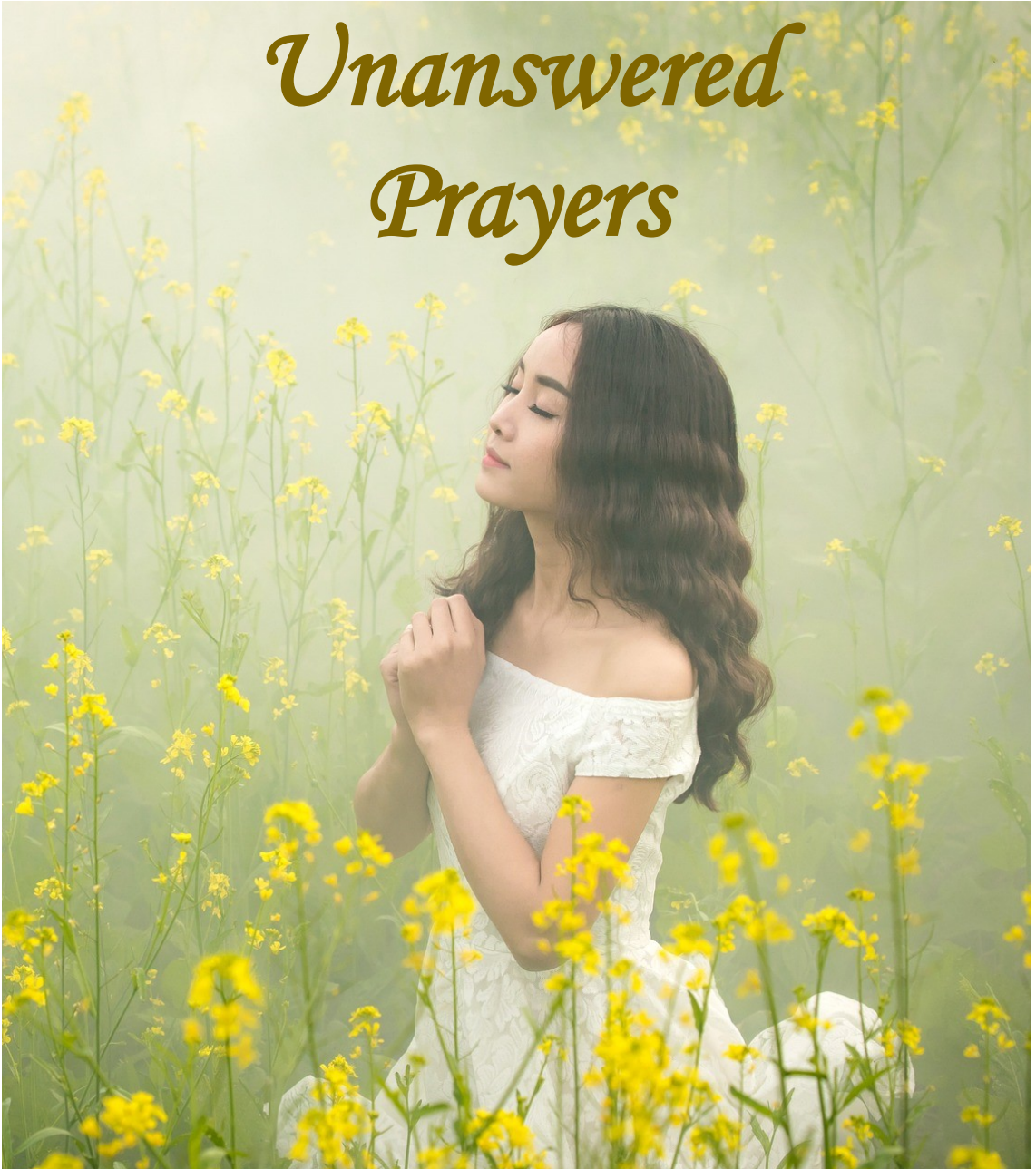


Elim Lutheran Church  
Sunday, September 6, 2020  
Recorded Worship

*Unanswered  
Prayers*



# WELCOME

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: My heart is filled with adoration when I lift my eyes to you.

**All: For you are Lord of all creation. You make all things new.**

Leader: My soul is filled with lasting peace when I close my eyes to sleep.

**All: For you are Lord, you're right beside me. I'm safe within your keep.**

Leader: My mind is filled with inspiration when I open my eyes anew.

**All: For you are hope and love outspoken. Your words are full of truth.**

Leader: My life is full of aspiration when I see through eyes that weep.

**All: For you are Lord of the grand and broken. May I be your hands and feet.**

*(a contemporary prayer of praise from [www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com))*

### OPENING SONG: O LORD, HEAR MY PRAYER *(Sing twice)*

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: when I call, an - swer me.

