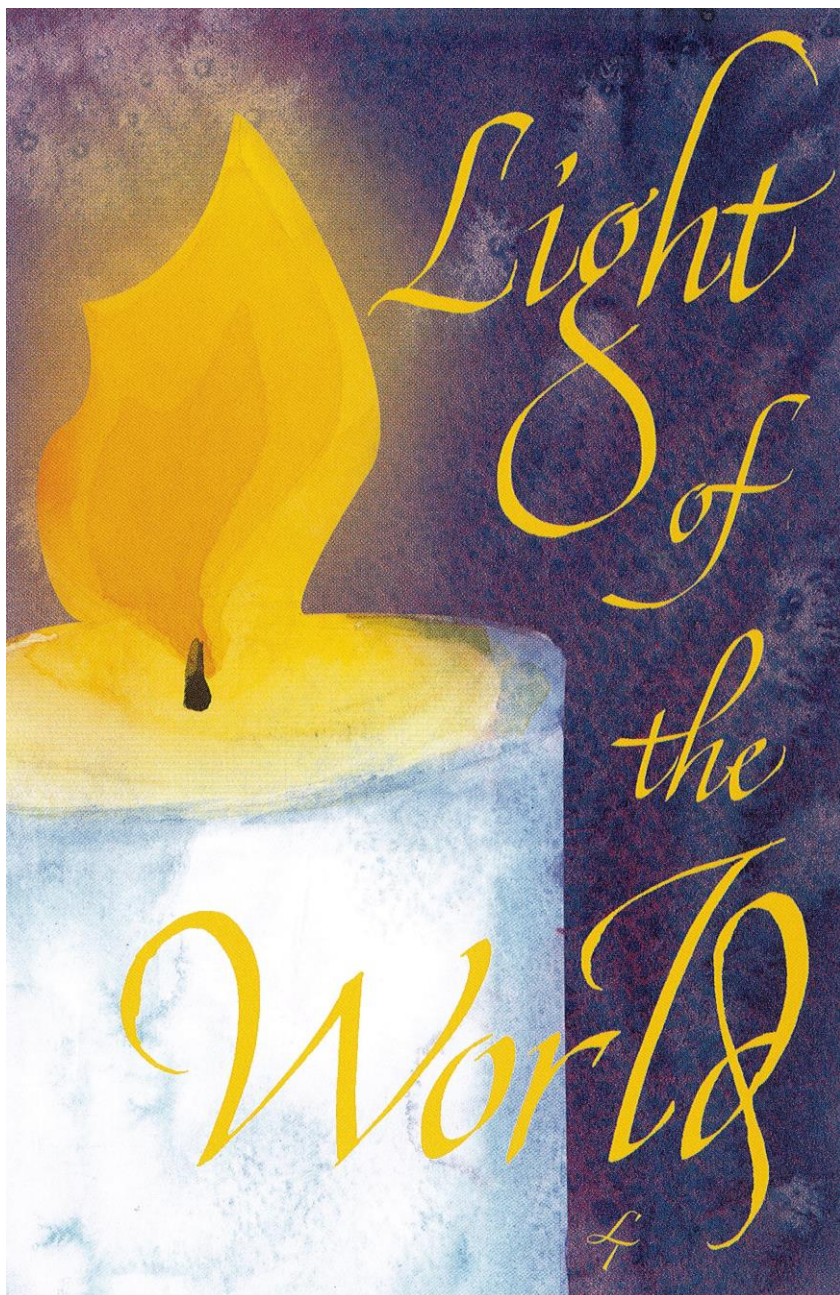


**Elim Covenant Church  
November 30, 2014  
First Sunday of Advent**



**WORSHIP CELEBRATION**  
**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH November 30, 2014**

*"Long in darkness we have waited, through the shadows  
made our way, Gloom and sorrow our companions as we  
longed for sign of day—Great our need for hope and healing,  
some great light our God revealing,  
God with us Emmanuel!" ~ Joy F. Patterson ~*

**GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

We are invited into the presence of God! \*Please turn your cell phones off\*

**PRELUDE**

**SONGS OF PRAISE**

**Worship Facilitator**

Zach Coil

*"Joy to the World"*

*"Mighty to Save"*

*"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent"*

*CCLI #2005052*

**HEARING FROM GOD**

We give our attention to God by opening our lives to His Word!  
We invite God's Spirit to take this Word into our lives that we  
might be formed into the image and likeness of Jesus!

**MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all day long."  
(Psalm 86:3)*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**LIGHTING OF THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

*(Children dismissed for Children's Church,  
please for ages 3 thru 5th grade only).*

**WORDS FROM GOD**

Mark 13:24-37

*Scripture Reader, Natalie Hermann*

## **RESPONDING TO GOD**

Now that God has spoken to us, it is time for us to speak to Him!

