

**ELIM COVENANT CHURCH**

**May 3, 2015**

# **Communion Sunday**



# **Be Strengthened**

# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

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“The growth of grace is like the polishing of metals. There is first an opaque surface; by and by you see a spark darting out, then a strong light; till at length it sends back a perfect image of the sun that shines upon it.” ~ Edward Payson ~

## **GATHERING BEFORE GOD**

*We are invited into the presence of God!*

*\*Please turn your cell phones off\* Please sign the register book & pass it on.*

## **PRELUDE**

**SONGS OF PRAISE**            Zach Coil            Worship Facilitator

*“Your Grace Is Enough”*

*“How Great Is Our God”*

Hymn #68 *“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”*

## **GREETING ONE ANOTHER**

## **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!

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*“God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.”*

*(James 4:6)*

## **ELIM CHOIR**

*“We Come to the Table”*

## **CHILDREN’S SERMON**

*(Children dismissed for Children’s Church, please for ages 3 thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade only).*

## **WORDS FROM GOD**

Ephesians 2:1-10

*Scripture Reader, Orlin Johnson*

*(Pages 1225 or 1156 in the red Bibles)*

## MESSAGE

**“Saved By Grace”  
Pastor Steve Peterson**

## RESPONDING TO GOD

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

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Call to Communion #878 The Apostles’ Creed  
Invitation to the Lord’s Table Sharing of the Bread & Cup

## 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

*“In Christ Alone”*

## BENEDICTION

### ***Scripture Readings for the Week***

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 3:6</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Isaiah 33:2</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>John 3:13</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Ephesians 4:2</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>1 Chronicles 13:2</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalms 66:2</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 3:7-11</i>

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## TODAY’S GREETERS

Rebecca & Kate Schaechter

## HEAD USHER

Mike Hermann

## USHERS

Chris Carsell, Jim Nelson, Zach Stulir

## SOUND SYSTEM

Don Yoeckel

# “Saved By Grace”

## Ephesians 2:1-10

**Key Text:** “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God” (Eph. 2:8)

**Key Thought:** In Christ, we move from death to life, being saved by grace, through faith, which inspires us on to good works, which complete our faith.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Our former condition (vv. 1-3)
  - a. Spiritually dead (v. 1) (cf. Ezek. 37; Col. 2:13)
  - b. Worldly (v. 2a) (cf. Rom. 12:2; 1 Jn. 2:15-17) *“...anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God” (Jn. 4:4)*
  - c. Under demonic influence (v. 2b) (cf. Jn. 12:31; 2 Cor. 4:4) *“We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one” (1 Jn. 5:19).*
  - d. Led by our cravings (v. 3a) (Pr. 13:2; 21:10; Gal. 5:19-21; Php. 3:18-19)
  - e. Objects of God’s wrath (v. 3b) (cf. Isa. 13:9-15; Eph. 5:16) *“Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them” (Jn. 3:36)*
- 3) God’s transformational work in us (vv. 4-10)
  - a. Begun by God’s love (v. 4a) (cf. Rom. 5:8; 1 Jn. 4:9) *“For God so love the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life” (Jn. 3:16)*
  - b. God is SO merciful!! (v. 4b) (cf. Lk. 15:11-32; Jn. 4:1-26; Jn. 8:1-11)
  - c. Made ALIVE in Christ (v. 5a) (Rom. 6:1-10; 2 Cor. 5:17) *“Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him” (Rom. 6:8)*
  - d. By God’s amazing grace!! (v. 5b, 8a) (cf. Rom. 3:24; 11:6; Titus 3:7)
  - e. We are SAVED!! (vv. 5b,8a) (cf. Mk. 16:16; Jn. 6:24; Acts 4:12)
  - f. Seated with Christ in the heavenly realms!! (cf. Rom. 6:5; Eph. 1:3,20)
  - g. We become a living display of His glory!! (v. 7) (cf. Jn. 9:3; 1 Tim. 1:16)
  - h. FAITH is key!! (v. 8a) (cf. Rom. 1:17; 3:21-24; Gal. 2:16; Php. 3:9) *“... The righteous will live by faith” (Rom. 1:17)*
  - i. Nothing to boast about (v. 8b-9) (cf. 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:4-5; 1 Cor. 1:29; Gal. 6:14)

- j. We're God's MASTERPIECE!! (v. 10a) (cf. Isa. 43:7; 60:21; Eph. 4:24)
- k. This faith will produce in us good works (v. 10b) (Titus 2:14; Ja. 2:22; Eph. 1:4,11-12) "... *your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love...*"  
(1 Ths. 1:3)

#### 4) Conclusion

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## **PRAISES and PRAYER CONCERNS**

**Praises:      What a privilege and honor to worship and take part  
in Communion & share the blood and body of Christ.**

**Prayer Concerns:   The families and victims in Nepal.  
                          Sonnie Anderson (longtime member) in CA.  
                          fell and broke her arm April 28<sup>th</sup>.  
                          Bob & Cindy Behrens. Sympathy to Quinton Ford (friends of the  
                          Quade's) upon the passing of his wife Joyce Ford.**

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

Unspoken needs of our brothers & sisters: Arlene Miller, Dorothy & Adolph Laurick, June Riley, Anna Swanson, Vivian Smith, Marj Nelson, Gene & Ellie Wildermuth, Jay Stanley, John Hutchison, Travis Ferry, Lyle & Maurine Beresford, Sonnie Anderson, Quinton Ford, Bob & Cindy Behrens, the Ferry family, families who have lost loved ones, military families, and unspoken concerns.

