

ADVENT

The Names of God



El Shaddai

**The Almighty,
All-Sufficient God**

December 19, 2021

"For the Mighty One has done great things for me" Luke 1:49a

Joy To The World (Unspeakable Joy)

Welcome & Announcements

Offering ([Online Giving](#))

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
What Child Is This?*

The Lighting of the Fourth Advent Candle: The Knutson Family
(Matt, Janelle, Micah, Jonah & Lydia)

Pastoral Prayer

*Is He Worthy? **

Sermon — *"El Shaddai: The Almighty, All-Sufficient God"* -- Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

The First Noel/My Soul Exalts The Lord Most High

Benediction

Postlude by organist Tate Shannon, "Joy To The World"

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

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

EVENTS TODAY

- TODAY:** 9:30 am NO Gathering Today
- 9:45 am Prayer Room for anyone needing prayer with the pastors
- 10 am **Worship Service** (in person and on Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live>
- 11:15 am-Noon Experience the "**Stations of the Nativity**," a pathway toward understanding the miracle of Christmas! (NO Connection Classes)

DECEMBER CONNECTIONS TIME

In the Dining Room at 11:15 am

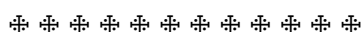
Although Adult Connections is not meeting in December, the **GriefShare class will meet**. They will meet in the Lounge from 11:15 am-Noon.

Today through Christmas Sunday the 26th

Dec. 19, 24 & 26: During Sunday Connections 11:15 am-Noon in December, Elim introduces the “**Stations of the Nativity**” by Patrick Kelley and coordinated by Rick and Beth Dischinger.

Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to experience the “Stations of the Nativity,” a pathway toward understanding the miracle of Christmas! Like “Journey to the Cross”, the family-friendly journey takes you through 9 of the stations, from Annunciation to the visit of the Magi. This is a self-guided tour with Scripture, meditation, lessons, and Psalms for reflection and celebration.

Available on the first level outside of the elevator. Be blessed as you make this a part of your Christmas celebration!



Jan. 2: NO Sunday Adult or Children’s Connections

Jan. 9: January Term starts, Movie and a Discussion (middle school and up), Children’s Classes or Elim membership classes.

EVENTS THIS WEEK

- 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#
- Tues:** 10 am Women’s study on the Names of God (alongside the sermon series) - at the online link above
- 7-8 pm Freedom in Christ w/Jay Cope (Third Tuesday of the month)
<https://zoom.us/j/98924511537?pwd=U3R2RHlwK3BoWHhpaTNXVk94eDE0QT09>
Meeting ID: 989 2451 1537 Passcode: 112233
Phone: +1 312-626-6799 Passcode: 112233#
- Wed:** 6-7 pm *Re-Covering in God* Bible Study.
- 6:30-8 pm Youth Group meeting
- Fri:** 4 pm **Christmas Eve Service**
- Sat:** 8-11 am Hope Avenue Ministry
- Sun:** 11:15 am **Stations of the Nativity** (NO Connection Classes)

Save the date (check the events page for information that may be available):

- ~~ Mon, 12/27, All Day Church Office is Closed
~~ Tues, 12/28, All Day Church Office is Closed
~~ Tues, 12/28, 6:30-8:30pm Leadership Team Meeting
~~ Fri, 12/31, All Day Church Office is Closed
~~ Sat, 1/1, 8-11 am Hope Avenue Ministry (NO Kidz Klozet or The Unlimited—delayed to January 8)

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

Christmas Eve Service: Join the church for a kid-friendly service called “The Four Words of Christmas” - hope, peace, love, joy.

The service will be at 4 pm on Friday, December 24, on the first level outside of the elevator.

As we celebrate Christ’s birth, we will be celebrating with carols, candles, and narrations by the children.



