

**Community Presbyterian Church
Lac Du Flambeau, WI**

DATE: September 13, 2026
PASTOR: The Rev. Chips C. Paulson
PIANIST: Rebecca Wright

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

PRELUDE: God and God Alone

INTROIT:

*Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face.
Surely, the presence of the Lord is in this place.*

*** CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Leader: Come, let us worship the Creator who moves before us and stands behind us.

People: The Lord is our shield, a pillar of cloud by day and fire by night.

Leader: When the waters rise and the way forward seems blocked, do not fear.

People: We will stand firm and witness the deliverance of our God.

Leader: The Divine fights for the people, carving a path through the deepest seas.

People: God turns our dead ends into highways of grace and freedom.

Leader: Look back and see what God has done; look forward and see where the Spirit leads.

People: With awe and thanksgiving, we put our trust in the Lord.

All: Let us praise the God of our salvation! Amen.

***HYMN # 610. "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."**

FIRST READING

Exodus 14:19-31

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of our deliverance, we confess that we often falter when the path ahead grows narrow and uncertain.

People: Forgive us when fear binds us, and when we choose the comfort of familiar captivity over the risk of your freedom.

Leader: You stand as a shield between us and the shadows that pursue us, yet we struggle to recognize your presence in the dark or to step forward into the ways you open through the deep.

People: Forgive our hesitation, and open our eyes to the quiet paths you carve through our deepest anxieties.

Leader: Quiet our restless spirits, steady our uncertain steps, and grant us the patience to stand firm until the dawn reveals your salvation.

People: In your quiet mercy, deliver us from despair and guide our feet onto solid ground. Amen..

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The God who guides us through the deep does not leave us to our past. In Christ, we are forgiven and free.

All: Thanks be to God.

HYMN RESPONSE

Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness. Make Your way plain before my face. For it is You, Lord, You Lord only, that makes me to dwell in safety.

PASSING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

CHOIR: "In Christ Alone"
CALL TO PRAYER

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Leader: God of Grace, People, receive our prayers

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical Version)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SHARING OF OUR GIFTS

Offertory "Lamb of God."

*Doxology

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness, we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Blessed be God forever. Amen.

***HYMN # 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah."**

GOSPEL AND SERMON: Matthew 18:21-35

***HYMN # 265. "Lead On, O King Eternal. "**

*** BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:**

*Grant us Thy peace upon our homeward way.
With Thee began, with Thee shall end the day.
Guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame.
That in this house have called upon thy name. Amen.*

Pastor: Rev. Chips Paulson

Liturgist: Bill Nienaber

Pianist: Rebecca Wright

Coffee Hour: Delma Erikson

*** RESPONSE**

*** POSTLUDE: (PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE)**

Choking on Forgiveness



Matthew 18:21-35