

ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

November 15, 2020



Let your light
shine before men,
that they may see
your good deeds
and praise your
Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION
November 15, 2020
10:30 a.m.

Elim's mission statement:

"To develop leaders who will impact the world for Christ."

GATHERING BEFORE GOD

We are invited into the presence of God!

Please turn your cell phones off

*The service is also being live-streamed and recorded, for
immediate or later viewing, and can be accessed at
elimqc.org*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
his love endures forever."*

— Psalm 118:1

ADORATION TO GOD

We offer to God "a sacrifice of praise," expressing our
love and devotion to Him.

WORSHIP SONGS

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

"Blessed Assurance"

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!

WORDS FROM GOD

Matthew 5:13-16

MESSAGE

“Powerful Influence”

By Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS TO GOD

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEING SENT BY GOD

God sends us out into the world that He passionately loves.

WORSHIP SONG

“Revelation Song”

BENEDICTION

Scripture Readings for the Week

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Psalms 119:160</i>
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Psalms 42:11</i>
<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>2 Corinthians 3:18</i>
<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Psalms 121:4</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Psalms 126:6</i>
<i>Friday</i>	<i>Psalms 138:8</i>
<i>Saturday</i>	<i>Job 11:6</i>

November Birthdays

16 – Martin Bear
17 – Ryan Wood
17 – Richard Spencer

November Birthdays

18 – Carolyn Carsell
19 – Ashley Cosgrove
26 – Abigail Akpla

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods.

His love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords:

His love endures forever.

Psalm 136:1-3

Sermon Notes
November 15, 2020
“Powerful Influence”
Matthew 5:13-16

Key Text: *“You are the salt of the earth.... You are the light of the world...”*
(Matt. 5:13-14)

Key Thought: To counter the world’s corruption and darkness, we are called to be salt and light.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) Salt (cf. Lk. 14:34-35; Col. 4:5-6)
 - a. Preservative (cf. Pr. 29:18; 2 Tim. 3:16)
 - b. Flavoring (cf. Mk. 9:50; Col. 4:6)
 - c. “Sal del salero” (cf. Mt. 28:19-20; Ja. 2:14-26)

- 3) Light (cf. Ps. 67:1; Jn. 8:12; Eph. 5:8; Php. 2:15)
 - a. Illuminates (cf. Ps. 119:105; 2 Cor. 4:6)
 - b. Drives out darkness (Ps. 18:28; 1 Cor. 3:13; 4:5)
 - c. Gives warmth (Ps. 19:6)
 - d. Restorative (cf. Ps. 80:7)
 - e. Shine forth! (cf. Php. 2:15)
 - f. Children of light (Eph. 5:8)
 - g. Deeds of light (v. 16) (cf. Eph. 2:10; Titus 2:14)

- 4) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Will you pray to God that He might increase your influence in the world?
- Will you truly agree to be His salt and light?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: God is in control!

Prayer Concerns: That God will lead our country into a season of healing, unity, and revival.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Earl Burklund	Arlene Miller	Margaret Hasty
Anna Swanson	Jay and Judie Stanley	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	Beverly Reese
JoAnn Nelsen	Gary Wells	

Families that have lost loved ones, caregivers, military families, and unspoken concerns.

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Marta Klein

Marta serves in DR Congo. Her ministry includes: Health Education and Medical Work

I appreciate that the local people here are quick to smile and say hello and to incorporate music into everyday life here.



Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Chain: Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. or call or text Tasha Munger at (309) 281-8784 with your request.

Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. – Colossians 4:2





GriefShare starts this afternoon, from **2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** and will run for 13 weeks, taking breaks for holidays. The only cost is \$20.00 for the workbook.

The first session is titled, "Is This Normal?" So many questions and concerns come up after the death of a loved one. GriefShare will help you to navigate through the confusion and dynamics of grief and help you understand what you're going through. Even if you are not going through a grief journey right now, maybe you know of someone who needs the support that a group of this kind can offer them.

There is a sign-up sheet and more information on the table in the gathering area. We will practice social distancing guidelines. Questions? See Sandy Parrott, Kathy Henderson, Mary Murphy or Karen Bowling.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Collection for the Operation Christmas Child Shoebox starts tomorrow, **Monday, November 16**. Please mark off on the sign-up sheet that you have returned your box.



Elim will once again be a drop-off location. Dates for collection are **November 16-23, 2020**. We still need volunteers to assist in the collection. A sign-up sheet is on the table in the gathering area. There will be volunteers from Samaritan's Purse to assist you. Thanks!



DAYTIME TRIVIA

The regular Daytime Trivia that was scheduled for Tuesday, November 17, has been cancelled. We hope to be able to offer it again in December. We will keep you posted.

WHAT ARE YOU THANKFUL FOR?

Thanksgiving is right around the corner and then Christmas comes right on its heels. The rat race of the holidays begins. Let's take a few minutes and reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for. It's been a rough year for so many and none of us has been untouched by the effects of the coronavirus.



So, let's remind each other of all that we have to be thankful for. We take so many things for granted and we need to stop and think how blessed we really are.

Tell me in a word or a sentence what you are especially thankful for as we enter this holiday season. Send it to me in an email (office@elimqc.org), a text (309-592-7703) or give me a call at the church office (309-764-6920). I will publish your responses in our bulletin over the next few weeks. Thanks for being thankful and participating in this exercise of thankfulness.

— Sandy Parrott

COVENANT CARES

Gifts for Mission

Have you ever wished you could have a goat, chickens, or a cow? Living in the city doesn't usually afford the place to raise these kinds of animals.

Well, there are folks around the world where having a goat, chickens, or a cow could help provide a living. Did you know that you can purchase a chicken for \$10.00, a brood of chickens for \$30.00, a fish for \$35.00, a goat for \$100.00, or a cow for \$600.00 as a gift?



There are many other gifts that can be given through Covenant Cares. Check out their website at CovCares.CovChurch.org, scroll down to "Serve Globally" and you will find all the ways that you can give a gift for missions.

Looking Ahead

Sunday	November 15	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 2:00 p.m. GriefShare
Monday	November 16	5:30 p.m. Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	November 17	9:30 a.m. SAS Bible Study
Wednesday	November 18	10:00 a.m. "Amped" Prayer Meeting 5:45 p.m. Axis
Thursday	November 19	9:15 a.m. Keenagers 5:00 p.m. Worship Service
Sunday	November 22	9:15 a.m. Sunday School 10:30 a.m. Worship Celebration Service 2:00 p.m. GriefShare

Attendance Last Week

Thursday Worship = 12; Sunday Worship = 58
37 views on YouTube; Sunday School = 22



The Christian Care needs continue. Please consider picking up some supplies for them the next time you are at the store. Bring them to the church and we will deliver them for you. Thanks! And thank you, **Don** and **Jane Peterson** for making those deliveries for us!

- Coffee
- Creamer
- Sugar
- Mayo
- Pasta
- Napkins
- Plastic Silverware
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Hats
- Bleach
- Toilet Cleaner
- Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Bar Soap
- Laundry Soap
- Gloves
- Coats
- Sweatshirts
- Sweatpants
- Shoes
- Underwear
- Socks
- Body Wash
- Ranch/BBQ
- Hoodies

Gently worn, clean, ready-to-wear fall and winter jackets/coats are now being accepted.