



Elim Church

September 18, 2022, 10:00 am

“The Upside Down Kingdom”

“This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation. For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.” Isaiah 25:9b-10

Welcome to Worship!

*How Far Love Goes
Great Are You, Lord*

Announcements and Offering

All Who Are Thirsty

Time of Prayer

*This Is The Kingdom **

“The Upside Down Kingdom”

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

God, I Look To You

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

Check out audio sermons from past weeks
at www.elimchurch.com/sermon-archive

SERMON NOTES

“He Sat Down”

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Text: Matthew 5:1-9 (Focusing on Beatitudes 1-3)

As our church discerns a major decision, and desiring to seek God’s will first in all things, we revisit the ‘blessings’ Jesus pronounced over his disciples. (Comfort, Instruction, Direction)

The 🌍 of the Text (Matthew places the SOTM strategically in his gospel account)

The 🌍 behind the text (Isaiah 25, Jesus Ben Sirah 25:7-11, 150 B.C.)

The 🌍 in front of the Text (how can we understand Jesus’ sermon for our day?)

Makarios - Blessing (Why does Jesus begin by pronouncing ‘blessings’?)

Psalm 1:1 (Blessed is the one), 119:1-2 (Hebrew letter Aleph - Asher, “Blessed”)

#1 Matt. 5:3 **“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”**

- NLT - “Blessed are those who recognize their need for God”
- *“It is first and finally Jesus who defines what it means to be ‘poor in spirit.’ It is he himself who discloses and embodies not simply poverty but extreme poverty.”* (G. Hunsinger “The Beatitudes”, p. 5)

#2 Matt. 5:4 **“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.”**

- Jesus wept over his friend Lazarus, and the temple/city. (John 12, Luke 19)
- We walk in a world of monuments. Mourn the past and present, looking to the future.

#3 Matt. 5:5 **“Blessed are the meek (gentle, mild), for they will inherit the earth.”**

- “Meekness is both a spiritual aptitude and social condition.” Hunsinger, p. 31
- Jesus in Matt 11:29 - We are being shaped as “living stones” by the master.
- “Neither novelty nor nostalgia make good masters” - Pastor Jim Smith



Online Bible Study - You can Participate!

Comment online and read others’ comments too!: Take a look at [this resource “The Beatitudes”](#) from G. Hunsinger on Beatitudes and make a comment from Beatitudes 1-3!

Next Week (09/25): Beatitudes #4, #5, #6

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

- TODAY:**
- 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 **Worship Service** (in person and on Facebook)
<https://www.facebook.com/ElimChurchMpls/live>
 - 11:15 am-12 pm Sunday Connections: Adult, Youth, and Children's Ministry Options.
 - 12:05 pm Congregational discussion in the dining room about Better Together with light lunch.

Starting today, two adult connection classes will continue.

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

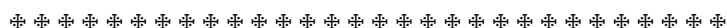
*The Chalmers Center is a globally recognized resource that exists to "help shape the way churches and Christian nonprofits think about and respond to poverty."

UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS

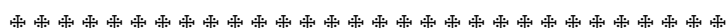
Volunteers needed:

- 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.

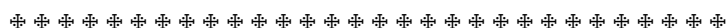
Please connect with the church office to express your interest. It's a great way to volunteer alongside your teens or children.



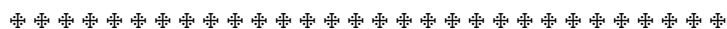
The Kid's Ministry is redecorating our space and we are in need of artificial plants of all sizes. They can be brought to the office or the Kid's Ministry area. Contact Kari Nelson for more information.



GriefShare meets every Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the Elim Lounge. (The class runs for 13 weeks.)



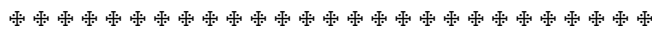
Kidz Klozet and The Unlimited Donations: We no longer need any summer clothing. Time for donations for the colder weather too: coats, boots, gloves. Donations may continue to be left in the drop-off box at Elim. Thank you!



Register NOW!



