


Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 11, 2020
Recorded Worship



For **MANY**
are called,
but **FEW**
are chosen.

Matthew 22:14, NRSV

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: MY HOPE IS IN YOU

Verse 1

**I meet with You and my soul sings out
As Your word throws doubt far away
I sing to You and my heart cries holy
Hallelujah Father You're near**

Chorus

**My hope is in You Lord all the day long
I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding is my
song
And I sing
My hope is in You Lord**

Verse 2

**I wait for You and my soul finds rest
In my selfishness You show me grace
I worship You and my heart cries glory
Hallelujah Father You're here**

Chorus

**My hope is in You Lord all the day long
I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding is my
song
And I sing
My hope is in You Lord**

Bridge

**I will wait on You
You are my refuge
I will wait on You
You are my refuge**

Chorus

**My hope is in You Lord all the day long
I won't be shaken by drought or storm
A peace that passes understanding is my song
And I sing
My hope is in You Lord
My hope is in You Lord
My hope is in You Lord**

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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: Lord of the feast,

All: **You have prepared a table before all peoples
and poured out your life with abundance.**

Call us again to your banquet.

**Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure,
and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

FIRST READING: PHILIPPIANS 4:1-9

Leader: A reading from the book of Philippians.

¹My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

²I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 *(Please read responsively)*

Leader: ¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.

All: ²The LORD makes me lie down in green pastures and leads me beside still waters.

Leader: ³You restore my soul, O LORD, and guide me along right pathways for your name's sake.

All: ⁴Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

Leader: ⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

All: ⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 22:1-14

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

¹Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

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

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson - *"Everyone is Invited to the Party!"*

HYMN OF THE DAY:

THE PEACE OF THE LORD *(Performed by Vicki Olivas Navarro and Lauren Haile)*



1 La paz del Se - ñor, la paz del Se - ñor, la
 1 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 2 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the
 3 The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord, the



paz del Re - su - ci - ta - do: la paz del Se -
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 Lord is for you and for me, and al - so for all of God's
 Lord is a - mong us right now, so o - pen your - selves to re -
 Lord kept with - in can - not live, so o - pen your - selves now to



rá; la paz del Se - ñor a ti ya
 chil - dren. The peace of the Lord is for you and for
 ceive it. The peace of the Lord is a - mong us right
 share it. The peace of the Lord kept with - in can - not



mí, a to - dos al - can - za - rá.
 me, and al - so for all of God's chil - dren.
 now, so o - pen your - selves to re - ceive it.
 live, so o - pen your - selves now to share it.

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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: Gracious Host, fill your church with a spirit of joyous hospitality. Bless our Presiding Bishop Elizabeth, our Bishop Mark, pastors, church leaders and all children of God as they invite others to your table of boundless grace. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious Host, as parts of California still burn, we pray for your creation. Bless firefighters, first responders, and our Lutheran Disaster Relief workers as they provide support to those who have lost their homes or have been injured physically or emotionally by the fires. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious host, as you set a table in the presence of enemies, so bless the efforts of diplomats, international peace workers, and world leaders who navigate conflict. May they proceed with dialogue and understanding, so that justice and peace prevails. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious host, let your gentleness be known among those who are weary or ill, 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). Strengthen doctors, medical care workers, and caretakers who see to their needs. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious host, when we are quick to judge outward appearance, remind us how you clothe all in your mercy. We pray for ministries that provide needed clothing and other personal care assistance in this community. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Gracious host, as we remember those who have died and are gathered at the heavenly banquet, comfort us with your presence. We especially pray for Thomas Peter and Savitha Palaniappan's family on the death of Thomas's father, K.P. Thomas, in India. Assure us of your peace at all times. 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.**

SPECIAL MUSIC: *“Lead Me On”* performed by Sarah Labberton and Lauren Haile

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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.

BLESSING

Response after blessing: Amen

SENDING SONG: SHEPHERD ME, O GOD

Refrain



Shep-herd me, O God, be-yond my wants, be-yond my fears, from



death in - to life.



1 God is my shep-herd, so noth-ing shall I want, I
2 Gent - ly you raise me and heal my wea - ry soul, you



rest in the mead-ows of faith - ful - ness and love, I
lead me by path - ways of righ - teous-ness and truth, my



walk by the qui - et wa - ters of peace.
spir - it shall sing the mu - sic of your name.

Refrain



5 Sure-ly your kind-ness and mer-cy fol-low me all the days of my life;



I will dwell in the house of my God for-ev - er - more.

Final refrain



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be -



yond my fears, from death in - to life.

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SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Next Week: Sunday, October 18, 2020

Theme: St. Luke the Physician and Evangelist

Main Idea: Thanksgiving for the healing professions, and for our healing ministries.

Read Ahead: Psalm 25:1-10; Luke 10:25-37



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