



# LIFE UNDER the SUN

Life Lessons From The Book of Ecclesiastes

Sundays at 10am. Join us in-person or online at [facebook.com/elimchurchmpls](https://facebook.com/elimchurchmpls)

## TODAY'S WORSHIP

May 30, 2021, 10am

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*"For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,  
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." 1 Cor. 5:21*

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*Hear The Sound*

Welcome & Announcements

Offering

*Give Us Clean Hands (special music)*

Pastoral Prayer

*Teach Us Your Ways*

*Build My Life*

Sermon — "Life Under the Sun" - Ecc. 7:13-29 — Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

*God, I Look To You*

Benediction

Postlude

*There is no Children's Church this week due to the holiday  
so children will remain with their families for the service.*

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Join us next week in person or online at 10:00 am at [facebook.com/elimchurchmpls/live](https://facebook.com/elimchurchmpls/live)  
**Check out audio sermons from past weeks** at [www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive/](http://www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive/)

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**TODAY:** 7:15-9:45 am Hope Avenue (in front of the church)

10 am Sunday Worship Service (in person and on Facebook)  
<https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live>  
(No children's church today due to the holiday.  
Children will stay with their parents during the service.)

**Mon: All Day** Elim Office is closed for Memorial Day

**Mon-Fri:** 12 noon Noon Online Prayer Meeting  
URL: <https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk>  
Phone: +1 401-684-3085 PIN: 724 649 481#

**Wed:** 6-7 pm *Re-Covering in God* Bible Study. Contact Sue Watlov Phillips  
([suewatlovp@aol.com](mailto:suewatlovp@aol.com)) for more information.

6:30-8 pm Youth Group

**Fri:** 8:00 am Men's Bible Study meets on Zoom. Email Stephen Murck ([smurck@gmail.com](mailto:smurck@gmail.com))  
for connection information.

### Save the date:

~~ Sunday, June 6, 2021	Graduation Sunday; Ashraf and Nivin Ibrahim here
~~ Fri-Sat, June 18-19, 2021	Staff Retreat at Ham Lake
~~ Fri-Sun, July 9-11, 2021	ECY Ham Lake Retreat
~~ Fri-Sun, Aug 13-15, 2021	Family Camp at Ham Lake
~~ Saturday, Aug 28, 2021	"Going Beyond Live" with Priscilla Shirer

## UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

**WEEKLY after church** (weather permitting), **Chris and Leslie Smith** invite everyone from the Elim congregation to gather for laughter, conversation, and refreshments in their backyard at 1535 Jefferson Street NE. Stop by for a moment, or stay and linger for a while.

**Mission Residency:** The Leadership Team is excited to announce we are launching a new chartered ministry, the 1-year mission residency at Elim Church beginning on **June 1, 2021**. Mission residents will reside at Elim's apartment and be predominantly focused on local missions. Please pray for our residents who will be living at Elim's apartment, using it as a home base for ministry throughout the city. Current residents are **Brandon Martinez** and **Andy Johnson**. Please join us in praying for them regularly. Also, we are looking to add more female residents (at a separate location). If you are interested or know someone who is please contact Pastor [Paul@elimchurch.com](mailto:Paul@elimchurch.com).

Next week we will have **Ashraf and Nivin Ibrahim** with us, Converge workers whom we are supporting. Ashraf returned recently from another trip to help and encourage the church in one section of Egypt. He teaches churches how to love Muslims well, and shared the Gospel with those who don't yet have a relationship with Jesus Christ.

**The Kidz Klozet** is open to receive summer clothing donations for children 0-12yo. No toys or large items. Please help us get the word out. On July 8 the Kidz Klozet will bless those in need with a giveaway on the Madison Street sidewalk. Please connect with Erin Hernick if you're available to help accomplish this.

**Randall and Rory Gwin family** will be in the Twin Cities area from Aug 6- Sept. 17 to bring their son, Sam, to college and to have some medical visits. They need lodging and/or a spare vehicle for 6 to use while they are here. **Elisabeth Lee** will be collecting Children's gummy multi-vitamins, and cash donations or money donated to the church but marked for the Gwin's. Please bring these items to the church office.

