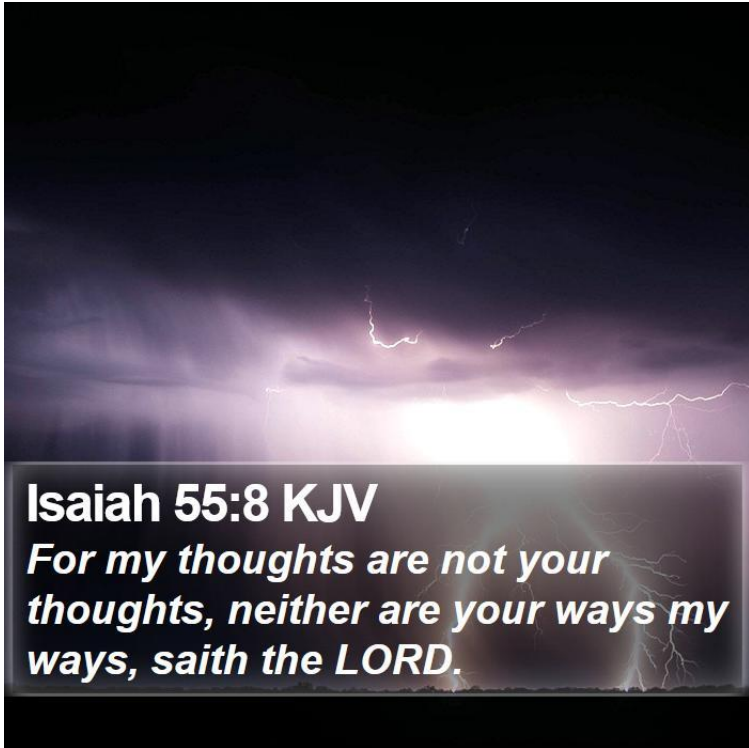


ELIM COVENANT CHURCH
September 3, 2023



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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

September 3, 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

"... I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received" (Ephesians 4:1)

ADORATION TO GOD

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

WORSHIP SONGS

"Amazing Grace"

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

"How Great is Our God"

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 14:1-24

MESSAGE
“Important Kingdom Values”
by 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

“Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

BENEDICTION

GREETERS TODAY: John and Pam Thompson

September Birthdays

*3 – Madeline Lumpkin
4 – Lila Ferry
6 – Mary Murphy
11 – Judy Martel
11 – Ron Lyon*

September Birthdays

*12 – Sylvia Anderson
13 – Pat Hudson
15 – Amy Hennings
16 – Josh Parrott
16 – Rollie Potts*

September Anniversaries

*5 – Don and Jane Peterson
9 – John and Pam Thompson
14 – Orlin and Karen Johnson
17 – Marty and Cheryl Bear*

Sermon Notes
Sunday, September 3, 2023
“Important Kingdom Values”
Luke 14:1-24

Key Text: *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the LORD” (Isaiah 55:8)*

Key Thought: What God esteems can often be the exact opposite of what those in the world esteem.

- 1) Intro & Context

- 2) A **PERVERSION** of faith (cf. Mt. 23:13-36; Col. 2:16-23; Jude 3-16)

- 3) Dinner **ETIQUETTE** (cf. Pr. 25:6-7; Lk. 13:30; Col. 3:1-2; 1 Pt. 5:5-6)

- 4) The cost of **BUSYNESS** (cf. Hag. 1:5-9; Mt. 22:1-14; Lk. 8:14; 12:35-40; Eph. 5:15-17)

- 5) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Are you a person of grace? Or have you been too judgmental & harsh with others?
- Are you humble and generous? Or have you too often put yourself first and/or been too stingy with those in need?
- Are you quick in your response to God’s call? Or does your busyness keep you from responding to Him well?

