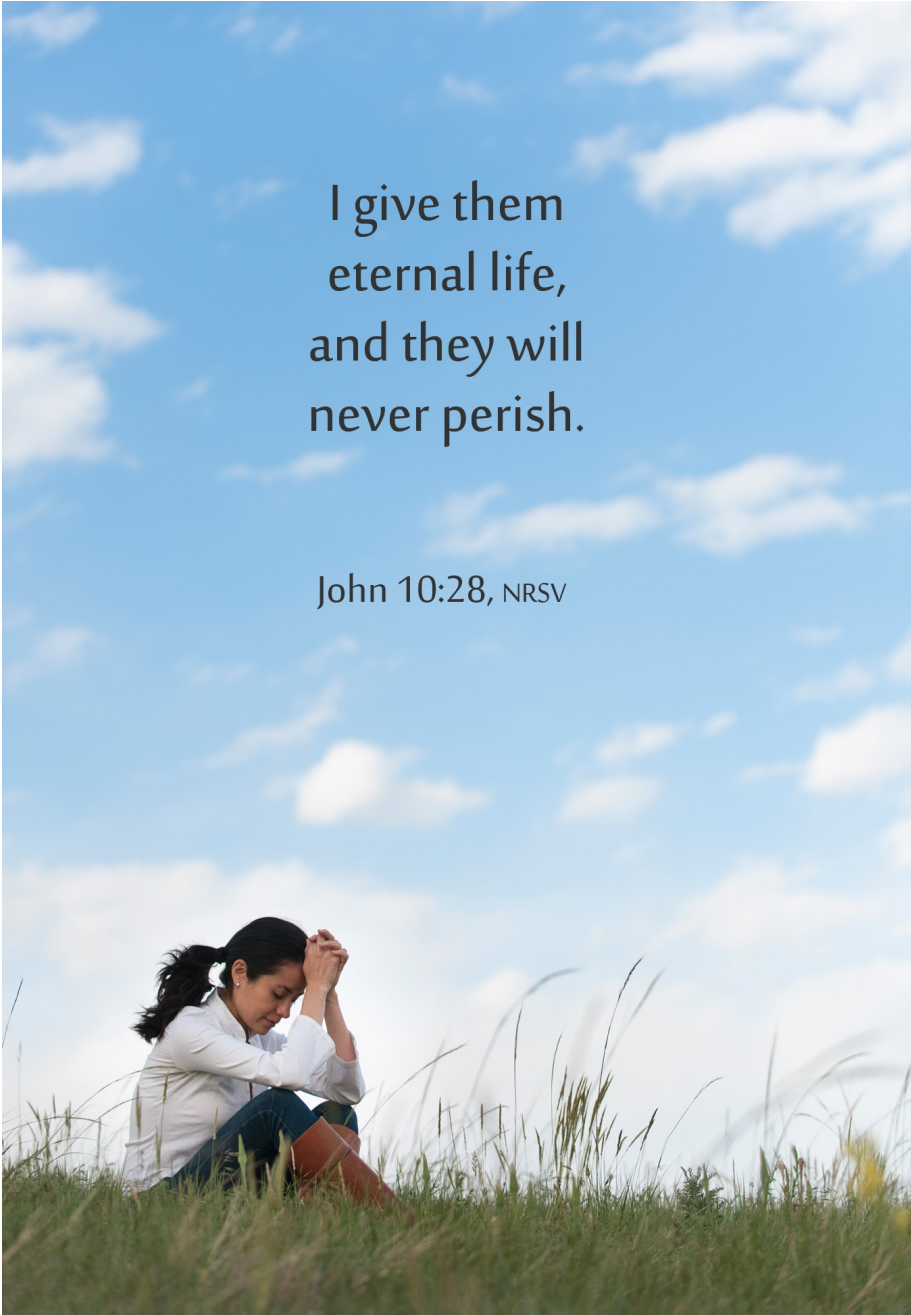


**Elim Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, June 21, 2020**  
**Recorded Worship**

I give them  
eternal life,  
and they will  
never perish.