Deadline for Year-End Contributions:

- ❖ Cash and checks can be received in the office from 9-4 pm on Thurs., 12/31
- ❖ To give by mail, your contribution must be postmarked by December 31.
- ❖ Electronic Giving: we’ve made it easy! Just go to elimchurch.com/give
- ❖ To give by phone, text any amount to 84321.

Important Note: In order for Elim Church to end the year financially healthy, we encourage you to give an extra donation if you’re able. We will need an additional \$28,000.00, on top of our regular giving to end the year in the black. This is due to unforeseen expenses in both building maintenance and payroll.

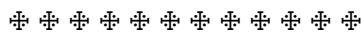
Also, Hope Avenue Twin Cities is in the process of becoming its own 501 (c) (3) and has opened a homeless shelter in North Mpls. They have asked for their money that is in Elim’s designated funds. We need to have the resources to pay them in a timely manner without ending the year in the red.

Thank you and God bless you for your faithfulness!

Dennis R. Jezierski
Elim Church Treasurer

Membership at Elim - Classes beginning January

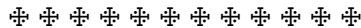
Is Elim your church home? Have you considered membership? Membership is the primary way for you to formally demonstrate your commitment to this local body of Christ. In order to be a member, you must be baptized, take a class, and be recommended by a pastor. If you want to hear more about Elim Church and the benefits and responsibilities of membership, please attend the membership classes offered in January during Sunday Connections! (send an email to info@elimchurch.com or show up in person at the class)



Lights of Logan Event, Sunday, December 19, 2021, 2-4 pm, @ the Logan Park Pavilion.

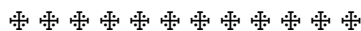
Join us for hot beverages and cookies in the park Sunday, December 19, 2021, from 2 PM to 4 PM at the pavilion. Neighbors are encouraged to display luminaries, but there will also be supplies available on site for you to make your own!

Lights of Logan Lighting Contest, Sunday, December 19, 2021. Have your festive lights on by 5 pm to be considered for judging. Winners will be announced in the January newsletter. Email admin@loganparkneighborhood.org with questions.

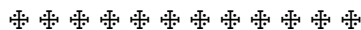


Hope Avenue Twin Cities: We thank you for your prayers as we launch the men’s shelter at 1229 Logan Avenue North alongside the Apostolic Church. God’s faithfulness as Jehovah Shammah has provided for this journey!

- You can continue to partner in this important work of the Lord with your financial gifts for shelter, food, and clothing. As we move towards year-end, please designate your tax-deductible gift to *Hope Avenue Twin Cities*, and just put it in the offering or mail it to the church. Together we can make it happen!! Or you can click on: <https://elimchurchmpls.churchcenter.com/giving/to/hope-avenue>
- Needed items include: winter gloves for men, 2 shovels and sidewalk salt, a tabletop copier and office supplies, 2 computers and a printer, 2 step stools, twin bed and queen one, office furniture, kitchen items, rugs, towels and bedding, wall clocks.
- Once HATC’s 501(c)(3) is finalized with the IRS, the shelter will be designated nonprofit and a separate entity from Elim Church. However, the Hope Avenue Saturday outreach will continue as a ministry of the church.



For January, the Kidz Klozet and the Unlimited will be open on January 8th rather than on New Year’s Day. Thereafter they will be open on the first Saturday of the month during the Hope Avenue Ministry from 9:30-11 am.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The **Children’s Ministry** is looking for volunteers for check-in for both the service hour and for Connections. Please contact Heather (heather@elimchurch.com). The Nursery also needs volunteers during the worship service hour. Please contact Colleen Knuth (colleentr@gmail.com).

