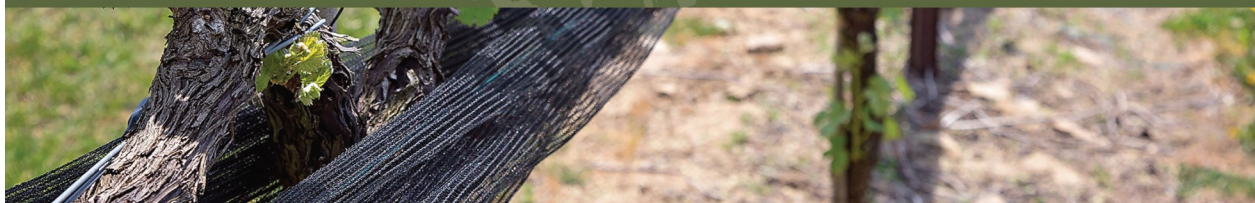


Elim Lutheran Church
Sunday, September 27, 2020
Recorded Worship



“Go and work in the vineyard today.”

MATTHEW 21:28



WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG: THE TRUMPETS SOUND, THE ANGELS SING



1 The trum - pets sound, the an - gels sing, the feast is
3 The hun - gry heart he sat - is - fies, of - fers the



read - y to be - gin. The gates of heav'n are o - pen wide,
poor his par - a - dise. Now hear all heav'n and earth ap - plaud



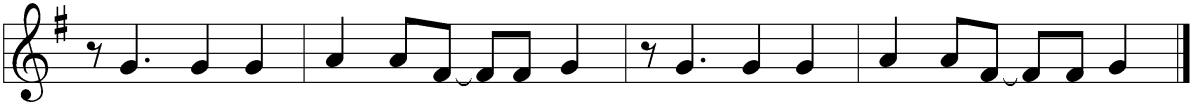
and Je - sus wel - comes you in - side.
the a - maz - ing good - ness of the Lord.



Sing with thank - ful - ness songs of pure de - light. Come and rev - el in



heav - en's love and light. Take your place at the ta - ble of the King.



The feast is read - y to be - gin, the feast is read - y to be - gin.

Text: Graham Kendrick

Music: THE FEAST IS READY, Graham Kendrick

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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: God of love,

All: **giver of life, you know our frailties and failings.
Give us your grace to overcome them,
keep us from those things that harm us,
and guide us in the way of salvation,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

FIRST READING: PHILIPPIANS 2:1-13

Leader: A reading from the book of Philippians.

¹If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ²make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
⁷but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
⁸he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
¹⁰so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
¹¹and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹²Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21:23-32

Pastor: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?'" ²⁶But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him."

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON: Pastor Kathryn Gulbranson - *"Complete Reliance on God"*

HYMN OF THE DAY: LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE



1 Lord, whose love in hum-ble ser-vice bore the weight of hu-man need,
3 As we wor-ship, grant us vi-sion, till your love's re-veal-ing light
4 Called by wor-ship to your ser-vice, forth in your dear name we go,



who up-on the cross, for-sak-en, worked your mer-cy's per-fect deed:
in its height and depth and great-ness dawns up-on our quick-ened sight,
to the child, the youth, the a-ged, love in liv-ing deeds to show;



we, your ser-vants, bring the wor-ship not of voice a-lone, but heart;
mak-ing known the needs and bur-dens your com-pas-sion bids us bear,
hope and health, good-will and com-fort, coun-sel, aid, and peace we give,



con-se-crat-ing to your pur-pose ev-'ry gift which you im-part.
stir-ring us to ar-dent ser-vice, your a-bun-dant life to share.
that your ser-vants, Lord, in free-dom may your mer-cy know and live.

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader: Drawn together in the compassion of God, we pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: Help us to place our trust in your steadfast love for us. Grant us the courage to repent and to follow you in our lives. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Your Son took on all of bodily life in our world, even to death. Preserve and keep your creation, O God. Mend and redeem places that are polluted and damaged, so that all of creation confesses you as Lord. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Our lives are yours, O God. Relieve the suffering of those who are ill in body, mind, or spirit. Defend the lives and welfare of children who are abused or neglected, hungry or exploited, bullied or lonely. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Turn this congregation away from our own interests toward the interests of others. Fill us with your compassion and sympathy. Bless ministries of care in our community, and those individuals in need, especially Sue, Carole, Bob, Dave, Lou, Roger, Audrey, Phil, Lauren, Karin, Robin, Ruth, Sigrun, Shirley, Gene, Christina, Irene, Karle, Diane, Pat, Nancy, Elinor, Dorine, Richard, those battling the coronavirus and those we name silently and aloud (brief silence). Make us into signs of your mercy and justice for our neighbors. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Thank you for those who have gone into the kingdom ahead of us—tax collectors and prostitutes, likely and unlikely, obedient and slow to learn. By their witness, teach us to confess Jesus Christ as Lord in life and in death. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: You give us peace when we grieve and hope for life eternal with those we love. As the family and friends of Carl Anderson celebrated his life last Monday, we pray for your blessing of peace to shine upon them. Bless Sylvia, former Secretary at Elim, and their daughters, Lorna and Linnea as they celebrate the memories they share of Carl. Lord, 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. Lord, in your mercy,

All: hear our prayer.

The prayers conclude:

Leader: All these things and whatever else you see that we need, we entrust to your mercy; through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

PEACE

Pastor: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

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

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Pastor: We give you thanks,

All: Gracious God,

**that you have once again fed us with food beyond compare,
the body and blood of Christ.**

**Lead us from this place, nourished and forgiven,
into your beloved vineyard**

**to wipe away the tears of all who hunger and thirst,
guided by the example of the same Jesus Christ
and led by the Holy Spirit, now and forever.**

Amen.

BLESSING

Response after blessing: Amen

SENDING SONG: OH HOW I NEED YOU

Intro

Lord I find You in the seeking
Lord I find You in the doubt
And to know You is to love You
And to know so little else

Chorus

I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You

Verse 1

Lord I find You in the seeking
Lord I find You in the doubt
And to know You is to love You
And to know so little else

Chorus

I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You

Verse 2

Lord I find You in the morning
Lord I seek You ev'ry day
Let my life be for Your glory
Woven in Your threads of grace

Chorus

I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You

Bridge

Light glorious light I will go where You shine
Break the dawn crack the skies
Make the way bright before me
In Your light I will find
All I need all I need is You

Chorus

I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You
Oh how I need You

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SENDING

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Week: Sunday, October 4, 2020

Main Idea: St. Francis of Assisi - Blessing of the Animals

Read Ahead: Psalm 104:10-28; Matthew 11:25-30



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