

**Elim Church**

November 13, 2022, 10:00 am

# “More Transformational Initiatives of the Kingdom”

*“Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.” Romans 12:16-17*

## **Welcome to Worship!**

*Raise A Hallelujah*

**Announcements and [Offering](#)**

*Come Ye Sinners*

**Time of Prayer**

*His Mercy Is More \**

## **“More Transformational Initiatives of the Kingdom” (SOTM, Part 9)**

Pastor Paul Stephen Olson

**Communion & Benevolence Offering**

*Amazing Love*

**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](https://facebook.com/elimchurchmple/live)

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

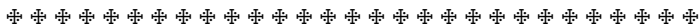
**EVENTS Today** Masks are not required for attendees at Elim. As always, please take any precautions to protect your health and the health of others

**WELCOME TO ELIM THIS MORNING!**

- 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 Mill City and Leadership Team Q&A

**UPCOMING EVENTS and NEWS**

The following individuals have applied for membership at Elim. They have been interviewed and the Leadership Team recommends them to Elim for approval for membership: **Ann Bremer, Sheila Enerson, Adam Klein, and Renee Klein**. These names will be published in the bulletin for two weeks and you must connect with a Leadership Team member within that period if you have any questions or comments.



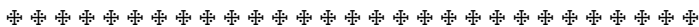
**Coming soon - CHRISTMAS BUDDIES prayer initiative!**  
Building on the success of *Easter Buddies* in the spring, we have a new prayer initiative in the works: CHRISTMAS BUDDIES! Be on the lookout for more information on praying for one of our Elim kids/youth during the upcoming Advent season! More details to follow.



**YOU CAN STILL JOIN THE NEW BIBLE STUDY**, Jennie Allen’s *Find Your People: Building Deep Community in a Lonely World*. Tuesday ~ weekly, 6:30-8 pm  
In-person in the lounge and Online (see link below)  
The Meeting URL is <https://meet.google.com/ast-cxmh-ykk> or  
by phone at 1-401-684-3085, PIN: 724 649 481#.



**Deep Prayer Art Work**  
The art installation in the gathering area is made by Polly McCann who attended Elim years ago. She created these painted upholstery canvases to represent the 12 tribes of Israel. As you view the artwork think deeply about the prayers attached to each one. These 12 panels show twelve types of people and communities we can pray for.



**The Unlimited:** Is in need of donations. Thank you!  
**Kidz Klozet:** We are now accepting donations. Especially winter clothing.



**Hope Avenue Twin Cities:** The day shelter has been open for six months, serving men and women in need. As we move into the colder weather, we welcome your partnership in this important work of the Lord:

- We are raising funds to open an overnight men's shelter.
- 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](http://www.hope-avenue.org) and click on donate.
- Needed items include coats, boots, gloves, vacuum cleaners, towels, men's T-shirts and long-sleeved shirts of all sizes, and men's jeans. Kitchen supplies, including sugar, flour, 33 and 50-gallon trash bags, cooking oil, and aluminum disposable pans. Thank you!

### **This Week (Nov. 13-20)**

<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>	6:30-8 pm	Bible Study on <i>Find Your People</i> at the online link above
<b>Wed:</b>	6-7 pm	<i>Re-Covering in God</i> Bible Study
	6:30 pm	Leadership Teams meet for Discernment meeting
	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
	5:30-8:30 pm	Parents Night Out

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

~~ Thurs-Fri, 11/24-25	Office Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday
~~ Sat, 11/26, 4:30 pm	Hanging of the Greens
~~ Tues, 12/6, 6-8:30 pm	Building Maintenance Meeting
~~ Wed, 12/7, 6:30 pm	GriefShare last meeting
~~ Tues, 12/13, 6:30 pm	Leadership Team meeting
~~ Wed, 12/14, 6:30 pm	Wednesday Night Live w/supper by Hot Wok

## SERMON NOTES

### “More Transformational Initiatives of the Kingdom” (SOTM Part 9)

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**Text: Matthew 5:38-48**

**The Sermon on the Mount** begins with a declaration about the characteristics of Jesus and his followers (Beatitudes), followed by Jesus’ authoritative teaching that calls those followers away from vicious cycles of sin and goes beyond traditional piety calling us forward into transformational initiatives.

