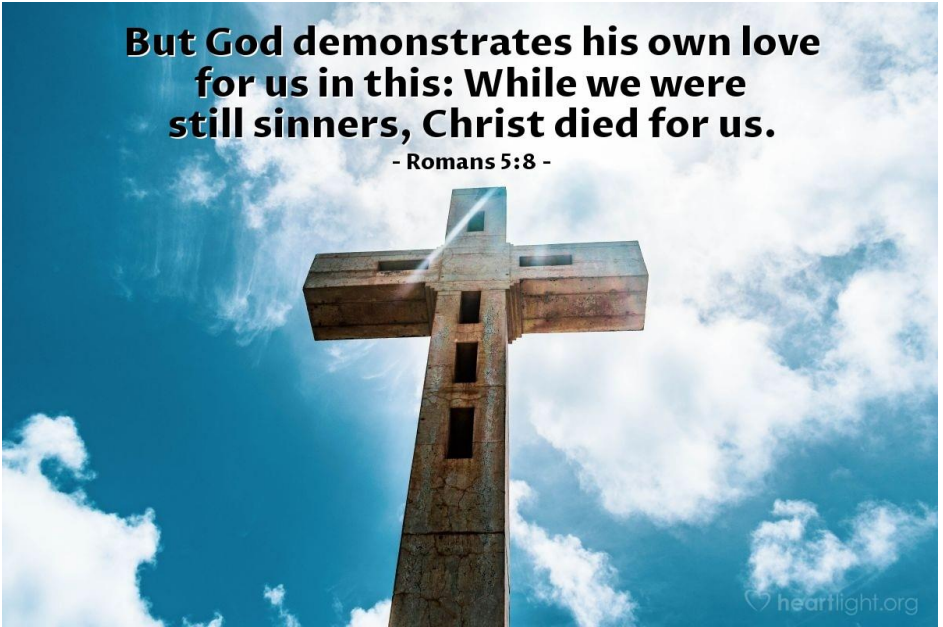


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
February 26, 2023

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still sinners, Christ died for us.**

- Romans 5:8 -



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

February 26, 2023

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

Tabatha Estes

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."
(Luke 5:16)*

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"O Come to the Altar"

"In Christ Alone"

"Mighty to Save"

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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

Luke 5:27-6:11

MESSAGE

“Jesus, Sinners & Hypocrites”

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

“Cornerstone”

BENEDICTION

GREETERS TODAY: Cheryl Bear and Karen Johnson

February Birthdays

27 – Dustin Goderis
28 – Jessica Sundholm
28 – Kathy Brothers

March Anniversaries

1 – Dan and Dori Cosgrove
9 – Tom and Marie Dang

March Birthdays

1 – Skylar Jackson
3 – Cheryl Bear
3 – Ziya Lister

March Birthdays

7 – Carol Jacks
7 – Briana Peterson
9 – Sawyer Wood

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus

February 26	Psalm 50
February 27	Psalm 51
February 28	Psalm 52
March 1	Psalm 3
March 2	Psalm 4
March 3	Psalm 46
March 4	Psalm 48
<i>The full Bible reading plan is on the table in the gathering area.</i>	

Sermon Notes
February 26, 2023
“Jesus, Sinners & Hypocrites”
Luke 5:27-6:11

Key Text: *“But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us”* (Rom. 5:8)

Key Thought: Jesus began to have run-ins with the Pharisees because of His fellowship with “sinners” & His “violations” of sabbath law.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Calling of **LEVI** (Matthew) (cf. Mk. 2:13-17); Mt. 5:42; 18:17 [tax collectors disparaged]; Mt. 4:22; 20:34 [immediately followed])
- 3) **TROUBLE** with the leaders (cf. Mt. 9:34 [Jesus’ power is demonic?!]; 23:13-33 [woe to them]; Lk. 12:11 [hypocrites])
- 4) **FELLOWSHIP** with sinners (cf. Mt. 11:19 [wisdom in it]; Lk. 15:1 [lots of it!]; Rom. 5:8 [God’s love toward sinners])
- 5) Bridegrooms, patches & **WINE** (cf. Mt. 11:29 [Jesus’ easy yoke]; Acts 15:10 [unnecessary yokes]; Col. 3:16-23 [human rules])
- 6) **LORD** of the sabbath (cf. Ex. 20:10 [sabbath established]; 31:15 [death as punishment]; Mk. 2:27 [sabbath for man’s benefit])
- 7) **HEALING** on a sabbath (cf. Mt. 12:11-12 [like rescuing an animal]; Lk. 13:10-16 [healed cripple woman]; 14:1-6 [healed a man]; Jn. 7:23 [like circumcising on sabbath]; 9:1-14 [healed a blind man])
- 8) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Are you, like Levi, inviting your “sinner” friends to meet Jesus?
- What’s your attitude toward “sinners?” What about young Christians who haven’t “cleaned up enough” yet?
- How can we stay away from the legalism trap? How will you grow in grace & so avoid it?

