

**Elim Church**

September 11, 2022, 10:00 am

# “He Sat Down”

*“And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.” Eph 1:22-23*

## **Welcome to Worship!**

*Raise A Hallelujah*

## **Announcements and Offering**

### **Pastoral Prayer**

*Lord, Speak To Me  
Living Hope \**

### **“He Sat Down”**

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

### **Communion**

*For The Honor*

### **Benediction**

### **Postlude**



*\* Children, ages 3-5th grade,  
will be dismissed to Children’s Church.*

**SERMON**  
ON THE  
**MOUNT**  
SERMON SERIES

Join us next week in-person or online at 10 am  
at [facebook.com/elimchurchmple/live](https://facebook.com/elimchurchmple/live)

Check out audio sermons from past weeks  
at [www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive](http://www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive)

## SERMON NOTES

### “He Sat Down”

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New Series! Join us this fall for a new series on the section of Matthew known as ‘The Sermon on the Mount’. We will explore the dynamic and explosive teachings of Jesus and ask ourselves how we might live in greater obedience and with greater purpose in our daily lives.

**Text: Matthew 4:23-5:1**

### The Good News of Jesus. What is it?

Matt. 4:23 Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

- Reading the Gospels: “The worlds behind, in front of, and in the text.”
- “Good news” of old. The prophet Isaiah tells us 100s of years earlier. (Isaiah 25:6-8)
- *“Jesus was attempting to “renew local community in villages and towns, to strengthen and renew family and community relations and reverse the downward spiral of violence” (Jonathan Draper, Local Community in Galilee Article)*

### The renown of Jesus. Who is this man becoming and why should we trust him?

24 News about him spread all over Syria, and people brought to him all who were ill with various diseases, those suffering severe pain, the demon-possessed, those having seizures, and the paralyzed; and he healed them. 25 Large crowds from Galilee, the Decapolis, Jerusalem, Judea and the region across the Jordan followed him.

- *“In the ancient world, religion, politics, and economics were inextricably bound together. For Israelites, fidelity to God’s covenant encompassed every dimension of life... In contrast to the Pharisees, who stressed purity and boundaries, Jesus’ teaching was more oriented to economic and social relations, and focused specifically on issues of poverty and debt.” (Fortress Commentary)*

### Jesus sat down. Why does it matter? (What does the SOTM do for us?)

Matt. 5:1 Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them.

- To subdue enemies. Psalm 110:1 (most often quoted verse in NT)
- To communicate on our level. Luke 22:14 (Jesus reclined at the table)
- To secure our future. Eph. 1:20-23 (he reigns, seated forever)

**Next Week (09/18):** Matthew 5:1-9 (Focusing on Beatitudes 1-3)

(Further Reflection on Beatitudes: [#1 Bible Study](#), [#2 Bible Study](#), [#3 Bible Study](#))

## EVENTS Today

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

<b>TODAY:</b>	9:30 am	The Gathering with Light Breakfast/Beverages (Dining Room)
	9:15 am	Prayer Room for anyone needing prayer with the pastors
	10 am	<b>Worship Service</b> (in person and on Facebook) <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live">https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live</a>
	11:15 am-12 pm	Sunday Connections: Adult, Youth, and Children's Ministry Options.

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Starting today, two adult connection classes will begin.

### The Chosen: unplugged

Any time we read the Bible or create an artistic representation of it, we are interpreting it. The Chosen TV mini-series will soon be entering its third season and has been widely praised for its thought-provoking, biblically-grounded scripts, and excellent production values. Join us in the Elim Dining Room for Sunday Connections as we watch the series together with time for discussion of our own understanding of the Gospels and how they are portrayed in The Chosen. We will be using the companion book *How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*. The Elim Youth will be joining us with their own leaders to facilitate discussion at their tables.

**Tv Series:** <https://watch.angelstudios.com/thechosen>

**Ratings:** 9.6 Rating (IMDB) 99% Rating (Rotten Tomatoes)

**Teacher/Facilitator:** Brian Turnquist and Kyle Marsh

### Practicing the King's Economy

Before we can faithfully serve alongside the poor, we need to understand why Jesus came to earth in the first place. All our strategies for helping the poor need to be anchored in understanding ourselves as citizens in God's kingdom. Through eye-opening true stories of economic discipleship in action and a solid exploration of six key biblical themes, we will offer practical ways for God's people to earn, invest, spend, compensate, save, share, and give in ways that embody God's love and provision for the world.

**Video Intro:** <https://vimeo.com/325299063>

**Class Curriculum** from Chalmers.org: <https://tinyurl.com/uce7wfr>

**Teacher/Facilitator:** Pastor Paul

\*The Chalmers Center is a globally recognized resource that exists to "help shape the way churches and Christian nonprofits think about and respond to poverty."

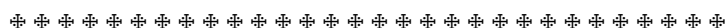


## UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

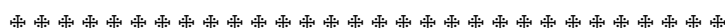
### Volunteers needed:

- An individual or couple to set up and/or clean up after the Gathering time on a rotating basis until mid-October.
- As we return to serving communion from the communion plate and plastic cups, we seek two people to set the elements up once a month.

Please connect with the church office to express your interest. It's a great way to volunteer alongside your teens or children.

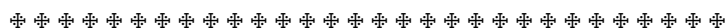


**The Kid's Ministry** is redecorating our space and we are in need of artificial plants of all sizes. They can be brought to the office or the Kid's Ministry area. Contact Kari Nelson for more information.

