

# ELIM COVENANT CHURCH

## May 28, 2023



Whoever serves me  
must follow  
me. John 12:26

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# WORSHIP CELEBRATION

May 28, 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](http://elimqc.org)*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Elizabeth Peterson**

## **OFFERING**

## **MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH**

*"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you."*

*Psalm 56:3*

## **ADORATION TO GOD**

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

## **WORSHIP SONGS**

*"I Will Follow"*

*"I Surrender All"*

*"Lead Me to the Cross"*

## **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 9:43b-62**

## **MESSAGE**

**“Hard to Follow”**

**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**

*“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”*

## **BENEDICTION**

**GREETERS TODAY:** Peggy Burkeybile and Tabatha Estes

### **May Birthdays**

28 – Jim Ogden

29 – Karen Bagatelas

### **June Birthdays**

1 – Elsa Nelson

3 – Karen Johnson

### **June Birthdays**

4 – David Cespedes II

8 – Ashley Parrott

8 – Abigail Peterson

9 – Oriane Akpla

10 – Jeff Parrott

10 – Greta Wiborg

## **Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023**

### ***God’s Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus***

May 28	Acts 2:1-21
May 29	Acts 2:22-47
May 30	Acts 8:4-25
May 31	Acts 8:26-40
June 1	1 Corinthians 12:1-11
June 2	1 Corinthians 12:12-31
June 3	1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**Sermon Notes**  
**May 28, 2023**  
**“Hard to Follow”**  
**Luke 9:43b-62**

**Key Text:** *“What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul...?” (Mt. 16:26)*

**Key Thought:** To follow Jesus requires humility, courage & sacrifice

- 1) Intro & Context
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 2) Several **MISUNDERSTANDINGS** (vv. 43b-50) (cf. Mt. 23:12; 1 Cor. 2:12-14; 12:3)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 3) Confronting **CONTEMPT** (vv. 51-56) (cf. 2 Kgs. 1; Jn. 4:9; Gal. 3:28)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 4) **HARD** to follow (vv. 57-62) (cf. Mt. 19:16-30; Lk. 14:26; Php. 3:7-11)
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- 5) Conclusion

QUESTION FOR REFLECTION:

- Are you willing to follow Jesus no matter the cost?

## PRAYER PAGE

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

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

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

### ***Covenant Prayer Calendar — May 28-June 3***

#### ***Please pray for:***

Asia	Syria and Lebanon
Dale and Sara Lusk (USA)	Max McClure (Czech Republic)
Zambia	Czech Republic
Covenant Kids Congo	Fabio Muniz and Johnna
Paul Carlson Partnership	Hayward Muniz
Global Engagements	France
Francisco and Stephanie	
Martins Ramos (France)	

### **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:** Wednesdays at 9:00 a.m. and 3:45 p.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.

## DAYTIME TRIVIA

In June Daytime Trivia will meet twice – **Tuesday, June 6** and **Tuesday, June 20**. Be sure to mark your calendars and join in the fun. Come at 11:00 a.m., bring your lunch, and join a table. Bring your friends. The fun starts at 11:30 a.m. Only \$5.00/person.



## MISSION TRIP MEETING

For those who are planning to go on the Alaska mission trip August 5-11, 2023, please get your information to Sandy Parrott by June 10 so we can price airline tickets. We will need your legal name that is on your driver's license, birthdate, and address. We will have a meeting **June 4** right after church to firm up more details.

Please come with any questions or concerns. We will begin team meetings in June! Please be in prayer for a successful mission trip as we serve in a new area with a high suicide rate.

## Minnehaha Students Spread Kindness with the Kindergarten Shine Line

The following is a news article from the Covenant Companion that appears on the covchurch.org website. You can read it and other interesting articles online at:

<https://covchurch.org/2023/04/26/minnehaha-students-spread-kindness-with-the-kindergarten-shine-line/> Check it out. What a great ministry.

Kindergarten students at [Minnehaha Academy](#) in Minneapolis, Minnesota, have created a phone line to spread joy and encouraging messages. It's called the Kindergarten Shine Line. By calling (612) 728-7799, community members can hear a variety of messages of encouragement, Bible verses, a prayer, birthday greetings, and songs recorded by the kindergartners.

The project is a part of a year-long class designed to give students the opportunity to apply their talents and knowledge to meet real needs for real people. This year the kindergartners are learning how acts of kindness can impact their community.

Before recording their messages, the students learned from audio experts and worked on their scripts. Kindergarten teacher Eden Flaa sat down with each child and asked them how they wanted to bless people.

“Hearing what they picked was delightful,” says Flaa. “Some students felt strongly about praying from their heart, others had a Bible verse they had memorized, and others wanted to spread joy through their favorite joke.



The day each student recorded their message they were bubbling with joy. As they walked to the recording booth, they were skipping and saying, ‘I can’t believe it!’ They were so confident about the message of joy, hope, and love they were going to spread to the community. You could see how proud they were that they were part of something big.”

Flaa begins class each day by listening to a message that has been left on the Shine Line. She says, “After listening to our first message one student exclaimed, ‘I think I’m about to cry!’ Then they giggled delightedly and gave each other hugs.”

Anyone can call the Shine Line at (612) 728-7799. Messages rotate each week until the end of the school year.

Why not try making a call to the Shine Line. What a blessing to hear the voices of encouragement from these sweet kindergartens!

## Looking Ahead

Sunday	May 28	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Monday	May 29		<b>Office Closed for Memorial Day</b>
Tuesday	May 30	9:30 a.m.	<b>SAS</b> Bible Study
Wednesday	May 31	9:00 a.m.	"AMPED" Prayer Meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Mats for the Homeless
		3:45 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
		5:45 p.m.	Axis
		6:00 p.m.	Children's Ministry
Thursday	June 1	9:30 a.m.	Keenagers
Sunday	June 4	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School/Confirmation
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service

## Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 60    Views on YouTube = 20

Sunday School/Confirmation = 22

### MOWING SCHEDULE

June 3 ..... David Cespedes and Orlin Johnson

June 10 ..... Terry Snipes and Cecil Grimes

### CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

#### TODAY, May 28:

Children's Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Kristen Burns

Nursery: Sheila Yoeckel and Jamie Cespedes

#### NEXT WEEK, June 4:

Children's Church: Amy Hennings and Kim Shuda

Nursery: Cheryl Bear and Sandy Parrott

### Christian Care Immediate Needs

**Bottled Water**

**#10 Cans of Veggies**

**Canned Fruit**

**Ground Coffee**