



# The Elim Scribe



## Easter Message From Pr. Bruce:

John 11:25-26

*Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"*

Before Easter comes Good Friday. Before the empty tomb comes the cross of Christ. Life on this side of heaven is not easy, but we know, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, that the best is yet to come. Suffering and hardship may be part of the package now, but so is forgiveness and life that blooms eternal.

Just like winter gives place to spring and summer; just like the darkest night gives way to dawn and a new day, even so you and I believe that the best is yet to come. Hardship, suffering, disease and even death itself all give way to hope and life in Jesus!

Even so, the despair and depression some of us struggle with do not have the final word. God is good. It may be Friday in many of our lives, but Sunday is coming. Hope still burns brightly in our souls. God is on the move. God is not finished with our world, or with any of us yet.

Our triumphant voices can sing on Easter Sunday, "Christ, the Lord is risen today! Alleluia!" We can greet one another with "Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!"

Thank you for being a part of our wonderful congregation! See you in worship!

### Bishop Gonia's Visit to Elim Lutheran Church



Rocky Mountain Synod Bishop, the Reverend Jim Gonia, is coming to Elim Lutheran Church on Sunday, April 7th. We will host a potluck luncheon after the service, and Bishop Gonia will present his "Claiming Our Gifts" workshop afterward.

Please come enjoy Bishop Jim's sermon and stay for lunch, then participate in the workshop. Get to know our Bishop and learn more about how we can serve together as a congregation.

Christ's Church - Better Together!

~ 2019 Lenten Services and Soup Luncheons ~

*April 7: Lenten service at 10 am, followed immediately by potluck luncheon.  
Bishop Gonia's "Claiming Our Gifts" workshop at 12:30 pm after luncheon.*

*April 14: Palm Sunday service at 10 am*

*April 19: Good Friday service at 6 pm; no service on Maundy Thursday.*

*April 21: Easter Sunday service at 10 am; continental breakfast before (9am) and after the service.  
[Please contact Joan D or Gloria W, to make a contribution to the breakfast. Thanks!]*

### Life Celebrations!

Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it;  
 shout, O depths of the earth;  
 break forth into singing, O mountains,  
 O forest, and every tree in it!  
 For the Lord has redeemed Jacob,  
 and will be glorified in Israel (Isaiah 44:23)

Spring bursts forth with promise,  
 hope springs up fresh with new life!

Spring.  
 Winter's cold,  
 and mounds of snow give place  
 to buds on trees.  
 Crocuses reach for the sun.

This spring we all get into gear with "spring clean-ups,"  
 getting flower beds and gardens ready for new  
 growth;  
 thatching old dead grass from lawns.

Spring,  
 a time when stubborn joy breaks through  
 and hope revives;  
 A time when children and old men  
 can dance and feel invigorated!

Still hoping and celebrating life with you,

Pr. Bruce Kolasch

### DIAPERS OR EASTER LILIES?

You are invited to consider bringing diapers this year instead of purchasing lilies as an Easter gift. The choice is yours; however, needy families will benefit from the gift of diapers.

Elim's Church Council Retreat has been moved from March 17<sup>th</sup> to April 14<sup>th</sup> after coffee hour.

The next youth activity has been tentatively scheduled for April 19<sup>th</sup>. Details are still to be finalized; check with Paula Valenches if you are interested in attending.



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