John 10:28, NRSV



# WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our lives remain a mystery,

**All: But God remains the same.**

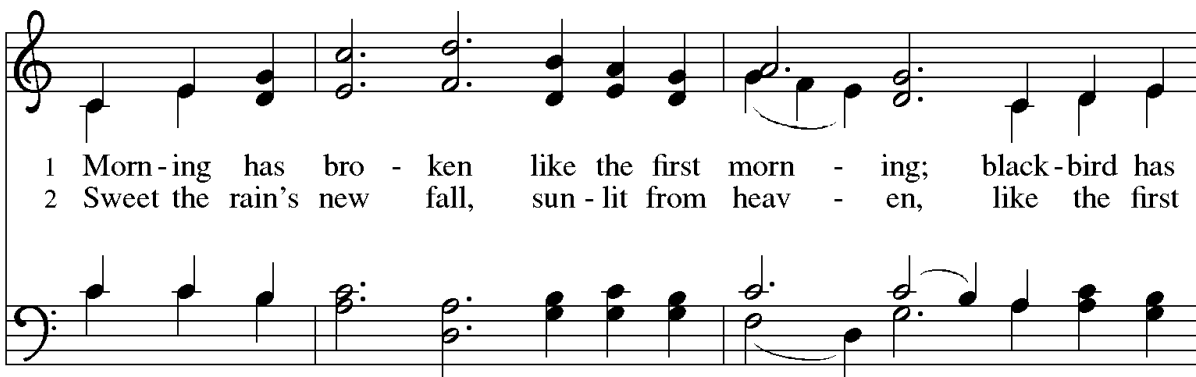
Leader: We struggle hard to understand,

**All: But God remains the same.**

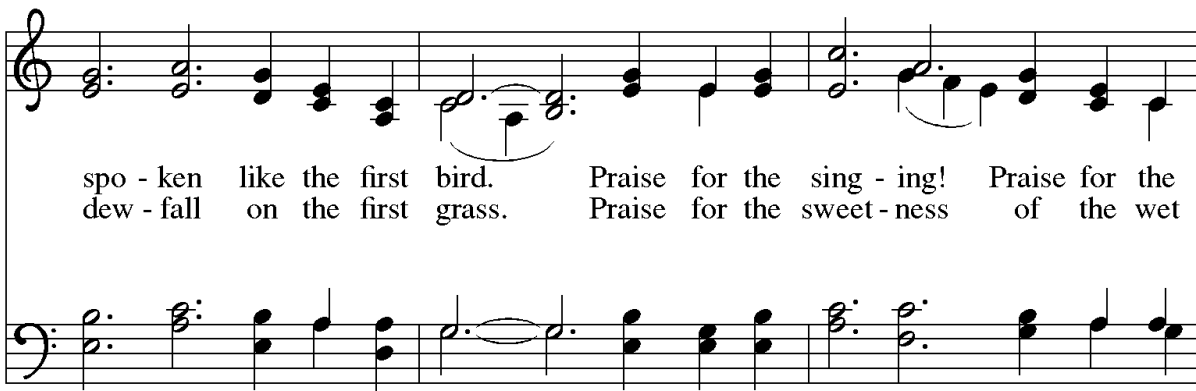
Leader: Praise God—despite everything

**All: You still remain the same.**

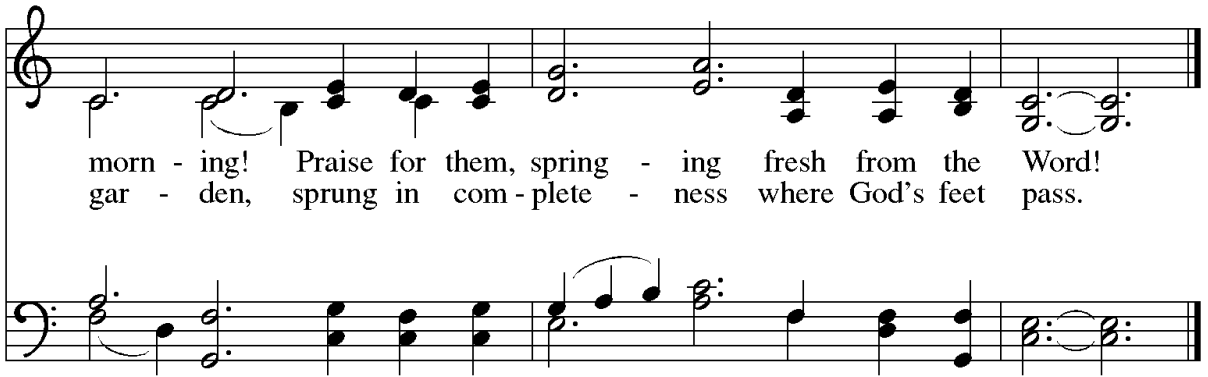
## OPENING SONG: MORNING HAS BROKEN



1 Morn - ing has bro - ken like the first morn - ing; black - bird has  
2 Sweet the rain's new fall, sun - lit from heav - en, like the first



spo - ken like the first bird. Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the  
dew - fall on the first grass. Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet



morn - ing! Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word!  
gar - den, sprung in com - plete - ness where God's feet pass.

Text: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881–1965

Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version

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## GREETING

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: Patient God,

All: **When all our fury finally dies down,  
you are still there.**

**Fill us with the profound peace that only you can give,  
through the power of your Holy Spirit,  
Amen.**

## **FIRST READING: JOB 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21**

Leader: A reading from the book of Job

### **Job 3:1-10**

<sup>3:1</sup>After this Job opened his mouth and cursed the day of his birth. <sup>2</sup>Job said: <sup>3</sup>“Let the day perish in which I was born, and the night that said, ‘A man-child is conceived.’ <sup>4</sup>Let that day be darkness! May God above not seek it, or light shine on it. <sup>5</sup>Let gloom and deep darkness claim it. Let clouds settle upon it; let the blackness of the day terrify it. <sup>6</sup>That night—let thick darkness seize it! let it not rejoice among the days of the year; let it not come into the number of the months. <sup>7</sup>Yes, let that night be barren; let no joyful cry be heard in it. <sup>8</sup>Let those curse it who curse the Sea, those who are skilled to rouse up Leviathan. <sup>9</sup>Let the stars of its dawn be dark; let it hope for light, but have none; may it not see the eyelids of the morning—<sup>10</sup>because it did not shut the doors of my mother’s womb, and hide trouble from my eyes.”