Prayerful Pause

“We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign.” Rev. 11:17

SERMON NOTES

“The Names of God: *El Shaddai*: The Almighty, All-Sufficient God, Part 5”

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Today's Scripture Text: Mary's Song in Luke 1:46-55

The Names of God in the Christmas Story Reveal the Promises of Christmas

El Elyon - God Most High “He will be called ‘Son of the Most High God’”

Jehovah Tsidkenu - God Our Righteousness ‘He is the righteous branch of Jesse’

Jehovah Jireh - God Our Provider ‘you will give birth to a Son, he will be Holy’

Jehovah Shammah - God is Present - “He is Emmanuel God with us”

El Shaddai - The Almighty God - “The Mighty God has done great things for me”

Jehovah Shalom - The God who is Peace - ‘He is the prince of peace’

Mary is overwhelmed by the promise and power of God to save her people. Luke 1:46-49

She exclaims, “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant... for the Mighty One has done great things for me and holy is his name.”

Mary foresees that this savior would... Luke 1:50-53

“Vanquish evil, Bring down the prideful, Defeat the powerful, And lift up the lowly, and fill them with good things.”

Who is ***El Shaddai***?

El - (masc. noun) a mighty or powerful title. “*Elohim*” plural EL, for mighty rulers judges, divine beings, angels, or gods. *El* often connotes authority and refers to the one true God of Israel.

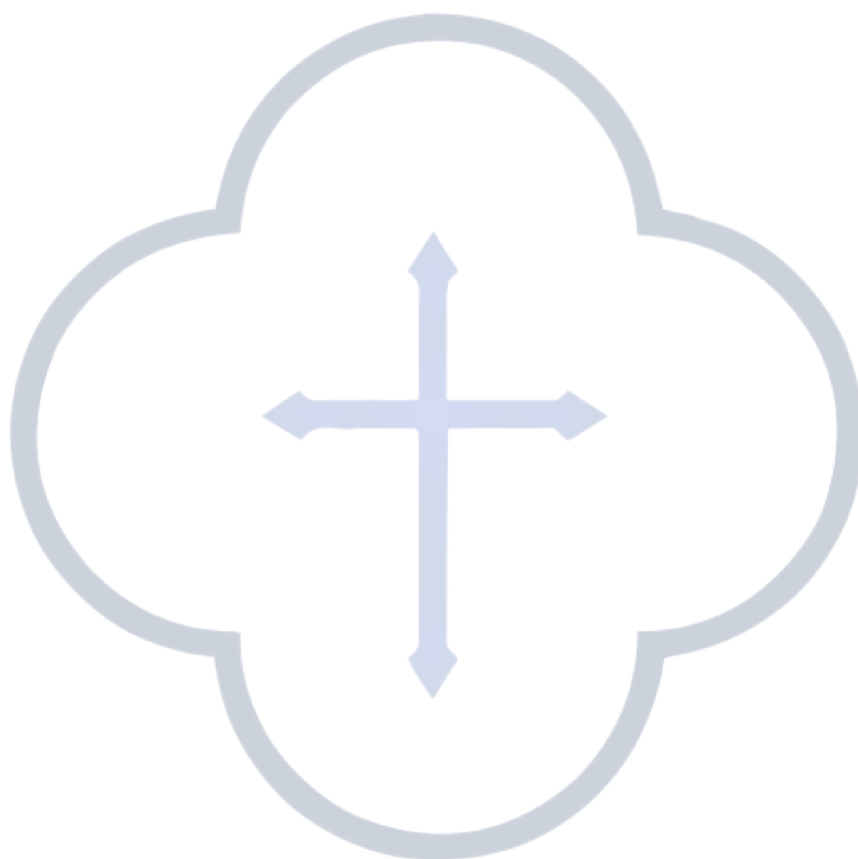
Shaddai - (masc. noun) but refers to the female breast. Plural: ‘many breasted’

Early Use: Fertility blessings Genesis 28:3, 35:11 and 49:25

Later Use: from ‘shad’: → ‘mountain’ (shad) powerful and high.

El Shaddai is the God of hope for the enslaved, widowed, powerless, unrecognized, the sinner, the suffering, the oppressed, and the downtrodden. Is El Shaddai your God too?

Next Week: The Names of God, Part 6: *Jehovah Shalom (The Lord Is Peace)*



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