Jackie Hanson is in need of **help cleaning their apartment** while she's recovering. Please connect with Pastor Becky for additional information.

**Household help needed in July or August:** Barbara Walker wants to continue living at home. She seeks someone to move in with her, clean, and cook the meals. If you are interested in more information, please call the church office.

**CALLING ALL ELIM GRADUATES!** This is the last call. If you, or someone you know, recently graduated or will be graduating this Spring, please contact the church office by June 1 with the graduate's name, school, and degree (if applicable). Elim will recognize its graduates during morning worship on Sunday, June 6. Let us know of any open house dates.

**Volunteers are needed for Elim Kids** for our Sunday morning ministries. We need people to assist Heather in the lesson and craft time; and also people to help with the checking in and out before and after the service ends. If you are interested please email [anissa@elimchurch.com](mailto:anissa@elimchurch.com) for more details.  
**Volunteers are needed this Summer for the Elim Youth events.** We have some great activities planned and we need more adult volunteers to come help. Please contact Andy if you are interested.

**Volunteers Needed to Answer Office Phones.** Until a person is hired, we need help answering the office phones. Please connect with Gloria Metz for further information.

***Women's Bible Study: Spiritual Maturity? Where are you at and how do you get there?***

Your summers are busy...but don't push pause on growing in your spiritual maturity. Make the commitment to invest in yourself and join a new Bible study for women, using the book of James as the text. No homework -- all study will be done during class time with teaching, discussion, and worksheets.

**Weekly topics** will include:

Judging Others	Am I Really in Control?
Words Matter	Facing Temptation?
Help. I'm in Trouble!	Help Wanted - Wisdom Needed

**When:** beginning Tuesday, June 15. You can join either class time: 10 am or 6:30 pm.

**Where:** online by clicking on the meeting URL to join in:

<https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk> Or you can join us by calling in on your telephone, 401-684-3085 -- and enter the pin 724 649 481#  
Because Elim is in phase 2 of reopening, we will meet online until the Leadership Team indicates otherwise.

**Led by:** Pastor Becky

**Text:** the Bible

**Ignite your walk with Christ as you learn and apply His Word to your life!**

**Prayerful Pause**

*"Don't fool yourself into thinking that you are a listener when you are anything but, letting the Word go in one ear and out the other. Act on what you hear!" James 1:22 (The Message)*

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## SERMON NOTES

### “Life Under the Sun: Part 11 - Take Hold of Righteousness... and Wickedness”

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

*“The sages of Israel teach that those who would be wise aim not at power but at goodness (tov). Power and goodness are not close buddies.” - OT Scholar, Ellen Davis*

We continue in our series from the book of Ecclesiastes. In this book’s central chapters, the author offers practical life for wise living in the realm of temporality and vanity “under the sun”. The opposite of the foolish and evil life is to choose a life of “tov” - the better/good life. Choosing ‘tov’ encompasses all of life including our attitudes, thoughts, feelings, and outlook. Living a tov life impacts our decisions about money, relationships, marriage, work, joy, and even death.

**Today’s Scripture Passage:** Ecc 7:13-29, Key Verse 7:18

Life Lesson #23: \_\_\_\_\_

Ecclesiastes/Qohelet 7:18

So don’t overdo goodness and don’t act the wise man to excess, or you may be dumbfounded. Don’t overdo wickedness and don’t be a fool, or you may die before your time. It is best (tov) that you grasp the one without letting go of the other, for one who fears God will do his duty by both. (JPS Translation, 1985)

Righteousness (***tsedeq*** in Ecclesiastes): \_\_\_\_\_

Wickedness/Guilt (***resha*** in Ecclesiastes): \_\_\_\_\_

Fearing God through discipleship/following Jesus:

“Taking hold” of Righteousness/Goodness:

“Taking hold” of Wickedness/Guilt:

Taking hold of righteousness and wickedness - The Gospel solution (7:13 / 7:29)