

Our Mission: To
boldly glorify God.

Elim Lutheran Church
Scandia, Minnesota
October 31, 2021
Reformation Day

Introduction: Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

Prelude

Welcome

Ringing of the Bells

Hymn: *ELW 504 - A Mighty Fortress is our God, verses 1 & 4*

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, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

Special Music: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)* – Words/Music by Chris Tomlin and Louie Giglio with “Amazing Grace” words by John Newton; Choral Setting by Joel Raney

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

My chains are gone, I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me, and like a flood, his mercy reigns; unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Gospel: John 8:31-36

Sermon

Hymn: *ELW 546 - To Be Your Presence*

Rite of Confirmation for Rebecka Newcomb and Joseph Valento

(Refer to page 234 in the front of the ELW)

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

Let us rejoice with these sisters and brothers in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will
give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to
all the world.**

Prayers of the People

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

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

Special Music: *Come Flood This Heart of Mine* – Lyrics by Herb Frombach; Music by David Lantz III

Come flood this heart of mine with Your great love divine. Come Spirit, make Your home, my heart is Yours alone.

Come flood this heart of mine with Your pure joy divine. My every sin forgive as one with You I live.

Come fill my heart, I am longing for Your power. Your presence and peace will be mine this very hour. Come fill my heart with Your Spirit in this place. Let my heart overflow with the fullness of Your grace.

Make of this heart of mine a vessel wholly Thine. Drive dark and doubt away, O fill me, Lord I pray. Come flood this heart of mine, with Your true light divine.

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

Presiding Minister: Pastor Sarah Henrich

Preaching Today: Pastor Meredith McGrath

Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

Readers: Rebecka Newcomb, Joseph Valento

Special Music: Elim Adult Choir, Janet Beckman, Director

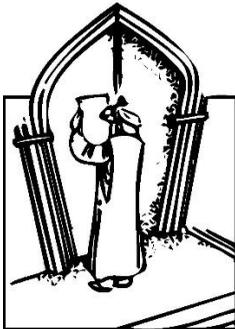
Schedule for the Week

Today 10/31 8:00 a.m. Communion Worship
 8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship w/Confirmation

Mon. 11/1 9:30 a.m. Quilters
 7:00 p.m. AA

Wed. 11/3 3:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. LOGOS
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir

Sun. 11/7 8:00 a.m. Communion Worship
 8:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study
 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship

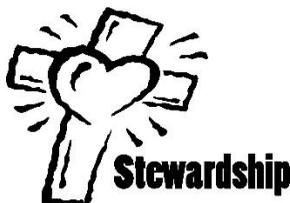


In our Narthex is a Lego model created by Jordan Pereboom showing Martin Luther nailing the 95 Theses to the Wittenberg Castle church. Take a moment to check it out!

Announcements



Reminder: Daylight Saving time ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 7 (next Sunday). Don't forget to turn your clocks **back** an hour before you go to bed on Saturday, November 6.



Coming soon in the mail to your home will be a letter from Pastor Sarah, a pledge card, and a time and talent sheet to fill out. Our hope for this year's stewardship season is to get a good idea of what our Elim family budget will look like in 2022 and who is willing to help with the life of the Elim family in big or small ways. Thank you for all you do and thank you for giving these requests your prayerful consideration.



A HUGE thank you to all who supported our Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack earlier this month. We packed 324 boxes which is 69,984 meals, feeding 192 kids for an entire year! And we fully funded 101,000 meals! What we couldn't pack was packed mechanically. All of this could not be accomplished without your support-gifts of money to pay for food, those of you who came and physically packed the meals (it was fun, wasn't it?), and all the prayers that went upward to make this a safe pack. We are pleased that it WAS a safe pack- no word of any COVID outbreaks from anyone attending. We also want to let everyone know that we are planning to do another small mobile pack next spring- April 21-23, 2022. Again, thank you for your generous support- Let's keep feeding kids!



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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651-433-2723

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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9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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