

## 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:

Leader: The Church's commission consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people.

**People: This is our calling – not to serve any earthly power, but to serve this grace.**

Leader: Hans Asmussen said at Barmen: the gospel 'binds and frees, kills and makes alive, accuses and justifies.'

**People: Today it justifies. Today it frees. Today we worship the God of free grace.**

Leader: We are free – not because we have won our freedom, but because Christ has won it for us.

**People: Free from every false lord. Free for him alone.**

Leader: Come, let us worship the God whose grace is offered without condition to all people.

**ALL: Worthy is the Lamb. To him alone be all glory. Amen.**

#### \*OPENING PRAYER

\*HYMN “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less” Hymnal 353

## RECEIVING FORGIVENESS FROM GOD AND EACH OTHER

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Gracious God, we confess that we have narrowed your gospel. We have spoken your Word in the service of our tribe, our nation, our preferences, and called it faithfulness. We have been silent when the gospel demanded speech and spoken when we should have listened. We have made peace with powers that demanded too much and declared war on**

**neighbors who threatened too little. We have used your name to bless what you have not blessed and withheld your blessing from those to whom you have already given it freely. We have forgotten that your grace is free – free from our conditions, our boundaries, our carefully maintained categories of who is in and who is out. Forgive us, Lord. Restore to us the gospel of free grace – for all people, without condition, in Christ alone. Amen.**

#### \*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS:

Leader: Hear the good news, the gospel of free grace: The Barmen Declaration proclaimed that the church's commission is 'the message of the free grace of God to all people.'

Asmussen said this gospel 'justifies.' Barth wrote that in Jesus Christ, God has spoken an unconditional Yes to the world – a Yes that holds regardless of what we have done with it, refused to do with it, or done in its name. That free grace is spoken over you now. Your sins – your narrow gospels, your divided loyalties, your silences and your overclaiming – are forgiven. In the name of Jesus Christ: you are free. Go, and carry that free grace to all people.

**All: Thanks be to God, amen!**

### CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

## HEARING THE WORD

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE

<b>Romans 13:1-10</b>	Pew Bible p.804
<b>Matthew 28:16-20</b>	Pew Bible p.706
<b>1 Corinthians 13:1-13</b>	Pew Bible p.813

#### MESSAGE

*Pastor Blake Severson*

\*HYMN “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound” Hymnal 649

## 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 "By Gracious Powers" Hymnal 818

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

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*\*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 for coffee, snacks, and fellowship in the narthex after worship.

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

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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 June are sponsored by Emily and Dale Berry.



*Eagle River Presbyterian Church  
June 14, 2026*



**Welcome to Eagle River Presbyterian Church**

*June 14, 2026*

**Weekly Walk**

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Prayer group</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>	<b>Session meeting</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Coffee fellowship</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>Deacons meeting</b>

Last week's In-Person Attendance ----- 47  
 Year-to-Date Regular Income ----- \$127,440.23  
 Year-to-Date Regular Expenses ----- \$119,642.26

Session members and others attending, please note the time change for the Session meeting this Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

Reference for today's sermon message:

Barmen Declaration – Thesis 5

Scripture tells us that, in the as yet unredeemed world in which the Church also exists, the State has by divine appointment the task of providing for justice and peace. [It fulfills this task] by means of the threat and exercise of force, according to the measure of human insight and human ability. The Church acknowledges the benefit of this divine appointment in gratitude and reverence before him. It calls to mind the Kingdom of God, God's commandment and righteousness, and thereby the responsibility both of rulers and of the ruled. It trusts and obeys the power of the Word by which God upholds all things.

Rejection: We reject the false doctrine that the State, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the Church's vocation as well. We reject the false doctrine that the Church, over and beyond its special commission, should and could appropriate the characteristics, the tasks, and the dignity of the State, thus itself becoming an organ of the State

Thesis 6 -- The Church's commission, upon which its freedom is founded, consists in delivering the message of the free grace of God to all people in Christ's stead, and therefore in the ministry of his own Word and work through sermon and Sacrament.

Rejection: We reject the false doctrine that the Church in human arrogance could place the Word and work of God in the service of any arbitrarily chosen desires, wishes, and political goals.