**MESSAGE**                    **“In Need of a Savior”**  
**Pastor Steve Peterson**

## **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

What would you do today or who would you talk to if you weren't afraid? Pray daily for courage. *“For I am the Lord, your God, who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, do not fear; I will help you.”*  
*(Isaiah 41:13)*

## **OFFERTORY**

## **OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**

### **BEING SENT BY GOD**

God sends us out into the world that he desperately loves.  
His presence goes with us. We leave as God's agents of grace and mercy.

**SONG**    *“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

## **BENEDICTION**

### ***Scripture Reading for the Week***

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Philippians 4:13</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>John 4:14</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Proverbs 3:25-26</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Isaiah 43:11</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>John 16:33</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Isaiah 54:10</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>John 6:51</i>

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<b>TODAY'S GREETERS</b>	Rolland & Joann Potts
<b>HEAD USHER</b>	Josh Parrott
<b>USHERS</b>	Chris Carsell, Orlin Johnson, Gary Wells
<b>SOUND SYSTEM</b>	Orlin Johnson

# **“In Need of a Savior”**

## **Mark 13:24-37**

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Why we need a Savior (Isa. 64:1-9)
  - a. Prayer for God’s coming down (vv. 1-3) (cf. Ps. 18:7-15; 144:5-8; Jn. 1:32-33; 6:32-58; 1 Thess. 4:16)
  - b. Hope in the midst of despair (v. 4) (cf. Ps. 27:14; Isa. 30:18; 40:31; Lam. 3:25-26; Rom. 8:22-25; 1 Cor. 2:9; Tit. 2:11-14) “It is good to wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord” (Lam. 3:26)
  - c. Our filthy nature (vv. 5-6) (cf. Lev. 13:45-46; 15:19-24; Ezek. 36:17; Rom. 3:9-18,23; Gal. 3:22) “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Rom. 3:23)
  - d. Wasting away (v. 7) (cf. Lev. 26:14-39; Isa. 9:18; Ps. 32:1-5; 106:43; 112:10; Ezek. 24:20-24; Hos. 4:1-3) “Many times he delivered them, but they were bent on rebellion and they wasted away in their sin” (Ps. 106:43)
  - e. The Potter & His clay (v. 8) (cf. Job 10:9; 33:6; Isa. 29:16; 45:9; Jer. 18:6; 2 Cor. 4:7)
- 3) Revival prayer (Ps. 80:1-7, 17-19)
  - a. Crying for a Savior (v. 2) (cf. Ps. 60:5; 106:47; 108:6; Tit. 3:5)
  - b. Drinking tears by the bowlful (Job 16:20; Ps. 6:6; 42:3; 56:8; 102:9; 126:5; Isa. 30:20; Jer. 9:1,18; Lam. 1:16; 2:18; 3:48; Acts 20:19,31; Heb. 5:7) “Those who sow with tears will reap with songs of joy “ (Ps. 126:5)
  - c. Praying for restoration (vv. 3,7,19) “Restore us, O Lord God Almighty; make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved” (cf. Ps. 14:7; 53:6; 85:4; Isa. 57:18; 58:9-12; Jer. 31:18; Hos. 6:1-2; 1 Pt. 5:10)
- 4) Watching w/ vigilance (Mk. 13:24-37)
  - a. Jesus’ return (vv. 24-27) (cf. Isa. 13:9-10; 34:4; Mt. 24:29-31; Rev. 19:11-21)
  - b. Warned to be vigilant (vv. 28-31) (cf. Mt. 25:13; Mk. 13:32-37; Lk. 21:34-36; Col. 4:2; 2 Jn. 1:8) “Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful” (Col. 4:2)
  - c. Kept strong to the end by Christ, blameless (1 Cor. 1:8)
- 5) Conclusion

# PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS

**Praises:**                    **Thanksgiving blessings; Families.**

**Prayer Concerns:** Traveling mercies during the holidays;  
Cold and flu season – may it be short lived.

**Prayer Challenge:** Is there someone you dread seeing this holiday season? Pray for a change of attitude and a soft heart – (yours – not theirs)! *“Don’t just pretend to love others. Really love them. Hate what is wrong. Hold tightly to what is good.”*  
*(Romans 12:9 NLT)*

## **Those in Need of God’s Strength and Healing:**

Unspoken needs of our brothers & sisters: Dorothy & Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Betty Lindberg, Marj Nelson, Jay Stanley, John Hutchison, Travis Ferry, Tabatha Estes, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, the Ferry family, Ruth Armstrong, families who have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

## **Prayer Notes:**

### **Sunday Prayer Following Worship**



Please feel free to take your burden or praise to one of the Elim Prayer Team members available to pray with you. Team members include: Julie, Linda, Carolyn, Juanita, Dee & Tasha and can be easily found at the back of the sanctuary in the northeast classroom.

