



Elim Church

October 9, 2022, 10:00 am

“You are Salt and Light, You!”

*“Your light must shine before people
in such a way that they may see your good works,
and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” Matt. 5:16*

Welcome to Worship!

Who You Say I Am

Announcements and [Offering](#)

Holy Holy Holy

Time of Prayer

*You Shine Through **

“You are Salt and Light, You!” (SOTM, Part 5)

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

Communion & Benevolence Offering

Great Light Of The World

Benediction

Postlude



SERMON
ON THE
MOUNT
SERMON SERIES

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

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

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Text: Matt 5:13-16

In studying the Sermon on the Mount, special attention has been given to the “world behind, the world of, and the world in front of” the text. Jesus offers us a new embodied identity as his children, while highlighting the precarious and dangerous alternatives of living life in darkness and without purpose.

13 “You are the salt of the earth.

- Ancient uses of salt included practical benefits of preservation of food, making a covenantal pledge, Babylonian, Persian, Arabic and Greek treaties, a sacrifice of testimony/worship (Lev. 2:13), an agent of purification (2 Kings 2:19-23, Exodus 30:35)

But if the salt loses its saltiness (becomes tasteless), how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.

- Salt can become so mixed with impurities as to become useless (Pliny the Elder)
- **Greek:** Tasteless, also means ‘foolish’. Because of Jesus’ teachings, most early Christians resisted foolish behavior that lead to death and destruction. (Destruction of the Temple, 66CE, 6000+ Jews Died, and Bar Kochba 115-117 (“a false messiah”, Talmud) more than 580,000 Jews died in the rebellion)
- Exile theology versus Landed Theology (How do we live in a post-christian society?)

14 “You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

- “*Let there be light*” (Gen 1:3) God is not ‘a’ light, God is the author and creator of light.
- The “New Jerusalem” will shed its light throughout all the world (G. von Rad)
- Rab Kahana, ‘Jerusalem is destined to be a beacon for the nations of the earth, and they will walk in its light’

15 Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

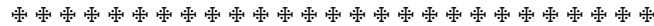
- The saints are the locus of God’s activity in the world (WD Davies)
- “the followers of Jesus are to be windows through which the divine light enters the world.” - St. John of the Cross

16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

- Jesus calls us the salt of the earth to live with integrity, authenticity, longevity, sincerity, and preserving agent for the world.
- *“Integrity means you’re the same in private as you are in public. Be real. Be authentic. Our world expects no less. Our people deserve no less. Our Lord requires no less... You are the light of the world, You are the salt of the earth. What you are may impact the world for Christ more than anything you ever say or do.”* (The Pastor's Handbook)

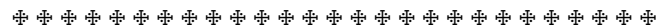
Next Week (10/16): Pastor Stephanie O’Brien of Mill City Church will preach at Elim from the Sermon on the Mount.

- We welcome your financial partnership in this important work of the Lord. We are moving into a fund raising campaign to open an overnight men's shelter this winter.
- You may designate your tax-deductible gift to *Hope Avenue Twin Cities*, and just put it in the offering or mail it to the shelter. Together we can make it happen!! Or you can click on: www.hope-avenue.org and click on donate.
- Needed items include coats, boots, and gloves, large cast iron pans to cook for crowds, room-size heating units, towels, men's Tshirts in S M Lg, men's long sleeved shirts all sizes, mens jeans 28-36, womens jean 2-8.



ADDICTION RECOVERY CLASSES -- beginning Monday, October 17, and then offered M, T, W, Th from 10-11:30 am at the shelter at 1229 Logan Ave N. We'd love to have you join us! *Are you struggling with sin? No? The words in 1 John 1:10 state, "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us." Sin comes in many forms: idolatry (placing anything before God whether it's work, relationships, family, drugs, alcohol, sex, food, etc.), anger, unforgiveness, gossip, complaining, dishonesty, seeing the speck in your brother's eye while missing the log in your own. Sin is our universal problem and Freedom in Christ is the Solution!*

- Mondays: the focus is on character building - led by JZ
- Tuesdays: the 12 Steps of AA to be "Doers of the Word" (James 1:22) - led by Rayce and Will Work for Recovery
- Wednesdays: will round out the week with Freedom in Christ, where we learn from Jay how to live into our solution - Christ!
- Thursdays: DVD sturdy from Louie Giglio's entitled "Goliath Must Fall," winning the battle against your Giants - led by Pastor Becky



Elim's Fall Harvest Party



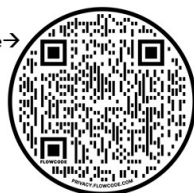
MONDAY, OCTOBER 31st - 4-7 PM
OUTDOORS - ELIM'S PARKING LOT

Trunk-or-Treating (candy/snacks)
FREE hot cider and chili-to-go
Games, and more!

Volunteers needed for:

- Greeters
- Decorating your trunk
- Donating candy
- Game coordinator
- Making/Serving chili & cider
- Clean-up

Online Response →



PRAYERFUL PAUSE:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do; and he will show you which path to take." Proverbs 3:5-6

This Week (Oct. 10-16)

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 7 at the online link above
Tues:	9 am	Merry Makers Breakfast, The Original Pancake House
	6:30 pm	Elim Leadership Team Meeting
Wed:	6-7 pm	<i>Re-Covering in God</i> Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Live including Mill City and w/supper by Hot Wok
	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
Sun:	10-11 am	Morning Worship, Pastor Stephanie preaching
	12-1:15 pm	Congregational discussion, regarding the "Better Together" proposal, "snack lunch" served.
	6:30 pm	Music & Worship Service at Elim, led by the Mill City Worship Team

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

~~ Tues, 10/20, 10:30 am	Merry Makers Walk at Rice Creek & Lunch
~~ Sun, 10/23, Noon	Elim Staff Meeting
~~ Tues, 10/25, 6:30-8 pm	Bible Study on <i>Find Your People</i> , online at link above
~~ Mon, 10/31, 3:30-6:30 pm	Trunk or Treat in church parking lot

Giving at a Glance

August Giving:

Needed – \$ 39,500
Received – \$ 74,373

Fiscal Year-to-Date:

Needed – \$ 197,500
Received – \$ 202,255

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