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: The Lenten season.

Prayer Concerns: The devastation from the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria this past week.

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

Katie Clarke	Arlene Miller	Belva Van Norman
Don Neer	Wiley Barnes	Margaret Crandall
Tasha Munger	Felipe Cantu	JoAnn Nelsen
Gary Wells	Curt Jackson	Sandy Winthurst
Madeline Lumpkin	Jeff Parrott	Tabatha Estes

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

Pray for Covenant Missionaries:

Grant and Miho Buchholtz

Grant and Miho serve in Japan. Their ministries include church planting movement, equipping young Japanese leaders, and evangelism.

These three words best describe how this community reflects God's faithfulness: Loyalty, perseverance, and patience.



Prayer Opportunities

Prayer Cards: Feel free to use the prayer cards for your requests and drop them in the offering plate.

Prayer Following Worship: Elim Prayer Team is available to pray with you after the service in the Jeremiah classroom at the back of the sanctuary.

Prayer Gatherings: Mondays at 3:45 p.m. and Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. Come and pray with the team members and share your requests/praises.

Prayer Chain: Have a prayer need? Call Sandy at the church at (309) 764-6920 Monday thru Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or call or text Sandy at (309) 592-7703 with your request.

GriefShare

GriefShare's topic this week is "Guilt and Anger." You will learn how to deal with false guilt, grieve conflicted relationships, and how to handle grief-related anger.

We are a small, caring group who will make you feel welcomed, cared for, and understood. Join us on **Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** You are welcome to bring a friend.



Girls Night Out!

The ladies of Elim Covenant Church are bringing Girls Night Out back. It will be **Friday, April 21, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Cindy and her crew are looking for label-free glass jars with lids for a craft. Any size will do. Just bring them to church and they will take it from there. Thanks!



Let's Go to Camp!

If you've ever been to camp, as a kid or an adult, you know what a great time everyone has. Why not make this year the year your kids go to camp. There are camps for all ages. There are also scholarships available to help out with the costs. There is more information on the bulletin board. You can also check out the Covenant Harbor website: <https://covenantharbor.org/summer-camps/>

Spring Celebration

On **March 18, 2023**, the Women's Ministries of the Central Conference will hold its annual Spring Celebration at First Covenant Church in Rockford. Information and registration forms are on the table in the gathering area.

IRON SHARPENS IRON

For the Men of Elim: The Iron Sharpens Iron Conference will be **Saturday April 1, 2023**, at the Coram Deo Bible Church (formerly Harvest Bible Chapel) in Davenport, Iowa. A sign-up sheet and a flyer providing information about this conference are on the table in the gathering area. If you have questions, please contact Don Peterson at 309-755-6249 (home) or 309-781-2995 (cell).

Are You Updated?

Do we have your current information for the church directory? Do you receive emails from Pastor Steve? Do you receive biweekly emails from Sandy? Are you on the telephone prayer chain? Are you on the text prayer chain?



If you have answered "no" to any of these questions and want your information to be updated or your name added to receive prayer requests or emails, please let Sandy know by calling the church office at 309-764-6920 or send her a text at 309-592-7703. We don't want to leave anyone out.

Looking Ahead

Sunday	February 26	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Monday	February 27	3:45 p.m.	Prayer Team Gathering
Tuesday	February 28	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
		2:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Wednesday	March 1	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		5:45 a.m.	Axis
		6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry
Thursday	March 2	6:00 p.m.	Grief Group
Saturday	March 4	8:00 a.m.	CIU Martel
Sunday	March 5	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 70 Views on YouTube = 23
 Sunday School/Confirmation = 31 Children's Church = 5

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, February 26:

Children's Church: Natalie Hermann and Kim Shuda
 Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Jamie Cespedes

NEXT WEEK, March 5:

Children's Church: Kelly Wood and Meagan Bear
 Nursery: Cheryl Bear and Rachel Cunningham

Christian Care Current Needs

- Paper Towels
- Men's Sweatshirts
 - Men's Sweatpants
 - Men's Jeans
- Men's Winter Coats
- Winter Gloves
- Thermal Underwear
- Perishables and Non-Perishable Goods
- Butter
- Onions
- Ziplock Bags
- Trash Bags! (39-gallon/13-gallon)
- Hygiene Products
 - i.e. Shampoo/conditioner, razors, body wash, deodorant, foot powder, and shaving cream
- Cleaning Supplies
- Laundry Detergent
- Shower shoes/flip flops (9,10,11,12,13)

They currently are not taking donations for women and children. The outpour of support has left Martha's House with plenty at the moment. Thank you to those who have contributed.