#### **Jesus’ Pattern of Teaching: (Matthew’s Patterns of Three)**

You’ve heard it said...	(Familiar Traditional Piety)
But rage, lust, divorce w/o cause, lies continue...	(Exposing the Vicious Cycle of Sin)
So I say to you...	(New Transformational Initiative)

#### **More Transformational Initiatives from Matthew 5:23-48 (SOTM, continued)**

Its main verb is a positive imperative— an initiative— not a negative prohibition, calling for a practice of deliverance from the vicious cycle and to participation in the reign of God. (Glen Stassen)

#### **Response to others who treat you poorly:**

- Turn the Other Cheek (Jesus’ Lex Talionis principle, Rom. 12:16-21, Mt. 26:67, Gandhi)
- Give your tunic and cloak (Potential humiliation, Mt. 27:35)
- Go the second mile (Meet opposition with kindness, Mt. 22:21)

#### **Resource for those who do not have:**

- Beggar and borrower (Jesus says it is He who is thirsty and hungry! Mt. 25:35ff.)

#### **Reaction to those who hate you:**

- Love your enemy (A unique saying of Jesus, Romans 5:8)
- Pray for your persecutors (Matt 27:39-44, Luke 23:34 “*Father, Forgive*”, Justin Martyr, A. Pink)

**The Real Reason for love:** Why does Jesus want us to love in this way? Will our love transform the world? Does kindness really matter? Why do we really need to include everyone in our love?

**Next Week (11/20):** SOTM Series Matthew 5. Jesus addresses giving, praying, and fasting.

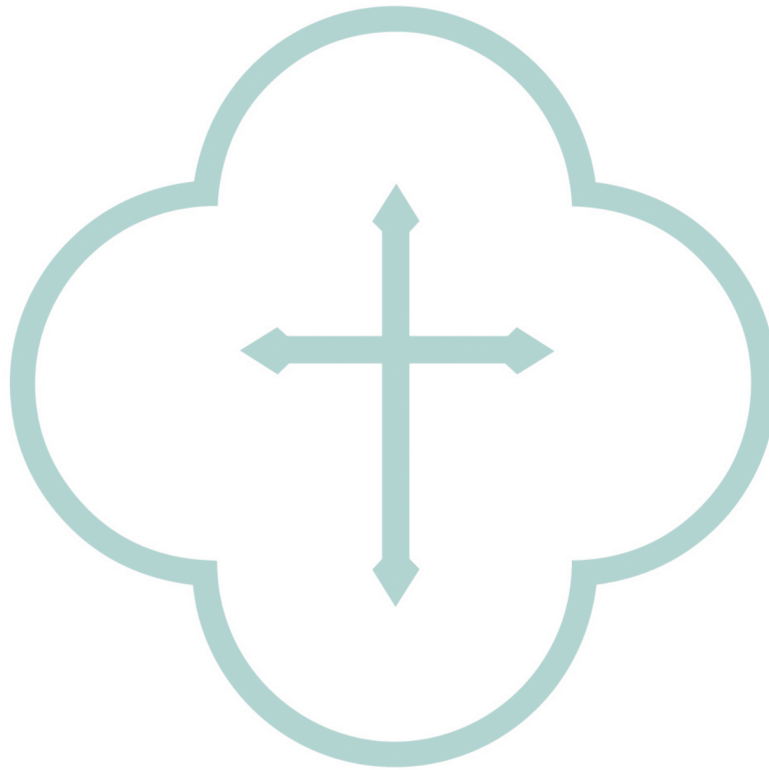




**PRAYERFUL PAUSE:**

*“Time’s up! God’s kingdom is here. Change your life and believe the Message.”*

*Mark 1:15 (The Message)*



### Giving at a Glance

#### October Giving:

Needed – \$ 39,500

Received – \$ 45,035

#### Fiscal Year-to-Date:

Needed – \$ 276,500

Received – \$ 277,359

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