## **SERMON: PASTOR KATHRYN GULBRANSON**

### **Job 4:1-9**

<sup>4:1</sup>Then Eliphaz the Temanite answered: <sup>2</sup>“If one ventures a word with you, will you be offended? But who can keep from speaking? <sup>3</sup>See, you have instructed many; you have strengthened the weak hands. <sup>4</sup>Your words have supported those who were stumbling, and you have made firm the feeble knees. <sup>5</sup>But now it has come to you, and you are impatient; it touches you, and you are dismayed. <sup>6</sup>Is not your fear of God your confidence, and the integrity of your ways your hope?

<sup>7</sup>“Think now, who that was innocent ever perished? Or where were the upright cut off? <sup>8</sup>As I have seen, those who plow iniquity and sow trouble reap the same. <sup>9</sup>By the breath of God they perish, and by the blast of his anger they are consumed.”

## **SERMON: PASTOR KATHRYN GULBRANSON**

### **Job 7:11-21**

<sup>7:11</sup>[Job said,] “Therefore I will not restrain my mouth; I will speak in the anguish of my spirit; I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. <sup>12</sup>Am I the Sea, or the Dragon, that

you set a guard over me? <sup>13</sup>When I say, 'My bed will comfort me, my couch will ease my complaint,' <sup>14</sup>then you scare me with dreams and terrify me with visions, <sup>15</sup>so that I would choose strangling and death rather than this body. <sup>16</sup>I loathe my life; I would not live forever. Let me alone, for my days are a breath.

<sup>17</sup>What are human beings, that you make so much of them, that you set your mind on them, <sup>18</sup>visit them every morning, test them every moment? <sup>19</sup>Will you not look away from me for a while, let me alone until I swallow my spittle? <sup>20</sup>If I sin, what do I do to you, you watcher of humanity? Why have you made me your target? Why have I become a burden to you? <sup>21</sup>Why do you not pardon my transgression and take away my iniquity? For now I shall lie in the earth; you will seek me, but I shall not be."

