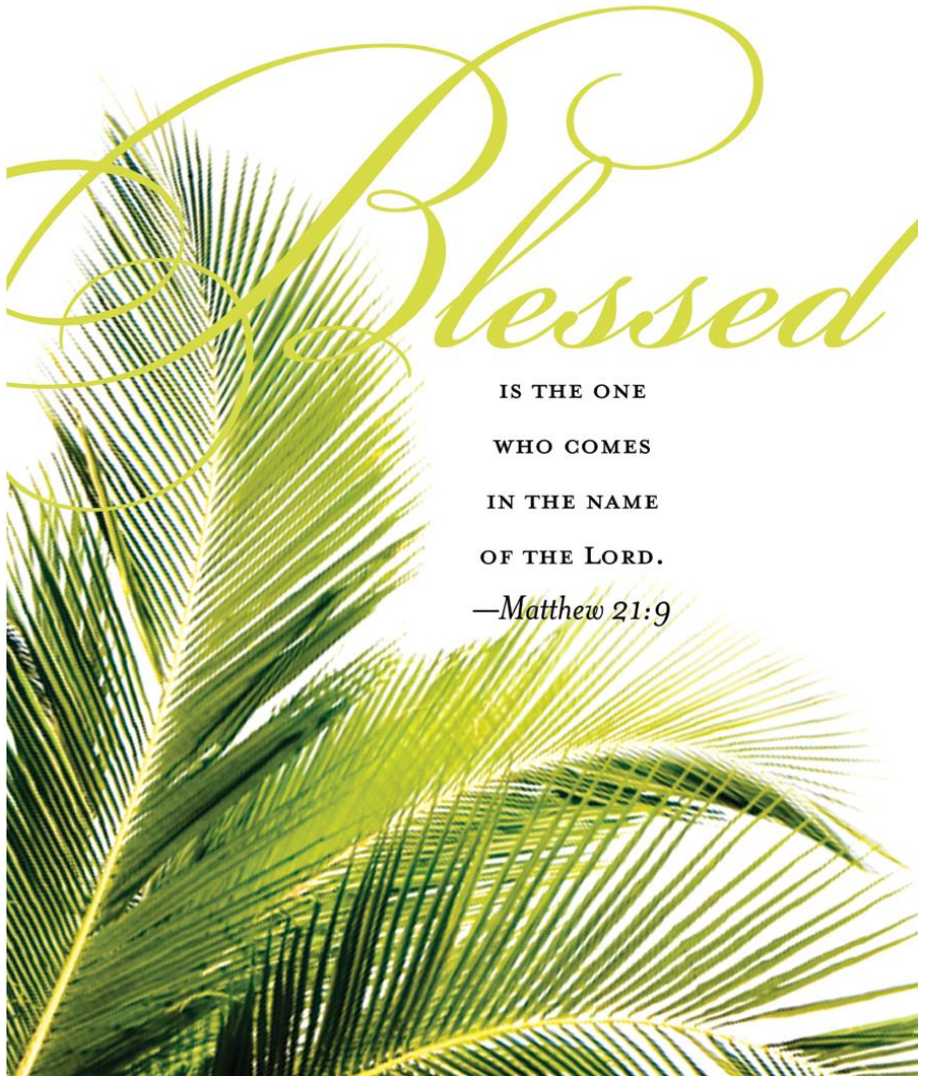


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

April 4, 2023



IS THE ONE
WHO COMES
IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD.

—*Matthew 21:9*

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

April 2, 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

Mike Hermann

OFFERING

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

*"... Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me."
(Luke 9:23)*

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Goodness of God"

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

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 **Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29**

MESSAGE

“Palm Sunday: A True Triumph”

Pastor Steve Peterson

PRAYERS TO GOD

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

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Call to Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table for the Sharing of the Bread and Cup

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

BEING SENT BY GOD

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

WORSHIP SONG

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Blue Hymnal, p. 228

BENEDICTION

GREETERS TODAY: Rodney and Judy Ouderkirk

April Anniversaries

7 – Rodney & Judy Ouderkirk

8 – Pastor Steve and Elizabeth Peterson

April Birthdays

3 – Helena Henry

6 – Reagan Wood

8 – Dee Pritchard

9 – L.J. Cunningham

April Birthdays

11 – Deanna Newton

12 – Jacob Laird

14 – Torben Cosgrove

15 – Teri Henderson

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus

April 2	Matthew 21:1-22
April 3	Matthew 21:23-46
April 4	Matthew 26:1-35
April 5	Matthew 26:36-75
April 6	Matthew 27:1-26
April 7	Matthew 27:27-56
April 8	Matthew 27:57-66

The full Bible reading plan is on the table in the gathering area.

