

Elim Lutheran Church  
Sunday, August 16, 2020  
Recorded Worship



*The  
Mighty One*

HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR ME  
—**HOLY IS HIS NAME.**

LUKE 1:49, NIV

# WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING SONG: FOR THE BEAUTY OF THE EARTH



1. For the beau - ty of the earth, For the glo - ry  
2. For the beau - ty of each hour Of the day and  
5. For your church, that ev - er - more Lifts its ho - ly



of the skies, For the love which from our birth  
of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r,  
hands a - bove, Of - f'ring up on ev - 'ry shore



O - ver and a - round us lies:  
Sun and moon, and stars of light: Lord of all, to  
Its pure sac - ri - fice of love:



you we raise This our hymn of grate - ful praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpont, 1835-1917

Tune: DIX, 7 7 7 7 7; arr. from Conrad Kocher, 1786-1872, by William H. Monk, 1823-1889

## 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: Almighty God,

All: **in choosing the virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised.**

**Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord,**

**who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING: PSALM 34:1-9

Leader: A reading from the book of Psalms

<sup>1</sup>I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

<sup>2</sup>My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

<sup>3</sup>O magnify the LORD with me,

and let us exalt his name together.

<sup>4</sup>I sought the LORD, and he answered me,

and delivered me from all my fears.

<sup>5</sup>Look to him, and be radiant;

so your faces shall never be ashamed.

<sup>6</sup>This poor soul cried, and was heard by the LORD,

and was saved from every trouble.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the LORD encamps

around those who fear him, and delivers them.

<sup>8</sup>O taste and see that the LORD is good;

happy are those who take refuge in him.

<sup>9</sup>O fear the LORD, you his holy ones,

for those who fear him have no want.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL: LUKE 1:46-55

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Luke.

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

<sup>46</sup>And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

<sup>47</sup>and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

<sup>48</sup>for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup>for the Mighty One has done great things for me,

and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup>His mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup>He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup>He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup>he has filled the hungry with good things,

and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup>He has helped his servant Israel,

in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup>according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

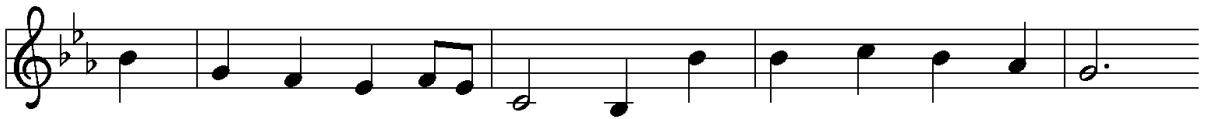
**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON:

**PASTOR KATHRYN GULBRANSON** — *"God's Interruptions: Mary's Fiat Mihi"*

## HYMN OF THE DAY: FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL WOMEN



For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in days of old,  
We hon - or faith - ful Mar - y fair mai - den, full of grace.  
O God, for saints and ser - vants, those named and those un - known,  
All praise to God the Fa - ther! All praise to Christ the Son!



to you shall thanks be giv - en; to all, their stor - y told.  
She bore the Christ, our bro - ther, who came to save our race.  
in whom through all the a - ges your light of glo - ry shone,  
All praise to God the Spir - it, who binds the church as one!



They served with strength and glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave.  
May we, with her, sur - ren - der our - selves to your com - mand  
we of - fer glad thanks - giv - ing and fer - vent prayer we raise  
With saints who went be - fore us, with saints who wit - ness still,



To you their lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your pow'r to save.  
and lay up - on your al - tar our gifts of heart an hand.  
that, faith - ful in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.  
we sing glad al - le - lu - ias and strive to do your will.

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: KUORTANE, Finnish folk tune

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## NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary  
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\*  
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*A brief silence.*

Leader: You have revealed your love for people overlooked and cast aside, sending your son to be born among the humble and poor. Send your church to proclaim good news to those who feel abandoned, despised, or rejected and make our congregations places of genuine welcome and hospitality. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: You interrupt our lives with your call to us to let go and follow you in the world. Help us to be inspired by Mary, and to be courageous enough to say to you, "Let it be to me according to your will." God in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We remember your promise to our ancestors and look to you for justice. Expose pride, greed, and exploitation wherever it is found and raise up humble leaders who act on behalf of those who are poor, oppressed, or in other need. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Your Spirit lives in our hearts and makes us heirs of salvation. Rescue us from shame and dishonor. Lift up the lowly, fill the hungry with good things, and have mercy on those who turn to you for help, especially, Bob, Dave, Lou, Roger, Audrey, Kevin, NamSun, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Sue, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Nancy, Christina, Irene, Karle, 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. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: Mary's song of praise and amazement echoes through this assembly. Attend to those in this congregation expecting a child and console those struggling to conceive. Come to the aid of those enduring a difficult pregnancy and those who have experienced a miscarriage. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**



Leader: We mourn for the saints that have gone on before us. Yet we rejoice in the wisdom they shared with us, teaching us to be righteous and faithful. We especially remember Robin Merrill and her family on the passing of her father Lawrence Merrill on August 7, and the family of Olivia, daughter of Betty Harrison, who passed away unexpectedly. God, in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We give thanks for the saints who have found refuge in you, O God, especially Mary, mother of Jesus. As you have delivered them from all their afflictions, so save us from all our earthly troubles until that day when we sing your praise together in heaven. God, in your mercy,

**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. God of plenty,

**All: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Leader: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

**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**

## PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you.**

## 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:** *"Ave Maria"* performed by Sadie Sonntag and Kyle Craft

Composed by Franz Schubert (1797-1828)

## 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: HERE I AM, LORD



1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.  
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.



All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.



I, who made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.  
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?"  
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?"



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946

Music: HERE I AM, LORD, Daniel L. Schutte

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## SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Next Week: Sunday, August 23, 2020**

**Theme:** Introduction to the Lord’s Prayer

**Main Idea:** God’s name is holy - so delicate we can scarcely breathe upon it. As we hold God’s name as sacred, we lift up our loyalty and devotion for God.

**Read Ahead:** Psalm 139:1-18; Luke 11:1-4



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