### **Monday Evening Prayer Gathering**



Each Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. there is a prayer gathering held at Elim. You are encouraged to come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

### **Prayer Chain**

The prayer network is used when special needs arise during the week. Call Judy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. otherwise call or text Tasha Munger @ (309) 281-8784 with your request. If no answer, you may leave your concern on the answer machine and it will be relayed ASAP.

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# CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We are having our next congregational meeting following worship on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>. On the agenda will be the 2015 budget and the ballot for the 2015 MLT members.

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## VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP SHEETS

*The volunteer sign-up sheets for 2015 is on the table in the gathering area. Please consider volunteering for this coming year. We really need people to help out in every area. You need to sign up even if you already volunteer in that particular area.*

*Thank you.*

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## CHILDREN'S CHURCH LEADER MEETING

There will be a short children's church leaders meeting following worship on Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Please see Rachel Cunningham with any questions.

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*Christmas Eve Service 5:00 p.m.*



## COOKIE DECORATING PARTY SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>

There are sign-up sheets in the gathering area for our cookie decorating day. No time yet. We no longer have a cookie walk, but gather together to make cookies for our elderly, shut-ins, or anyone in need. Please sign up if you plan to attend and indicate how many & what kind of cookies you will bring. Cheryl Bear needs a count so she will know how many sugar cookies to bring to decorate. We are trying to arrange for child care. If you are interested in music, carols, or pizza on that day, please let Cheryl know. We also have a sheet to sign up anyone that you would like to receive a delivery of cookies. Then too, please sign up if you can deliver the packages of cookies. Thank you.

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## **"NOON" NEW YEAR'S EVE AT ELIM**

*There will be a "Noon" New Year's Eve party for the Elim families here at Elim from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.*

*Family Fun Events include:*

*Clown Daizy Dee's presentation "Worry or Worship," balloon sculptures, carnival type games, cookies and punch.*

*We'll have the games and cookies in the fellowship hall and Daisy's presentation in the sanctuary. Hope to see everyone young and the young at heart there. See Dora Beth Christy or Pam Thompson with any questions. Thanks.*

## ***LOOKING AHEAD***

Sun	Nov. 30	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	Dec. 1	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	Dec. 2	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	Dec. 3	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30 p.m. SPARK/AXIS 7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion (10 <sup>th</sup> grade thru college)
Thur	Dec. 4	9:30 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study with Potluck following
Sat	Dec. 6	5:30 p.m. CIU-Trivia Night Fundraiser for the Taylor Family
Sun	Dec. 7	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Congregational Meeting
Mon	Dec. 8	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	Dec. 9	5:30 p.m. MLT Meeting 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	Dec. 10	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30pm SPARK/AXIS 7:30-9:00pm Fusion (10 <sup>th</sup> grade thru college)
Thur	Dec. 11	10am & 3pm CIU – YMCA Christmas Party
Sat	Dec. 13	TBA Christmas Cookie Decorating Party
Sun	Dec. 14	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 11:45 a.m. Children’s Church Leader Meeting Noon CIU – Estes
Mon	Dec. 15	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	Dec. 16	6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	Dec. 17	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 6:00-7:30p.m. SPARK/AXIS 7:30-9:00p.m. Fusion (10 <sup>th</sup> grade thru college)

### *December Birthdays*

2 – Kathy Boggs  
11 – Danielle Ogden  
13 – Adam Hermann  
19 – Elizabeth Smith  
19 – Julie Wells  
20 – John Wulff  
22 – John Thompson  
30 – Belva Van Norman  
31 – Kristen Burns

### *December Anniversaries*

2 – Gary & Julie Wells  
10 – John & Linda Hutchison  
11 – Gene & Ellie Wildermuth  
31 – Adolph & Dorothy Laurick

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Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 46

Worship = 109

### **CHILD CARE      THIS WEEK**

Nursery      Karen Johnson & Carol Jacks  
Children’s Church 3-6 yrs      Cindy Minard & Amanda Dang  
Children’s Church 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades      Dora Beth & Pam Thompson  
Pastor’s e-mail      [pastor@elimqc.org](mailto:pastor@elimqc.org)  
Church office e-mail      [office@elimqc.org](mailto:office@elimqc.org)

### **NEXT WEEK**

M. Burney & Victoria Fowler  
Meagan & Cheryl Bear  
K. Burns & R. Peterson  
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