

Order of Worship
October 4, 2026
Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
Elim Reformed Church – Kings, IL

*Please stand, if possible

Welcome/Announcements/Greeting Time

Call to Worship

based on John 17:20-23

Pastor: Jesus said, 'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who believe in me their message.'

Congregation: We want to be one, Father, just as You and Jesus are one.

Pastor: Jesus continued, 'I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one- and you in me.'

Congregation: Bring us together in complete unity, Lord. Then the world will know what love is all about.... Your love for Your Son and Your love for us.

*Hymn #123 "The Bond of Love"

Meaning of the Sacrament *(follow screens)*

Children's Message

*Hymn #130 "Bind Us Together"

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

Sermon: "Serving Family Style" – Pastor Marv

The Lord's Supper

Invitation and Communion Prayer *(follow screens)*

Hymn #137 "In Christ There is No East or West"

Words of Distribution/Communion

Thanksgiving after Communion

Pastor: Since the Lord has now fed us at His Table, let us praise God's holy name with heartfelt thanksgiving!

Congregation: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name.

Pastor: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and do not forget all His benefits- who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy.

Congregation: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

Pastor: For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.

Congregation: As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Pastor: As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him, who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all, and will also give us all things with Him.

EVERYONE: Therefore, shall my mouth and heart show forth the praise of the Lord, from this time forth forevermore. Amen.

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today is World-Wide Communion! On this day, we celebrate the Lord's Supper with Christians all around the world. Offerings today, unless marked otherwise, will go towards the **Benevolent Fund** this morning as well.

Consistory Ballots are due TODAY!! The ballot box is located in the narthex by the mailboxes. See Pastor Marv if you need a ballot.

Prayer Concerns & Praises



(please remember these and others in your prayers!)

- ✝ *Bob Maas*- recovering from knee replacement at home
- ✝ *John & Norma Swanson* and *Miles Jacobsen* (Norm Shirk's grandson) – battling cancer
- ✝ Those with ongoing health, recovery & rehabilitation issues – *Leslie Mann, Carol Hayenga, Marla Rozeboom, Fay Hansen, Tricia Mueller, Greg Remmers, Doyle Curtis, Dennis Swanson*, and *Emma* (ggd of Blanche Houston)
- ✝ Hospice Care~ *Dave* (Linda Alderks' brother)
- ✝ Our military, our nation, and our world

As a church, we believe that giving to the Lord is an act of worship.
There is a black offering box on the table in the back of the sanctuary.
We thank you for your contributions.

Cover Text: Philippians 3:14 (CEB)

Readings for Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost, October 4, 2026: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3:4b-14 (or Acts 4:5-12); Matthew 21:33-46

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