PRAYER PAGE

Those in Need of God's Strength and Healing:

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

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

Covenant Prayer Calendar — September 3 – September 9
Please pray for this week's
Covenant missionaries and ministries:

Patrick and Tip Boonrang (Asia)	Gary and Pauline Carlson (Japan)
Grant and Miho Buchholtz (Japan)	Katherine Choi Lee & Peter Lee (France, Europe)
Cathy Campobello (Colombia)	Covenanters in Global Service
Heather Caraway and Esau Vega (USA, Nicaragua)	

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.

GRIEF SHARE®

GriefShare begins **Tuesday, September 5** at **6:00 p.m.** There are sign-up sheets and information on the table in the gathering area. If you know of someone who is grieving, please pass this information on to them. Many have been helped and life-long friendships have been made from these two programs.

Hymn Sing

Sing to the Lord a new song! Or maybe even an old song but join us next **Sunday, September 10**, at **4:00 p.m.** for our monthly hymn sing. A special treat is in the works and you won't want to miss it!



Be sure to invite your family and friends. Come and enjoy a wonderful time for worshipping God, good fellowship, and inspiration.

Daytime Trivia

Daytime Trivia meets again this week on **Tuesday, September 19**. Same time (11:00 a.m.), same place (Elim's fellowship hall). Be sure to join us. \$5.00/person. Proceeds go to mission work that S.P.L.A.S.H. supports.



Mike Hermann will be cooking and serving hamburgers and bratwurst, so you can leave your lunch at home.

Elim Family Night

Sundays – 5:30 to 7:00 pm

Next Sunday, **September 10**, is our **FIRST** Elim Family Night! Kickoff begins at 5:30 p.m. with pizza, lemonade, and games!



We are excited to welcome ALL of you! This program is for kids, parents, grandparents, couples, and singles...EVERYONE! Invite your family and friends for an evening of worship, study, prayer, and FUN!

Please note that Elim Family Night REPLACES the former Wednesday night activities from previous years. Questions? Please see **Kim Shuda**, Elim's Family Outreach Director. Thank you!

Keenagers



After taking the summer off the Keenagers Bible study group will resume their studies on **Thursday, September 14**. Feel free to come and join this wonderful group. All men and women are welcomed. Questions? See **Pat Hudson**.

Daily Bible Reading Guide 2023

God's Saving Word: Unity in Christ Jesus

September 3	Matthew 6:1-15
September 4	Matthew 6:16-34
September 5	Matthew 7:1-14
September 6	Matthew 7:15-29
September 7	Matthew 12:1-21
September 8	Matthew 12:22-37
September 9	Matthew 12:38-50

Looking Ahead

Sunday	September 3	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
Monday	September 4		Office Closed for Holiday
Tuesday	September 5	9:30 a.m.	SAS Bible Study
		6:00 p.m.	GriefShare
Wednesday	September 6	9:00 a.m.	“AMPED” Prayer Meeting
		10:00 a.m.	Mats for the Homeless
		3:45 p.m.	Prayer Meeting
Sunday	September 10	9:15 a.m.	Sunday School
		10:30 a.m.	Worship Celebration Service
		4:00 p.m.	Hymn Sing
		5:30 p.m.	Elim’s Family Night

Attendance Last Week

Sunday Worship = 73 Views on YouTube = 23

Sunday School/Children’s Church = 23

MOWING SCHEDULE

September 9 Timothy Le and Tom Dang

September 16 Don Yoeckel and Richard Spencer

CHILD CARE SCHEDULE

TODAY, September 3:

Children’s Church: Elizabeth Peterson and Amy Hennings

Nursery: Rachel Cunningham and Lauran Schmidt

NEXT WEEK, September 10:

Children’s Church: Kristen Burns and Kim Shuda

Nursery: Meagan Bear and Mariah Richardson

Christian Care Immediate Needs

Bottled Water, #10 Cans of Veggies

Canned Fruit, Ground Coffee

Large Bottles of Shampoo

Large Bottles of Conditioner

Body Wash