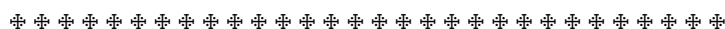


**Thank you, Kim Beck**, for the many ways you've served us in the church office. You dedicated your decades of administrative work to bless this congregation with the best of you. Knowing that you have decided to invest your retirement in spending your time with your husband, horses, and God makes it easier for us to bless your retiring from us. You have been such a gift and a blessing to all of us! We send you with love and thanksgiving!

**MerryMakers breakfasts begin again on September 13**, at 9:00 at Fat Nat's Eggs, 2700 39th Ave NE, St. Anthony 55421. Reservations by the Friday before.

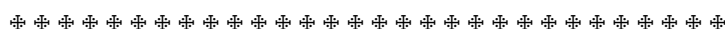


GriefShare starts up again Wednesday, September 14, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Elim Lounge. (The class runs for 13 weeks.)



### Wednesday Night Live begins on September 14th. Did you know...

Local chef, Ming-Jin Tong, has already cooked for our first "6 Friends" meal and is scheduled to cook for some of our Wednesday Night Live meals this Fall. He has also just launched his cooking school, Hot Wok Academy, which will be meeting in the Main Elim Kitchen. You can find out more about his classes at [HotWokAcademy.com](http://HotWokAcademy.com), Facebook, Instagram, or [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com). You might even want to register for a class, a shopping trip, or a "pin" program. It is exciting to see how God has woven together Ming-Jin's passions for cooking, community, and ministry. The Leadership Team is excited to let you know that Elim is happy to be a part of it! Wednesday Night Live Will Continue to Meet the 2nd Wed. of the Month



**Kidz Klozet and The Unlimited Donations:** We no longer need any summer clothing. Time for donations for the colder weather too: coats, boots, gloves. Donations may continue to be left in the drop-off box at Elim. Thank you!

Register NOW!

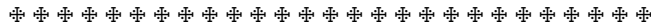
# RETREATS / A CHANCE TO RECHARGE

## Men's Weekend (Sept 16–18, 2022)

Grab some friends (or fly solo) and join us in the north woods at Trout Lake Camps – "a meeting place with God" since 1945. Step outside of the norm for a chance to dig deeper into your faith, connect with other guys and have a lot of fun. Breathe in the fresh air and see what God can do in just 40 hours. That scent in the air? Rest, renewal, rejuvenation (and grilled meat). More than a change of scenery, it's a change of spirit. The cost ranges from \$135–\$160 depending on housing. Check-in with Pastor who will organize the men attending from Elim.

## Fall Refreshment at Trout Lake for Women (Sept 23–25, 2022)

Set aside time to reflect and meet God. Come away from your usual routine and freshly hear the voice of God. Come with an open heart to experience God's goodness and hope! So, for one of the best weekends of your fall, come to the Fall Refreshment women's retreat and reflect, reconnect, be refreshed, and get recharged. Elim is attending together, so mark your calendar and plan to join the ladies for a weekend out! Check-in at the church office if you would like to attend.



## Missionary Apartment Update:

Despite putting in over 70 hours on the apartment these last couple of weeks, there is still more to be done. Some rooms/areas need to be painted, furniture and such to be moved back, faucets updated, and final cleaning to be done before it's ready for someone to move in. I know Nick wants to put ceiling fans in the bedrooms and Kale said he would shampoo the carpet when everything is complete, and that will involve helping to move furniture--Kale, we're holding you to that! :)

If you have time in the next couple of weeks to do some work in the apartment, that would be great. I won't be organizing any more formal work days, but connect with me and I can get you the keys to get in to do that work at your convenience.

Thanks, Beth

## PLEASE NOTE AN ADDRESS CHANGE

### For Larry and Bev Bonasera

Effective September 1, 2022, their new address will be:  
8501 Flying Cloud Drive, Apartment I223  
Eden Prairie, MN, 55344

Do you have Pastor Becky's Updated Phone Number? 612.406.0427

### Prayerful Pause

*Commit yourself to grow in your spiritual journey.  
Prepare your heart to hear the voice of God!*

## This Week (Sept. 11-18)

<b>Mon-Fri:</b>	12 noon	Noon Online Prayer Meeting URL: <a href="https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk">https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk</a> Phone: +1 401-684-3085    PIN: 724 649 481#
<b>Mon:</b>	10 am	Women's Bible Study on Mark at the online link above
<b>Tues:</b>	9 am	MerryMakers Breakfast at Fat Nat's Eggs
	6:30-8:30 pm	Leadership Team Meeting
<b>Wed:</b>	6-7 pm	<i>Re-Covering in God</i> Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Nite Live
	6:30-8 pm	Youth Group meeting
	6:30-8 pm	GriefShare in the Lounge
<b>Fri:</b>	8-9:30 am	Men's Bible Study online

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

~~ 9/16-9/18	Men's Retreat Trout Lake Camp
~~ 9/23-9/25	Women's Retreat Trout Lake Camp
~~ Fri, 9/30	Parents' Night Out

## Giving at a Glance

### July Giving:

Needed – \$ 39,500  
Received – \$ 36,901

### Fiscal Year-to-Date:

Needed – \$ 158,000  
Received – \$ 127,882

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