



TODAY'S WORSHIP

June 6, 2021, 10 am

*"Who is like the wise man? And who knows the interpretation of a thing?
Wisdom makes one's face shine, and the hardness of one's countenance is changed." Eccl. 8:1*

King of Glory

Welcome & Announcements

Offering ([Online Giving](#))

He Will Give The Weary Strength

Graduate Recognition

Pastoral Prayer

*Reckless Love **

Sermon — "Life Under the Sun" - Ecc. 8 — Pastor Paul Stephen Olson w/ Ashraf K Ibrahim, Converge (Egypt)

His Mercy Is More

Benediction

Postlude

** Children (ages 3 through 5th grade) are dismissed to children's church.*

2021 Graduates!

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| John Bremer | – Hopkins High School |
| Sally Bremer | – Master of Fine Arts from Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan |
| Meg Polance | – Mounds View High School |
| Berit Turnquist | – Master's degree in Philosophy from University of Mississippi |
| Noah Turnquist | – Certificate in Visual Effects Editing from Lost Boys School of VFX, Vancouver, Canada |
| Linus Turnquist | – Mounds View High School |

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

10 am Graduation Sunday and Worship Service (in person and on Facebook)

<https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live>

We are happy to have Ashraf and Nivin Ibrahim here with us today! They work in Egypt to encourage the church, and in Florida, where they live, to share the Good News of Jesus with Arabic-speaking friends who don't yet know Jesus. Please join us after church over at Chris and Leslie's to visit more!

10:20 am Children's Church

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) 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) for connection information.

Save the date:

- ~~ Sunday, June 13, 2021 ECY Bubble Soccer Tournament
- ~~ Wed., June 16, 2021 ECY at Como Park
- ~~ 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

Children's Program: Children ages 3 to 5th grade will be released before the sermon to a special program run by Heather Olson, on our 3rd Floor. Families can register their children in person before the service begins or pre-register through the Church Center app on their phones (go to churchcenter.com on your mobile device to download the app, but you will still need to complete the check-in in-person each week). If you don't have the app, we can help you get registered. If you have attended Elim Kids in the past two years, you are likely already in the system; please sign in to the app using your existing email address. If you aren't able to sign in before the service begins, please accompany your child to the 3rd floor to register them when they are released from the service.

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 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

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: Weekly beginning Tuesday, June 15, 10:00 am or 6:30 pm. You can join either class time.

Where: In the dining room at church OR 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#

Please contact Pastor Becky or Heather Olson for more information and to RSVP

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

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 **June 1**. The 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: **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.

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 that on July 8, the Kidz Klozet and Hope Avenue will bless those in need with a clothing giveaway on the Madison Street sidewalk. Please connect with Erin Hernick or Candy Gislason 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. Please connect with Carolyn Pinke if you're able to help.

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.

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.

Prayerful Pause

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 48:1

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“Life Under the Sun: Part 12 - Who Is Like The Wise?”

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Today's Scripture Passage: Ecclesiastes Chapter 8, Key Verse 8:1

The wise are R_____. 7:27-8:1

“...among a thousand men and women, I have found one.” (also, Psalm 14:3, Romans 3:10-12)

“Who can make straight what he has made crooked?” 7:13

“God created mankind upright, but they have gone in search of many schemes” 7:29

“Who is like the wise / who knows the solution?” (... is it the king?)

The wise are R_____. 8:2-10

“Keep the king's command” “Do not be stupefied at [the king's] presence, do not persist in harm/delay” (also 10:4) *Danger*: “the king will do whatever he wants”

Proverb of Ahiqar: “how can wood contest with fire, flesh with a knife, or anyone with a king?”

“No one has power over the wind/day of death”

“The wicked are buried, then (praised/forgotten?) in the city”

The wise are R_____. 8:11-17

Fearing God and enacting Justice quickly.

Wisdom doesn't guarantee a long life

Ask the question again: “Who is the one who is wise?”

Lessons from past weeks:

#4 You will not be remembered (Ecc. 1:11)

#5 What is crooked cannot be made straight... we can't hit the “undo button” and go back to normal

#8 There's nothing new about a king... political realities under the sun always remain the same

#16 Better is a wise youth than an old foolish king.

#21 Know your (human) limitations, be humble, seek wisdom because you don't know what's coming next.

Conclusion: The example of Jesus, the King of Glory

- God's One and only Son (John 3:16-17)
- The Word of God, One with God (John 1:1-3, 5:19)
- Born, Crucified, Buried, Raised to Glory (Romans 4:24-25)

New COVID-19 Mandate

Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey lifted the city-wide mask mandate on Tuesday evening. This was in response to the high vaccination rate along with a consistent low new case count which was 133 yesterday in the state of MN. (Google) It has also been very low in Hennepin County.

This means as of June 2, 2021, we will no longer be requiring masks to be worn at Elim for any event. **They are optional.** This will be an adjustment as we get 'back to normal' interactions in life and at Elim. We want to avoid stigmas and fear regarding health-related issues and try to follow the Holy Spirit, logic, and science the best we can. This is a big step for our city, and us as we gather and interact with one another. We will be monitoring the situation closely. We appreciate your patience.

Here are a few things to note:

- We welcome ALL mask-wearers and NON-mask wearers to worship at Elim and we understand that we all have different health needs. We want Elim to be a safe and judgment-free zone.
- If you are experiencing flu or COVID-19 like symptoms PLEASE stay home and watch online!
- Youth and Children, please listen to your parents about participating at Church with or without a mask and listen to them as regards your own family's health needs.
- There are no distancing requirements, please inform an usher if you need a seat that is distanced from others.
- If you have not been vaccinated there is a high risk of contracting COVID-19. The CDC recommends wearing a mask in groups. There is growing evidence of the incredible effectiveness and safety of the available vaccines. Consider consulting a doctor about getting vaccinated if you haven't done so.
- Bathrooms, exits, and entrances have returned to normal IN/OUT traffic use.
- We will still practice no-touch offerings and communion and we are considering how we might best do this going forward!