



TODAY'S WORSHIP

July 4, 2021, 10 am

"I will walk in freedom, for I have devoted myself to your commandments." Psalm 119:45

Lion and the Lamb

Welcome & Announcements

Offering ([Online Giving](#))

Open Up The Heavens

Pastoral Prayer

*Holy Holy Holy
10,000 Reasons*

Sermon Scripture Reading

Sermon — "Life Under the Sun" — Pastor Paul Stephen Olson
Eccl. 10:1-7, 16-20 (**614), Esther 5:10-12, 6:10-14 (**455-456)

Great Things

Benediction

Postlude

This week there will be Fellowship in the Park after the service instead of at the Smith's.

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

***Pew Bible page numbers*

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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

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

10 am 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.)

11:15 am Fellowship time will be held in Logan Park after service

Mon: All Day The Church Office is closed. No Noon Online Prayer Meeting

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

Tues: 10-11:30 am Women's Morning Bible Study on James 2
(You can join the class by using the link and/or phone number above.)

6:30-8 pm Women's Evening Bible Study on James 2
(You can join the class by using the link and/or phone number above or in person.)

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

Thurs: 9-noon Clothing Giveaway on Madison Street sidewalk (Kidz Klozet and women's)

11 am Marion Brundell's celebration of life at Hillside Cemetery

6:30 pm Church Staff meeting

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

Fri-Sun: ECY Ham Lake Retreat. See upcoming news for more information.

Sat: 8:00 am Hope Avenue Team meeting

Save the date:

~~ Sun, July 11, 2021	Newcomers' Brunch in the Park at 11:30 am
~~ Sun, July 25, 2021	Young Adults Prayer and Praise Night
~~ Fri-Sun, Aug 13-15, 2021	Family Camp at Ham Lake
~~ Saturday, Aug 28, 2021	"Going Beyond Live" with Priscilla Shirer
~~ Fri-Sat, Oct 1-2, 2021	New Church Directory Photo Shoot

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

ECY will be having a 3-day Elim Youth retreat to Ham Lake Camp from Friday, July 9 to Sunday, July 11. There will be a mixture of campsite activities as well as visiting local venues for additional fun. Youth should register by July 5th, so contact Andy if you are interested in joining!

Adult Volunteers are needed for the ECY Ham Lake Retreat July 9-11th. Van drivers, food prep, activity helpers (on-site and off), stay on-site overnight or come and go! Something for everyone. Contact Andy for more information.

The Kidz Klozet: On July Thursday, July 8, from 9a-12noon the Kidz Klozet for children 0-12yo and Hope Avenue (women's clothing only) will bless those in need with a clothing giveaway on the Madison Street sidewalk. Please pass the word.

E-CLASS - Wanting to join Elim? This class covers the history, theology, and values of Elim Church and is required for spiritual membership at Elim. Class includes all materials and lunch. Please email Pastor Paul@elimchurch.com to find out more info.

Elim PreSchool is hiring for a 10:00 am to 5:00 pm position for now and into the fall. Please contact Michelle Espelien at michelle@elimpreschool.org

Prayerful Pause

*"God blesses those who patiently endure testing and temptation.
Afterward, they will receive the crown of life
that God has promised to those who love him." James 1:12*

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“Life Under the Sun: Part 16 - Folly Sits In High Places, Don’t Curse the King”

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Last Week: Ecclesiastes 9:10-12 *God’s “yes” to us, my “yes” to God, and our “yes” together are a call for the celebration of life God has given us under the sun.*

Today’s Independence Day Scripture Passage: Ecclesiastes 10:1-7, 16-20, Esther 5:10-12, 6:10-14

Four Traits of Folly (10:1-4)

- A fly in the ointment (Jesus: “A little leaven leavens the whole bunch”)
- Opposites detract, the wise cannot follow the fool. (and visa versa)
- Folly is plain to see
- Folly operates out of fear, not calm

Folly in high places, wisdom in low places, rich and poor, slaves and princes, and the irony of wisdom. (Vv. 5-7)
Example: Story of Haman (fool) and Mordecai (wise) in the book of Esther (Picture)

Four Traits of a Wise Ruler and Wise Subjects (10:16-20)

- A King--who is NOT young/naive without instruction (na’ar - a youth, compare to Proverbs 1:4)
- A King--who properly prepares the nobles for their work
- A King--who focuses on the most important life-saving tasks
- Subjects/Followers--who bless instead of curse (also Esther story)

Jesus is the wise King who lives forever and forgives our folly.

Jesus prepares us for the work ahead, focusing us on critical tasks.

Jesus’ followers are a blessing, not a curse.

True freedom is...



Evil ruler Haman (on foot) leads Mordecai the Jew through the streets on horseback.