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### **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, & 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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## Elim Family Groups

Sign up now for food, fun and fellowship with our Elim family. This is for everyone and everyone this is for you. This will be great if all participate. We did this a number of years ago and today there are still long lasting friendships as a result of these groups. This is for individuals and families. The groups will be intentionally organized for you to be with someone you might not know very well as of now, but that is where the fun begins. The goal is to meet three times between May 1 and August 31. There is no limit to what you can do as a group; cookout, bowling, miniature golfing, fishing, boating, a ball game, a movie, game night, travel, museum, the zoo, go to Iowa. You are only limited by your own imagination. Sign-up sheet is in the gathering area.

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***There will be a Cinco DeMayo Taco fundraiser on Tuesday, May 5<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Donations are for the missions team. There is a sign-up sheet. See Juanita Arellanos with ?????***

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### Men's Breakfast

- Special guest speaker at our next Men's Breakfast!
- Saturday, May 9th at 8:00am
- Steve Haynes, V.P. at Navigator's International Ministry
- Steve has a tremendous testimony. His is a real-life "Prodigal Son" journey. His extraordinary story includes harrowing experiences in Vietnam, becoming a high-profile "cut-throat" executive, working in the White House for 20 years, and God's amazing grace, which continued to pursue him through it all.



We are all invited to a high school graduation party for Thao Luong. It will be here at Elim on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00 p.m.



You are encouraged to join us in prayer on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> here at Elim starting @ 5:30 p.m. This is a time to pray for our country, state, community, churches and persecuted Christians throughout the world.

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**ELIM**  
STUDENT  
MINISTRY  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**  
**May 16th - 5:30 PM**

Fundraiser to support the students attending missions camp this summer!

Concessions will be sold - Feel free to bring dinner with you!  
Doors will open at 5:00 PM.

**\$10 Per Person - Sign up your table today!**

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THE  
**LOVE-HOPE**  
PROJECT

Organize a new/used book donation drive. We will need 100's of children's books, some to be given at the end of school but most given away at the mid-summer book party. K-6 grade books will be needed.

Please donate only books in good shape, clean & unmarked.

Help us financially. We anticipate the 1<sup>st</sup> five books we give to each student, (as funds allow) to be new books & additional items from Scholastic. We anticipate that books, bags, book party items, and promotion to cost around \$25 per student for the summer. Estimated costs for 80-120 students will be \$2,000-\$3,000. Checks may be made out to "The Love-Hope Project" 3900 18<sup>th</sup> Ave. Rock Island, IL. 61201.

Volunteer. We will need assistance at the mid-summer book party in order to read with the students & cheer for them!

Contact Pastor Dwayne Brothers

[dwayne@love-hope.org](mailto:dwayne@love-hope.org) (309) 314-3672

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## *LOOKING AHEAD*

Sun	May 3	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	May 4	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	May 5	5:30 p.m. Cinco DeMayo Missions Fundraiser 6:30 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed.	May 6	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30 p.m. Fusion
Thur	May 7	9:00 a.m. Keenagers Coffee Time/Bible Study 5:30 p.m. National Day of Prayer
Fri	May 8	5:00 p.m. CIU – Pampered Chef Party
Sun	May 10	Mother's Day 9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service
Mon	May 11	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tue	May 12	5:45 p.m. MLT Meeting 6:45 p.m. Choir Practice
Wed	May 13	5:30 p.m. Dollar Dinner 5:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study 6:00 p.m. SPARK & AXIS 7:30 p.m. Fusion
Thur	May 14	9:00 a.m. Keenagers
Sat	May 16	5:00 p.m. Triva Fundraiser for Student Mission Camp
Sun	May 17	9:15 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation 10:30 p.m. Worship Celebration Service 2:00 p.m. Graduation party for Thao Luong

### May Birthdays

13 – Lorraine Carsell  
 15 – Margo Coil  
 16 – Juanita Arellanos  
 16 – Meagan Bear  
 17 – Dave Christy  
 20 – David Luong  
 20 – Martha Peterson  
 22 – Bill Minard  
 28 – Jim Ogden  
 29 – Jay Stanley  
 30 – Kate Schaechter

### No May Anniversaries

CIU – means Church In Use  
 (309) 764-6920

Church office [office@elimqc.org](mailto:office@elimqc.org)  
 Church website [elimqc.org](http://elimqc.org)  
 Pastor's e-mail [pastor@elimqc.org](mailto:pastor@elimqc.org)  
 Greg's e-mail [youth@elimqc.org](mailto:youth@elimqc.org)

*Mother's Day is  
 Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> !!!*

Attendance Last Week – Sunday School = 54

Worship = 141

### Mowing Schedule

May 9 Joe Schaechter, Jim & Chris Carsell

May 16 John Clarke & Cecil Grimes

**CHILD CARE THIS WEEK**

**NEXT WEEK**

Nursery Karen Johnson & Judy Martel

Carol Jacks & Diana Wood

Children's Church 3-6 yrs Kristen B. & Megan DeA.

Lori Smith & Michelle DeArmond

Children's Church 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades Elizabeth Peterson & Mariah DeArmond (4 weeks)