Sermon Notes
April 2, 2023
“Palm Sunday: A True Triumph”
Matthew 21:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Key Text: *“But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ”* (1 Cor. 15:57)

Key Thought: In Christ we have our true triumph: The victory over sin and death

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) Jesus’ **TRIUMPHAL** Entry (Mt. 21:1-11) (cf. Mk. 11:1-10; Lk. 19:29-38; Jn. 12:12-15)

- 3) A Triumphal **PSALM** (Ps. 118)

- 4) God’s Ultimate **TRIUMPH** (cf. 1 Cor. 15:50-57; Col. 2:15; Rev. 5:6-14)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Do you understand wherein lies God’s true victory? Do you understand, then, where YOUR true victory lies?
- Is your hope for Christ tied too strongly to this life? Is your focus in life one that reaches to ETERNITY? (cf. 2 Cor. 4:18)

PRAYER PAGE

Praises: The hope and confidence that we have in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

Prayer Concerns: Family and friends who don't know Jesus.

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:

Cheryll Anderson Clark and Moisés Clark

Cheryll and Moisés serve in Ecuador. Their ministries include Christian formation and theological education.

We felt at home in our country of service when... I arrived at my apartment after a trip and said to myself, "It's good to be home."



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.

Thank You!

Thank you everyone for helping me celebrate my 100th birthday. I appreciate all the visits and cards. It was an amazing time.

– *Katie Clarke*

Thank
you ❤️



WELCOME
to Our Newest Members!

New Members

Today we welcome new members to our church family. There will be a cake reception immediately following the service today. Please introduce yourselves to: **Karen Bagatelas, Larene Paul, Lauran Schmidt, and Fran and Mary VanHoorweghe.**

Holy Week and Easter Services

Today is the start of Holy Week, as we celebrate Palm Sunday and Jesus' triumphant entrance into Jerusalem.

On Thursday, **April 6, at 6:30 p.m.** First Covenant Church will join us here **at Elim** for a combined Maundy Thursday service.



MAUNDY
Thursday

*Good
Friday
Service*

And then on **Good Friday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m.** First Covenant Church will host the Good Friday service as we worship with them **at First Covenant Church**, 3303 41st Street, Moline.

You are welcome to join us Easter Sunday, **April 9**, for breakfast which will be served from 9:15 to 10:00 a.m. And then, of course, our Easter celebration will take place at 10:30 a.m. Please join us.



*Easter
Sunday*



Prayer Meeting Change

The prayer meeting that has been taking place on Mondays at 3:45 p.m. will now be held on **Wednesdays at 3:45 p.m.** Come and join us.

Easter Lilies

There is a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to purchase an Easter lily to beautify our church for Easter in honor or memory of a loved one. The cost is \$11.00 and may be turned in to the church office or left in the offering plate marked for Easter lilies.

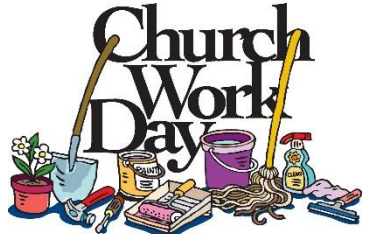


Hymn Sing

Join us **this afternoon at 4:00 p.m.** for our monthly hymn sing. We will enjoy some of our favorite Easter hymns. What a wonderful way to begin Holy Week.

Elim Spring Workday

Elim's annual spring cleanup will take place **Saturday, April 15, at 8:00 a.m.** There's work inside and out with clearing the southeast side which we share with the condo association. Whether you are 8 or 80+ or somewhere in between, there is something for everyone. Questions? See **Don Yoeckel**.



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. We need

help from all the ladies of Elim. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the gathering area for needed donations. Thanks!

Looking Ahead

Sunday	April 2	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		11:45 a.m.	Cake Reception for New Members
		4:00 p.m.	Hymn Sing
Tuesday	April 4	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
		2:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Wednesday	April 5	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		3:45 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
		5:45 p.m.	Axis
		6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry
Thursday	April 6	9:30 a.m.	Keenagers
		6:30 p.m.	Combined Maundy Thursday Service with First Covenant at Elim
Friday	April 7	6:30 p.m.	Combined Good Friday Service with First Covenant at First Cov.
Sunday	April 9	9:15 a.m.	Easter Breakfast/Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 68 Views on YouTube = 35

Sunday School/Confirmation = 24 Children's Church = 4

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, April 2:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Meagan Bear

Nursery: Cheryl Bear and Rachel Cunningham

NEXT WEEK, April 9:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Mary Parrott

Nursery: Meagan Bear and Mariah Richardson

Christian Care Current Needs

- Cleaning supplies
- Trash bags (33 & 39-gallon bags)
- 13-gallon kitchen trash bags
- Liquid laundry detergent

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