead of, or in addition to, a land line? Do you escape to a warmer climate during the cold and snowy Minnesota winter? Call or email Joan to update your information.

651-433-2723 - joan.detzler@elimscandia.org

NOTE: The membership system can maintain an alternate address and can be set up to use that address during a specific period. All we need is the alternate address and the dates you are typically at that address. The system does the rest.

Voices Needed!

Reformation Sunday is fast approaching (it's on October 31st) and word has it that we may have a couple of confirmands that day. . . In true Elim tradition, I'd like to include additional special music that day. But to do that, we could use some more voices for two choir pieces!

Please consider joining choir for the month of October. Even if you can't commit to entire choir season, we'd love to have your help to make Reformation Sunday musically memorable. Music and part recordings are available to help you rehearse on your own. Drop me a line, text me, or call if you would like to join us.

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Second Hand Swedish Sale

Friday and Saturday - October 8 and 9 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. each day

This sale, at the Gammelgarden Museum, offers quality second-hand treasures of Swedish origin looking for a good home. No admission fee to attend. Wearing face masks and social distancing is mandatory. For more information call: 651-433-5053.

SKHOOL

This is what happens when you don't go to school. Here's how you can help! Bega Kwa Bega is a scholarship program paying for kids to attend school in Tanzania. A scholarship pays for tuition and room and board for a student for a full school year. Scholarships run about \$700 U.S. dollars.

In the past, Elim has provided approximately 10 scholarships per year. We hope to not disappoint a child who wants to get an education. We take education for granted. They don't!

You can help by providing all or part of a scholarship. Please make your check payable to Elim Lutheran Church and write *Bega Kwa Bega* in the memo. You can put it in the offering plate, give or send it to the church office, or give to Rick Sandager. Thank you for your support. Rick Sandager (651-402-8383)

Do you have an announcement you would like included in the bulletin? Email or call Joan with the information no later than the Wednesday before the Sunday it needs to be included.

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Electronic Giving

Interested in setting up a one-time donation or reoccurring giving from your checking account or with a credit card? This QR code will take you to the Giving page on Elim's Website, or go to www.elimscandia.org and click on Giving. The E-Giving button will take you to the page to set up a donation. Just follow the prompts on the screen.



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