

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Please take a moment during the Prelude to silence your cell phones and quietly prepare yourself for worship.

WELCOME AND MINUTES FOR MINISTRY

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Heidelberg Catechism, question 1)

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

*PRAYER OF INVITATION (From A Brief Statement of Faith)

*HYMN “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Hymnal 275

RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

*CALL TO CONFESSION (From the PCUSA Constitution Part 1, The Book of Confessions)

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Apostles’ Creed):

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall

come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS (Second Helvetic Confession)

Leader: We are justified on account of Christ. Now it is most certain that all of us are by nature sinners and godless, and before God’s judgment-seat are convicted of godlessness and are guilty of death, but that, solely by the grace of Christ and not from any merit of ours or consideration for us, we are justified, that is, absolved from sin and death by God the Judge. For what is clearer than what Paul said: “Since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.”

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (From Confession of 1967)

SCRIPTURE

Joshua 24:1-15

Pew Bible p.168

Ephesians 2:1-9

Pew Bible p.827

MESSAGE

Pastor Blake Severson

*HYMN “The Church of Christ in Every Age” Hymnal 320

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

OFFERTORY

* "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Hymnal 606

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Hymnal 475

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION (From The Barmen Declaration)

POSTLUDE

**Those who are able please stand*

WELCOME to worship – we are glad that you're here! If you are visiting today and would like to share your contact information with the office, there are welcome cards in the pew pockets. Please fill one out and place it in the offering plate during the collection time. Everyone is invited to stay after worship for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the narthex.



LARGE PRINT HYMNALS with a black cover are on the small bookcase in the rear of the sanctuary.



Children up to Kindergarten age are welcome in the nursery. There are clipboards with coloring pages in the narthex if your children wish to stay in the sanctuary.

The communion table flowers for October are sponsored by Suellen Novak.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church
October 26, 2025*



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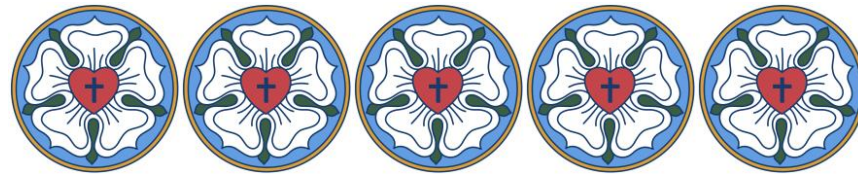
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