The image shows a musical score for the opening song. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "O Lord, hear my prayer". It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. Both staves are in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer: come and listen to me." are written below the treble staff.

Text: Psalm 102:1-2; Taizé Community, adapt.

Music: HEAR MY PRAYER, Jacques Berthier, 1923-1994

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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:** Faithful God,

**All:** **You have provided everything that we truly need to thrive in this life. Teach us to recognize those things, and to work so that others might also have their needs provided, for the sake of Jesus, Amen.**

## FIRST READING: PSALM 46:1-16

Leader: A reading from the book of Psalms

Leader: <sup>1</sup>God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**All: <sup>2</sup>Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; <sup>3</sup>though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

Leader: <sup>4</sup>There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

**All: <sup>5</sup>God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns.**

Leader: <sup>6</sup>The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

**All: <sup>7</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: <sup>8</sup>Come, behold the works of the LORD; see what desolations he has brought on the earth.

**All: <sup>9</sup>He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire.**

Leader: <sup>10</sup>"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth."

**All: <sup>11</sup>The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Leader: The word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 6:9-13**

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew

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

<sup>9</sup>Pray then in this way:

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.

<sup>10</sup>Your kingdom come.

Your will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup>Give us this day our daily bread.

<sup>12</sup>And forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup>And do not bring us to the time of trial,  
but rescue us from the evil one.

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON:** Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson - *"Prayer: A Gift From God"*

## **HYMN OF THE DAY: NOT FOR A MOMENT**

Verse 1

**You were reaching through the storm  
Walking on the water  
Even when I could not see  
In the middle of it all  
When I thought You were a thousand miles away  
Not for a moment did You forsake me  
Not for a moment did You forsake me**

Chorus

**After all You are constant  
After all You are only good  
After all You are sov'reign  
Not for a moment will You forsake me**

Verse 2

**You were singing in the dark  
Whispering Your promise  
Even when I could not hear  
I was held in Your arms  
Carried for a thousand miles to show  
Not for a moment did You forsake me**

Chorus

**After all You are constant  
After all You are only good  
After all You are sov'reign  
Not for a moment will You forsake me  
Not for a moment will You forsake me**

Bridge

**And ev'ry step ev'ry breath You are there  
Ev'ry tear ev'ry cry ev'ry prayer  
In my hurt at my worst when my world falls down  
Not for a moment will You forsake me  
Even in the dark  
Even when it's hard  
You will never leave me**

Chorus

**After all You are constant  
After all You are only good  
After all You are sov'reign  
Not for a moment will You forsake me  
Not for a moment will You forsake me**

Ending

**Not for a moment will You forsake me**

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## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*A brief silence.*

Leader: Teach us to pray, oh Lord. Remind us that you yearn for us to come to you in prayer. Guide us in our prayers, draw us closer to you, and keep us faithful even when we feel our prayers aren't answered. Generous God,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the firefighters and all relief workers in our state as they continue to battle the fires all around us. Be with the rescue workers in Louisiana as well, following Hurricane Laura. Give them courage, wisdom and strength. Generous God,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: May our harvests be plentiful and may they be shared fairly. Bless the work of all those striving to minimize waste and distribute provisions to where they are most needed. Generous God,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: The human soul can suffer when food, love, safety, and meaning are lacking. Heal those who have found themselves at any time wanting for these basic needs. Raise our awareness about deficiencies in our society and institutions. We raise up those with particular needs today, especially Carole, Bob, Dave, Lou, Roger, Audrey, NamSun, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, 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. Generous God,

**All: hear our prayer.**

Leader: You not only provide our earthly home with all that we need, but you have also prepared a heavenly home for us once this life is finished. Please pray for the family of Carl and Sylvia Anderson, Carl passed peacefully on August 28. Give us hope of eternal life with you and all the saints. Generous 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. Generous God,

**All: hear our prayer.**

The prayers conclude:

Leader: You have heard the cries of your children and the prayers of your people without us saying a word. We trust in your faithfulness to answer us, for the sake of Jesus 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

**All:** 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:** *“Down to the River to Pray”* recorded by Caroline Flett

CCLI Song # 6107332

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Music: Southern USA Folk Song

## 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: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING



1. My life flows on in end-less song A -  
2. Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I



bove earth's lam - en - ta - tion. I hear the real though  
hear that mu - sic ring - ing; It sounds and ech - oes



far - off hymn That hails a new cre - a - tion.  
in my soul; How can I keep from sing - ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm, While to that rock I'm



cling - ing. Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,



How can I keep from sing - ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Tune: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, 8 7 8 7 with refrain; Robert Lowry, 1826-1899; harm. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

## SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Next Week: Sunday, September 13, 2020

Theme: Forgiveness

Main Idea: Forgiveness: we are renewed in Baptism to be signs of reconciliation in the world

Read Ahead: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:8-13; Matthew 8:21-35



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