

**Elim Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, October 4, 2020**  
**Recorded Worship**



# WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONG: IF YOU BUT TRUST IN GOD TO GUIDE YOU



1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle  
2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -  
an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in  
keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.  
took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.

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## GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Generous God,

All: **Grant us the grace to follow the way of St.Francis,  
so that we might delight in your whole creation  
and strive to be instruments of your peace  
in the world through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING: PSALM 104:10-28

Leader: A reading from the book of Psalms.

Leader: <sup>10</sup>You make springs gush forth in the valleys; they flow between the hills,

**All: <sup>11</sup>giving drink to every wild animal; the wild asses quench their thirst.**

Leader: <sup>12</sup>By the streams the birds of the air have their habitation; they sing among the branches.

**All: <sup>13</sup>From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.**

Leader: <sup>14</sup>You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth,

**All: <sup>15</sup>and wine to gladden the human heart, oil to make the face shine, and bread to strengthen the human heart.**

Leader: <sup>16</sup>The trees of the LORD are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.

**All: <sup>17</sup>In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees.**

Leader: <sup>18</sup>The high mountains are for the wild goats; the rocks are a refuge for the coneys.

**All: <sup>19</sup>You have made the moon to mark the seasons; the sun knows its time for setting.**

Leader: <sup>20</sup>You make darkness, and it is night, when all the animals of the forest come creeping out.

**All: <sup>21</sup>The young lions roar for their prey, seeking their food from God.**

Leader: <sup>22</sup>When the sun rises, they withdraw and lie down in their dens.

**All: <sup>23</sup>People go out to their work and to their labor until the evening.**

Leader: <sup>24</sup>O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

**All: <sup>25</sup>Yonder is the sea, great and wide, creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.**

Leader: <sup>26</sup>There go the ships, and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**All:**     <sup>27</sup>**These all look to you to give them their food in due season;**

Leader:   <sup>28</sup>when you give to them, they gather it up; when you open your hand,  
they are filled with good things.

Leader:   The word of the Lord.

**All:**     **Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:25-30**

Pastor:    The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**All:**     **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>25</sup>At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup>yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup>All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup>Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup>Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup>For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Pastor:    The gospel of the Lord.

**All:**     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON: Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson - "Thanksgiving for God's Creation"

HYMN OF THE DAY: PRAYER OF ST FRANCIS

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3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so

much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

*D.C. (stanza 4) al coda*

loved as to love with all my soul.

⦿ *Coda*

ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

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## 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.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

Leader: Holy God, thank you for the abundant harvest of the earth. Bless and care for those whose hands bring the fruits of the earth to the tables of all who hunger. Bless those who come to our Inter-Faith Food Pantry each week. May we be inspired by your servants who cared deeply for your creation, especially Francis of Assisi, whom we commemorate today.  
Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**



Leader: Lord, make us instruments of your peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Curb the impulses of greed and pride that lead us to take advantage of others. Grant that world leaders seek the fruits of the kingdom for the good and welfare of all people. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Sustain all who suffer with the promise of new life. Assured of your presence, heal our pain and suffering, and equip us to embrace all bodies aching for wholeness of mind, body, and soul. We call to mind those who are struggling today, especially Sue, Carole, Bob, Dave, Lou, Roger, Audrey, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Christina, Irene, Karle, Diane, Pat, Elinor, Dorine, Richard, those battling the coronavirus and those we name silently and aloud (brief silence). May they know that their lives are in your ever-healing hands. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Strengthen the spirits of all those who have been evacuated from their homes and especially those who have lost their homes due to the Glass Fire. Bless the firefighters and first responders who are coming to the aid of those in need during this time. Fill us all with courage for the living of these days. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance. Lord, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Leader: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **PEACE**

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: We give you thanks,

**All: Gracious God,  
that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,  
the body and blood of Christ.  
Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,  
into your beloved vineyard  
to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,  
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ  
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
Amen.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE: BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** *"All Things Bright and Beautiful"* by Lauren and Paul Haile

Music arrangement and vocals by Lauren and Paul Haile

### BLESSING

*Response after blessing:* **Amen**

### SENDING SONG: BLESSED BE YOUR NAME

Blessed be Your name  
In the land that is plentiful  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
When I'm found in the desert place  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say

Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your name  
When the sun's shining down on me  
When the world's all as it should be  
Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name  
On the road marked with suffering  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your name

Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise  
When the darkness closes in Lord  
Still I will say  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your name  
Blessed be the name of the Lord  
Blessed be Your glorious name

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

You give and take away  
You give and take away  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord blessed be Your name

**Blessed be the name of the Lord**  
**Blessed be Your name**  
**Blessed be the name of the Lord**  
**Blessed be Your glorious name**

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## **SENDING**

**Leader:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

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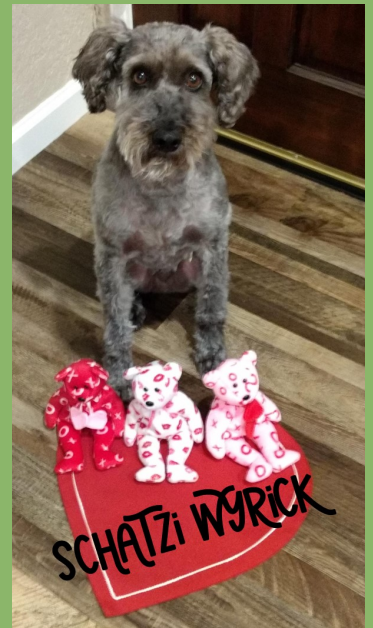
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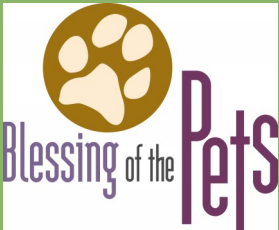
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Next Week: Sunday, October 11, 2020

Theme: Even amid anxiety and hardship, we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding.

Read Ahead: Philippians 4:1-9; Psalm 23; Matthew 22:1-14



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