

Order of Worship
November 9, 2025
22nd Sunday after Pentecost
Elim Reformed Church – Kings, IL

***Please stand, if possible**

Welcome/Announcements/Greeting Time

Call to Worship

Psalms 96:1-4

Pastor: Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

Congregation: Sing to the Lord, praise His name; proclaim His salvation day after day.

Pastor: Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous deeds among all peoples.

Congregation: For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise.

*Hymn #70 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Prayer of Confession (IN UNISON)

Gracious God, we're looking at prayer today, one of the best gifts You could give us. And yet we confess this morning, it is one we often ignore. Forgive us Lord, for the many ways we have chosen to ignore You. We forget to tell You how much we love and appreciate You. We forget to pray for the needs of others, the needs of our nation, and the needs of our world. And we forget to seek Your guidance for our own lives. Instead, we just fantasize and indulge in wishful thinking, and we end up calling that “prayer.” Forgive us Lord and help us to be more faithful in our prayer life. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Isaiah 55:6-7

“Seek the Lord while He may be found; call on Him while He is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on them, and to our God, for He will freely pardon.”

Children's Message

Morning Prayer

*Hymn #169 “I Need Thee Every Hour”

Scripture: Matthew 21:12-13

Sermon: “EHOP Not IHOP” – Pastor Marv

*Hymn #171 “Take Time to Be Holy”

Benediction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

From now until Thanksgiving Sunday (November 23), we will collect food items and take monetary donations for the *Rochelle Christian Food Pantry*. There is a marked donation box on the back table by the offering box. As a symbol of our offerings to the Lord, please place your food items on or near the communion table. The Pantry has expressed a need for cereal and macaroni & cheese.

We hope you'll be able to join us on **Thanksgiving Sunday** (November 23) for both worship and dinner. As always, “great praise, great food and great people = a great morning.” After our Thanksgiving dinner, we plan to decorate the church for Christmas. Many hands will make light work. We hope you'll plan to help us!

Consistory Meeting Highlights (11/2/25)

Treasurer Reports

General Fund - \$3,313.03 Investments - \$313,759.87
Benevolent Fund - \$10,615.01 Building/Grounds - \$69,230.57

~ Giving \$400 to Bridge of Blessing (founded by Warren Ippen's granddaughter & husband – Andrea and Luis Hernandez)
~ Applying for \$50,000 grant from Classis of Illinois to used for new parking lot
~ Dennis Alderks and Roger Hayenga have accepted their nominations as elder and deacon respectively. Deb Maas has resigned from her office of deacon. Sharon Alderks has agreed to serve the remaining two years as deacon in her place.

Prayer Concerns & Praises



(please remember these and others in your prayers!)

- ✚ *Cyndy Hayenga*- ongoing dr appointments
- ✚ *Bob Maas*- recovering from hip surgery at home
- ✚ *Joe Somers*- possible gall bladder & pacemaker surgeries
- ✚ *Betty Siedschlag*- recovering from surgery
- ✚ *John & Norma Swanson* and *Miles Jacobsen* (Norm Shirk's grandson) – battling cancer
- ✚ Those with ongoing health issues ~ *Carol Hayenga & Marla Rozeboom*
- ✚ Hospice Care: *Dave (Linda Alderks' brother)*
- ✚ Health and Safety for those in the military
- ✚ Healing and Unity for our nation

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.

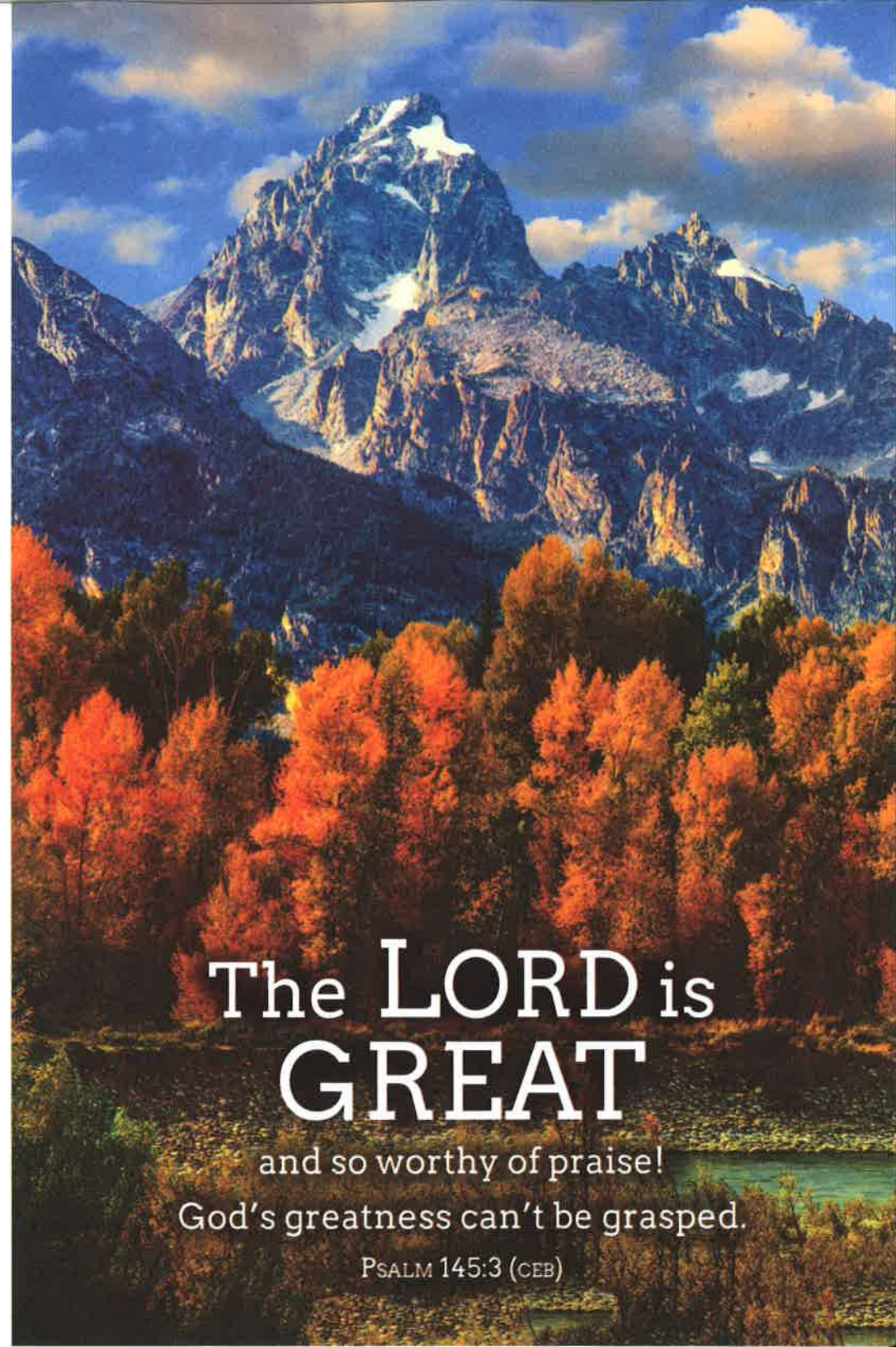
Cover Text: Psalm 145:3 (CEB)

Readings for Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost, November 9, 2025: Hagai 1:15b-2:9; Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21;
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17; Luke 20:27-38

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The LORD is GREAT

and so worthy of praise!

God's greatness can't be grasped.

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