



"But among you, it will be different. Those who are the greatest among you should take the lowest rank, and the leader should be like a servant." Luke 22:26

Your Grace Is Enough

Welcome & Announcements

Offering (Online Giving)

Pastoral Prayer

Come As You Are

Communion

How Deep The Father's Love For Us *

Sermon — "Becoming the Body of Christ, Part 2" -- Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Benevolence Offering

Closing Prayer & Benediction

Postlude

^{*} Children, ages 3-5th grade, will be dismissed to Children's Church.

EVENTS THIS WEEK **

Today is the beginning of Daylight Savings Time

(set clock forward one hour)

TODAY: 9:30 am The Gathering with Bagels and Beverages (Dining Room)

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 Sunday Connections, Adult, Youth and Children's Ministry Options

**Masks are not required for attendees at Elim. As always, please take any precautions to protect your health and the health of others.

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 Tuesday Study on the book of Mark at the online link above

Wed: 6-7 pm Re-Covering in God Bible Study

6:30-8 pm Youth Group meeting

6:30-8 pm Songwriting/Poetry Night in the Sanctuary

Fri: 8-9:30 am Men's Bible Study online

Sat: 8-10 am Hope Avenue Ministry

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

~~ Tues, 3/22, 6:30-8:30 pm Leadership Team Meeting in the Library

~~ Wed, 3/30, 6:30-8 pm GriefShare to begin in the Lounge

~~ Sat, 4/2, 9:30-11am Kidz Klozet and The Unlimited clothing giveaway

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UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

Daylight savings time began today, 3/13–Make sure your clocks are set ahead one hour.

Kitchen Gas Stoves & Ovens are Unavailable: Elim had an inspection from the fire inspector in the fall. The Building Maintenance team has fixed and tested everything except the Ansul Fire Suppression system over the Kitchen Hood. Until that system is installed and completed, we have agreed with the fire inspector that no one will use any equipment in the main kitchen that uses gas until this system is in place. **This includes the convection ovens!**

As Elim approaches the end of our fiscal year on March 31, we thank the Lord for His many blessings, direction, and call. If you would like to give an additional financial gift by then, please note the following deadlines:

- Cash and checks can be received in the office from 9-4 pm on 3/31
- ❖ To give by mail, your contribution must be postmarked by March 31.
- ❖ Electronic Giving: we've made it easy! Just go to elimchurch.com/give
- ❖ To give by phone, text any amount to 84321.

Thank you and God bless you for your faithfulness!

Dennis R. Jezierski Elim Church Treasurer

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

The Kidz Klozet is seeking volunteers to help with the organization and distribution of clothing. Please connect with Janice Schreck with questions.

The Gathering: We are in need of a few volunteers to occasionally set up food and coffee for the Gathering. Also, to clean up the bagels and beverages after Sunday Connections. Please express your willingness to the church office, info@elimchurch.com

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

Christ instituted the act of communion.

Every time you eat the bread and drink the cup,
you reenact the death of the Lord.

Do this in remembrance of Him.

"Understanding Sacrifice: Becoming the Body of Christ, Pt. 2"

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson, MDiv

Last Week: Peter leaves his nets and boat behind as Jesus calls his disciples to deeper waters. "Fishers of people" live out covenant devotion and a purpose-filled vocation. They love to hear the word of God, obey when it doesn't make sense, readily repent of sin, allow Jesus to make them into fishers of people, and

Covenant: "loyalty to the rule of God and a commonwealth of being" Vocation: "a purpose for one's life that is part of the purposes of God" (James Fowler, BACA)

Key Verse: (22:20, The Second Cup) After supper he took another cup of wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood, which is poured out as a sacrifice for you.

Jesus is eager to sit down at the table: "The hour had come" 22:14-19

Passover: a covenant-making event

Cup: Take this and share it...

Bread: This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Jesus takes another cup: "This cup is the new covenant" 22:20

Jesus predicts his betrayal: "But what sorrow awaits the one who betrays" 22:21-24

Jesus' upside-down new world order: "I am the one who serves" 22:27 "Great kings and men 'lord it over', but among you, it will be different" (22:26)

Becoming the Body of Christ through serving one another

- Grace: showing unmerited favor
- Compassion: "Suffering with"
- Empathy: A capacity to understand and feel the situation of others
- Telling the Truth: Tragedy and Comedy of the Gospel (Frederick Buechner)

Jesus appoints his successors: "You will sit on thrones..." 22:30

Next Week: Becoming the Body of Christ, Pt. 3: The Mission to the Nations. Come and hear from some of our international and local mission workers as they engage the body of Christ across cultural and geographic boundaries.