



Our Mission: To  
boldly glorify God.

**Elim Lutheran Church**  
**Scandia, Minnesota**  
**September 19, 2021**

**17th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Introduction:** Today we hear James warn against selfish ambition, while the disciples quarrel over which one of them is the greatest. Jesus tells them the way to be great is to serve. Then, to make it concrete, he puts in front of them a flesh-and-blood child. We are called to welcome the children God puts in front of us, to make room for them in daily interaction, and to give them a place of honor in the assembly.

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Ringing of the Bells**

**Hymn:** *ELW 588 - There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, verses 1 & 2*

## **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**

**O God, our teacher and guide, you draw us to yourself and welcome us as beloved children. Help us to lay aside all envy and selfish ambition, that we may walk in your ways of wisdom and understanding as servants of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Reading:** James 3:13-4:3,7-8a

**Anthem:** *Oh Day of Peace* – arr. Hal H. Hopson

**Gospel:** Mark 9:30-37

## **Sermon**

**Hymn:** *ELW 589 - All Depends on Our Possessing, verses 1 & 5*

## **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:** *Dona Nobis Pacem* – arr. Larry Sue

**Worship Participants**

Preaching Today: Pastor Meredith McGrath

Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

Reader: Tracey Thomas

Special Music: Elim Adult Choir, Janet Beckman, Director  
 Elim Bell Choir, Joan Detzler, Director

**Schedule for the Week**

Today 9/19 8:00 a.m. Communion Worship  
 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship

Mon. 9/20 7:00 p.m. AA

Tue. 9/21 6:00 p.m. Women's Bible study

Wed. 9/22 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir  
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir  
 7:00 p.m. LOGOS Orientation (via Zoom)

Thur. 9/23 Elim Messenger Deadline

Sun. 9/26 8:00 a.m. Worship  
 9:30 a.m. Worship

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## Announcements

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### Reminder: LOGOS Orientation

LOGOS Orientation will be Wednesday, September 22, at 7pm via Zoom.

This will be an opportunity to learn more about how LOGOS will work this year as well as how parents and other caring adults can support and serve.

Meeting ID: 846 0250 8778

Passcode: 232709

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### Backpack Program

The Tuesday Women's Bible Study is once again collecting food donations for the Backpack Program, benefiting students at Forest Lake Elementary. This program helps alleviate child hunger by discretely providing students in need with backpacks full of nutritious and easy-to-prepare food on Friday afternoons so they have food to eat throughout the weekend.

Items needed include:

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

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

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### Keep Your Church Record Updated

Have you recently moved? Do you now use a mobile (cell) phone instead of, or in addition to, a land line? Do you leave the snow and cold of a Minnesota winter behind and head to a warmer climate? Our database system is able to track alternate addresses along with the dates when the alternate address is effective. If we have that information, the system will automatically use the alternate address during the specified period. Please call or email Joan to get your record updated. (651-433-2723 or joan.detzler@elimscandia.org)

## **Bega Kwa Bega**

It's time for our annual Bega Kwa Bega drive for scholarships for our sister congregation in Iringa Tanzania. Please consider giving a scholarship or part of a scholarship to help support a young student to continue his or her education. Scholarships are \$700 per student and any amount toward a scholarship is appreciated. Checks can be made out to Elim Lutheran Church. Write *Bega Kwa Bega* in the memo portion of the check.

## **Lutheran Disaster Response (LDR)**

LDR brings hope, healing and renewal to people and communities affected by a disaster. Please consider supporting the work of Lutheran Disaster Response.

You can give through the church by making out a check to Elim and writing *LDR* in the memo line, along with the specific disaster you may want to support (see below). You can give directly through the ELCA using the forms available on the shelves across from the office. Finally, you can go to [elca.org/ldr](http://elca.org/ldr) and give online.

The disasters the ELCA has identified for 2021 are U.S. Hurricanes, U.S. Wildfires, Haiti Crisis, Afghan Humanitarian Crisis. You can also indicate "Where needed most" rather than a specific disaster.

## **Elim Foundation Grant Application Deadline: October 1**

The Elim Foundation will be making gifts this year to Christian based organizations. Applications are now being accepted until Friday, October 1, 2021. Organizations are eligible to receive funding for a maximum of 3 consecutive years.

Recipients will be announced and funds distributed in January of 2022. The application is available on Elim's website under Ministries → Foundation.

## **Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack is Back!**

The FMSC Lakes Area Mobile Pack will take place on September 30 through October 2 at Hosanna Lutheran Church. Feed My Starving Children is encouraging smaller packs and we plan to pack 101,088 meals at a cost of \$25,000. Sign-up is now open and we are asking that you sign up in groups of 10 people with whom you feel comfortable working closely. We are also looking for financial support for the purchase of the food we will be packing. Any questions? Call Arnie (651-245-3877) and Debbie Wright (651-402-0259). Let's feed kids!

## Volunteer Opportunities

### Readers Needed

We could use your help at our worship services to serve as a reader – for the Greeting, Prayer of the Day, and the first lesson. You can read for the 8:00 service, 9:30 service, or both. If you are interested or have questions call the church office (651-433-2723) or email Joan at [joan.detzler@elimscandia.org](mailto:joan.detzler@elimscandia.org).

### Archiving Help Needed

Have an interest in preserving history? Do you like organizing? Want to see the inside of the walk in safe in the youth room? Then we need you! We're in search of a person(s) to update and take care of our archives. Could be as little as a couple hours a week. (Or more if you wish.) Contact the church office with any questions (651-433-2723).

### Property Committee Help Needed

Are you handy around the house and have a desire to help serve Elim? The Property Committee is in need of some additional members to help with various repair projects that need attention from time to time. If you are interested, please call the church office (651-433-2723).

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](http://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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Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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