



“The
Son of Man
came
not to
be served but
to serve,
and to
give his life
as a ransom
for many.”

MARK 10:45, ESV



Our Mission: To
boldly glorify God.

Elim Lutheran Church
Scandia, Minnesota

October 17, 2021

21st Sunday After Pentecost

Introduction: Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

Prelude

Welcome

Ringling of the Bells

Hymn: *ELW 692 - We Are an Offering*

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 turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth. Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

Special Music: *The Weeping Tree* – Words/music by Joseph M. Martin

Upon the wind there comes a call, a whisper soft and low, a lonesome cry that fills the night and echoes through the soul. It stirs the seekers' tender heart. It bids them come and see. To kneel in shadows cast by grace, to touch the weeping tree.

Against the sky the timbers rise, a silhouette of grace, a rugged throne for heaven's own, the sinner's hiding place. Its burdened arms reach out to all; they draw the world to see the price of love is paid in blood upon the weeping tree.

O come to the place where promise lives and rest where hope begins, where crimson leaves adorn the ground, a gift from graceful winds. O come and walk the winding path that leads to Calvary. Come lay your burdens down and rest beneath the weeping tree.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 546 - To Be Your Presence*

Prayers of the People

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

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 Sarah Henrich

Presiding Minister: Pastor Meredith McGrath

Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

Reader: Confirmation Youth (Cobain Johnson, Sece Johnson, Jordan Pereboom,
 Natalie Pereboom, Elliot Schaefer)

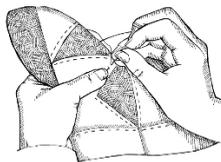
Special Music: Elim Adult Choir, Janet Beckman, Director

Schedule for the Week

Today	10/17	8:00 a.m. Communion Worship 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship
Mon.	10/18	9:30 a.m. Quilters 7:00 p.m. AA
Wed.	10/20	6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
Thur.	10/21	7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
Fri.	10/22	Elim Messenger Deadline
Sun.	10/24	8:00 a.m. Worship 8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study 9:30 a.m. Worship

Announcements

The Quilters Are Back!



After a very long hiatus, the Quilters are back and raring to go! They will be meeting on Mondays, starting October 18, at 9:30 a.m. in the Quilting Room. They are always looking for more help, so if you're interested in helping with this ministry please consider joining them. If you can tie a knot, you're welcome to join in! If you can't attend in the mornings, you can take squares home to sew into tops and return them for the tying process.

Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study Returning October 24



Join Pastor Sarah between services for a bible study starting October 24 through the Fourth Sunday of Advent. We will be studying the book of Exodus where we see Israel going on a journey into their future, even when they didn't know what was around the next corner. We'll meet in the chapel, starting at about 8:45.



The Coffee Cart will be returning soon! Watch for more details in future bulletins and the November newsletter.

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. (janet.beckman@elimscandia.org/612-244-9197)

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.

Bega Kwa Bega Scholarships

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)



Reformation is Sunday, October 31. Remember to wear **red** – even if you are joining us via livestream.



Sunday, October 31 – 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Safe Halloween Event

Scandia Fire Station

Scandia-Marine Lions providing food, and candy will be handed out.

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 a secure page to set up a donation. Just follow the prompts on the screen.



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