



Our Mission: To  
boldly glorify God.

**Elim Lutheran Church**  
**Scandia, Minnesota**  
**September 26, 2021**  
**18th Sunday After Pentecost**

**Introduction:** God is at work forming a people with identity and purpose grounded in God's own being. It is God who gives birth to them. It is God who feeds them. No human leader, no matter how gifted, can accomplish this alone. Yet God works the miracle of birth and growth through human leaders. Moses gathers seventy elders. Jesus gathers disciples and both acknowledge God's Spirit at work in the wider world. Leadership is teamwork for the sake of community.

## **Prelude**

## **Welcome**

## **Ringing of the Bells**

**Hymn:** *ELW 712 - Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service, verses 1 & 3*

## **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**

**Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**Reading:** James 5:13-20

**Anthem:** *As the Deer* – Words/music by Martin Nystrom; Arr. Keith Christopher

*As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee. You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship Thee.*

*You alone are my strength and shield, to You, alone, may my spirit yield; You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship You.*

*You're my friend and You are my brother, even tho' You are a King. I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.*

*I want you more than gold or silver, only You can satisfy. You alone are the real joy giver, and the apple of my eye.*

**Reading:** Numbers 11: 4-6, 10-16, 24-29

## **Sermon**

**Hymn:** *ELW 719 - Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life, verses 1, 4, & 6*

### **Apostles' Creed**

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

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

### **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.**

#### **Prayers of the People**

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

#### **Lord's 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**


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Preaching Today: Pastor Lamont Koerner

Assisting Minister: Pastor Meredith McGrath

Organist/Pianist: Brian Voss

Special Music: Elim Adult Choir, Janet Beckman, Director

**Schedule for the Week**


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Today	9/26	8:00 a.m. Worship 9:30 a.m. Worship
Mon.	9/27	7:00 p.m. AA
Tue.	9/28	6:00 p.m. Women's Bible study
Wed.	9/29	3:45 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. LOGOS 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir
Thu.	9/30	Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack
Fri.	10/1	Elim Foundation Grant Application Deadline Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack
Sat.	10/2	Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack
Sun.	10/3	8:00 a.m. Communion Worship 9:30 a.m. Communion Worship

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## Announcements

### **Reminder: Elim Foundation Grant Application Deadline: Friday, October 1**

The Elim Foundation will be making gifts this year to Christian based organizations. The application is available on Elim's website under Ministries → Foundation.

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### **Reminder: Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack**

The FMSC Lakes Area Mobile Pack will take place on September 30 through October 2 at Hosanna Lutheran Church. Although we are encouraging folks to sign up in groups of 10, we can also combine smaller groups to make this pack happen! We are also looking for financial support for the purchase of the food we will be packing. For questions or to sign up, call Arnie (651-245-3877) or Debbie Wright (651-402-0259). Let's feed kids!

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### **LOGOS is happening! Wednesdays – starting September 29!**

**3:45-5:30 p.m. for K – 6th**

**6-8 p.m. for 7<sup>th</sup> – 12th**

**Where is LOGOS?** Right here at Elim. Elementary aged kids meet in the double classroom (aka Quilting Room). Middle school and high school students will be in the Youth Room. Registrations forms can be found on our website under Ministries → Children, Youth, and Families → LOGOS. Paper copies are also available across from the office.

**Who is LOGOS?** It's all of us! While our focus is on our youth, LOGOS is best when it's intergenerational. So we need you! Whatever age you are. You have gifts and we need them.

**Why is LOGOS?** Because faith formation matters. Because faith strengthens through experience and relationship. Which takes us back to the Who and needing you.

**P.S.** Yes, LOGOS is the umbrella that includes Confirmation and Youth Group. If you have questions, please contact Pastor Meredith – [meredith.mcgrath@elimscandia.org](mailto:meredith.mcgrath@elimscandia.org).

## 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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### **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.

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### **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.

## 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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**Office Hours**

Monday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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