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON: PASTOR KATHRYN GULBRANSON**

### **GOSPEL: JOHN 10:27-30**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to John

All: **Glory to you, O Lord**

<sup>27</sup>My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. <sup>28</sup>I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. <sup>29</sup>What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. <sup>30</sup>The Father and I are one."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **CHILDREN'S SERMON**

# HYMN OF THE DAY: FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

1 Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,  
3 Faith of our fa - thers! We will love both friend and foe in

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in G major. The treble staff contains the vocal melody with lyrics. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

fire, and sword. Oh, how our hearts beat high with joy  
all our strife; pro-claim thee too, as love knows how,

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff has a melodic line with some slurs and accents. The bass staff continues with a steady accompaniment.

*Refrain*  
when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word. Faith of our fa - thers,  
by sav - ing word and faith - ful life.

The third system includes a section labeled 'Refrain' indicated by a double bar line. The melody and accompaniment continue through this section.

ho - ly faith, we will be true to you till death.

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1814–1863, alt.

Music: ST. CATHERINE, Henri F. Hemy, 1818–1888; James G. Walton, 1821–1905, refrain

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LEADER: We pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

*A brief silence.*

LEADER: As with Job, you allow us freedom to express the pain and rage of our grief and disappointment with life. Hold us fast no matter what we say or do, and assure us of your unwavering presence in all circumstances. Steadfast God,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We display and plant flags as statements of identity and loyalty. As we fight racism, remind us that you have gathered all people together, regardless of nationality or culture, and that your family is the most significant identity that we can claim. Steadfast God,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We give you thanks for all fathers, uncles and grandfathers who have nurtured a child along in their faith. Bring your peace to those of us who have lost our fathers. We thank you for giving them to us to know and love in our lives. Steadfast God,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: Be with all who feel their own bodies have turned against them, suffering with extreme physical pain and affliction. Give them balm for their suffering and comfort from friends and loved ones. Be with those whose particular needs we know today, especially Kevin, Nam Sun, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Mercedes, Sue, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Nancy, Christina, Irene, Diane, Pat, Elinor, Dorine, Richard, those battling the coronavirus and those we name silently and aloud (*brief silence*). May they know that their lives are in your ever-healing hands. Steadfast God,  
**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: We honor St. Macrina the Younger and all those who devote their whole selves to you. May our own lives be modeled on theirs and may our faithfulness eventually bring us back into fellowship with all those who have gone before us. Steadfast God,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

LEADER: O God, bless all those celebrating birthdays, anniversaries and celebrations of all kinds, this week. Fill our hearts with love and acceptance. Steadfast God,

**ALL: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

LEADER: You are faithful as the passing of endless generations, O Lord. May these prayers be a beginning of the fulfillment of your will on the earth, and may we also be used for your holy purposes, in Jesus' name,

**ALL: Amen.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**



## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER AND WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** Kevin Hart - *"He Shall Reign"* by Ben Fielding | Reuben Morgan

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: God of the welcome table,

**All: In this meal we have feasted on your goodness  
and have been united by your presence among us.**

**Empower us to go forth sustained by these gifts  
so that we may share your neighborly love with all,  
through Jesus Christ, the giver of abundant life.**

**Amen.**

## **BLESSING**

*Response after blessing: Amen*

## **SENDING SONG: 10,000 REASONS**

Chorus

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 1

**The sun comes up it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing Your song again  
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

Chorus

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 2

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind  
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

Chorus

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

Verse 3

**And on that day when my strength is failing  
The end draws near and my time has come  
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending  
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

Chorus

**Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul  
Worship His holy name  
Sing like never before O my soul  
I'll worship Your holy name**

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## **SENDING**

**Leader:** Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Next Week: Sunday, June 28, 2020**

**Main Idea: God reminds Job that God - more powerful and knowledgeable than us - has got our back.**

**Read Ahead: Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11**



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