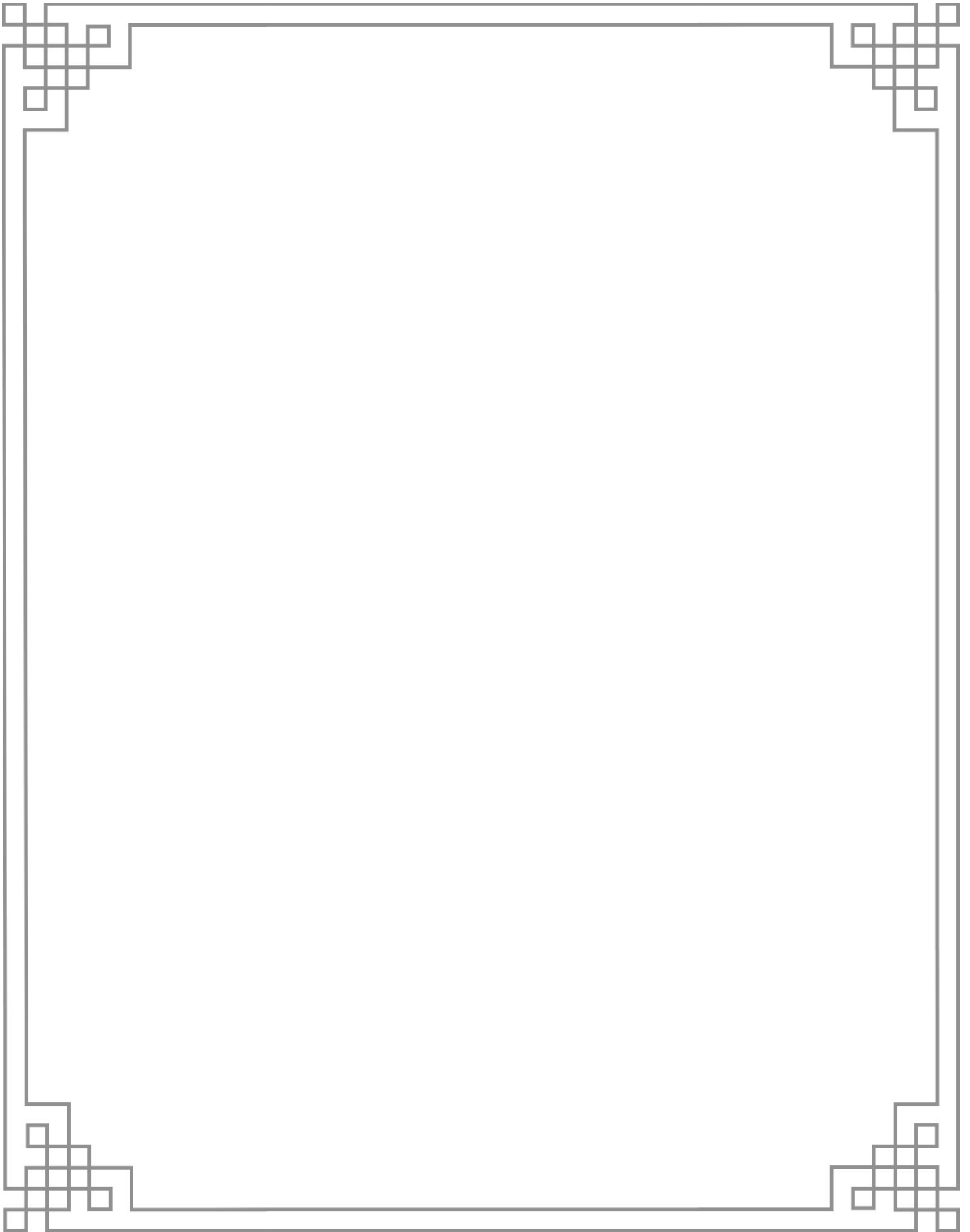
Fall Refreshment at Trout Lake for Women (Sept 23–25, 2022)
 Set aside time to reflect and meet God. Come away from your usual routine and freshly hear the voice of God. Come with an open heart to experience God's goodness and hope! So, for one of the best weekends of your fall, come to the Fall Refreshment 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:

The apartment has been cleaned, the painting is almost finished, there have been some updates in the bathrooms, and the new lighting and ceiling fans are in. The last thing will be carpets cleaned and then it will be ready for whoever God has in mind to live in that beautiful space.

Thanks, Beth



This Week (Sept. 11-18)

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#
Mon:	10 am	Women's Bible Study on Mark at the online link above
Wed:	6-7 pm	<i>Re-Covering in God</i> Bible Study
	6:30-8 pm	Youth Group meeting
	6:30-8 pm	GriefShare in the Lounge
Fri:	8-9:30 am	Men's Bible Study online

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

~~ 9/23-9/25	Women's Retreat Trout Lake Camp
~~ Tues, 9/27	New Bible Study begins
~~ Fri, 9/30, 5:30-8:30 pm	Parents' Night Out
~~ Sat, 10/6, 9-11 am	Kidz Klozet and The Unlimited Open
~~ Sat, 10/8	Fall Clean-up Work Day at Elim

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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