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A warm welcome to our guests! Regardless of whether being in church is new to you or just being at Elm Grove Lutheran is new to you, you enter not as a stranger but as a guest of God. This is His house, and He is your heavenly Father. He created you and sent His Son to live, die, and rise again for you. Therefore, come into His presence expecting to hear words of free and full forgiveness. Come, knowing that you are more than conquerors through Him who loved you. And, please come again. If you have no church home and are looking for one, please speak with the pastor. He is eager to help.

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, July 12, 2020 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Preparatory Prayer: Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells. In the multitude of Your tender mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your house to worship and confess Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, my God and Lord. Amen.

Divine Service – Setting 4

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty – Paul O. Manz

Hymn of Invocation

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty - LSB 901

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| 1 | Open now thy gates of beauty;
Zion, let me enter there,
Where my soul in joyful duty
Waits for Him who answers prayer.
Oh, how blessed is this place,
Filled with solace, light, and grace! | 3 | Here Thy praise is gladly chanted;
Here Thy seed is duly sown.
Let my soul, where it is planted,
Bring forth precious sheaves alone,
So that all I hear may be
Fruitful unto life in me. |
| 2 | Gracious God, I come before Thee;
Come Thou also unto me.
Where we find Thee and adore Thee,
There a heav'n on earth must be.
To my heart, O enter Thou;
Let it be Thy temple now! | 4 | Thou my faith increase and quicken;
Let me keep Thy gift divine,
Howsoe'er temptations thicken;
May Thy Word still o'er me shine
As my guiding star through life,
As my comfort in all strife. |
| | 5 | Speak, O God, and I will hear Thee;
Let Thy will be done indeed.
May I undisturbed draw near Thee
While Thou dost Thy people feed.
Here of life the fountain flows;
Here is balm for all our woes. | |

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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Confession and Absolution

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P In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 103:15-19 (Antiphon Psalm 103:8)

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

C: **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

P: As for man, his days are like grass;

C: **he flourishes like a flower of the field;**

P: for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,

C: **and its place knows it no more.**

P: But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

C: **and his righteousness to children's children,**

P: to those who keep his covenant

C: **and remember to do his commandments.**

P: The LORD has established his throne in the heavens,

C: **and his kingdom rules over all.**

ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

P: The LORD is merciful and gracious,

C: **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

Kyrie (sung)

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C **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Gloria in Excelsis

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C **To God on high be glory**

And peace to all the earth;

Goodwill from God in heaven

Proclaimed at Jesus' birth!

We praise and bless You, Father;

Your holy name we sing—

Our thanks for Your great glory,

Lord God, our heav'nly King.

To You, O sole-begotten,

The Father's Son, we pray;

O Lamb of God, our Savior,

**You take our sins away.
Have mercy on us, Jesus;
Receive our heartfelt cry,
Where You in pow'r are seated
At God's right hand on high—**

**For You alone are holy,
You only are the Lord.
Forever and forever,
Be worshiped and adored;
You with the Holy Spirit
Alone are Lord Most High,
In God the Father's glory.
"Amen!" our glad reply.**

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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P The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.
Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C **Amen.**

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First Reading

Zechariah 9:9–12

¹⁰For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. ¹²For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

P: Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
C: **How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!**
P: For from him and through him and to him are all things.
C: **To him be the glory forever. Amen.**

Epistle

Romans 8:12-17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C **Thanks be to God.**

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Alleluia and Verse

C Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

These things are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear." ¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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**C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life + of the world to come. Amen.**

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Hymn of the Day

Preach You the Word – LSB 586

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| 1 | Preach you the Word and plant it home
To men who like or like it not,
The Word that shall endure and stand
When flow'rs and men shall be forgot. | 4 | Though some be snatched and some be scorched
And some be choked and matted flat,
The sower sows; his heart cries out,
"Oh, what of that, and what of that?" |
| 2 | We know how hard, O Lord, the task
Your servant bade us undertake:
To preach Your Word and never ask
What prideful profit it may make. | 5 | Of all his scattered plenteousness
One-fourth waves ripe on hill and flat,
And bears a harvest hundredfold:
"Ah, what of that, Lord, what of that!" |
| 3 | The sower sows; his reckless love
Scatters abroad the goodly seed,
Intent alone that all may have
The wholesome loaves that all men need. | 6 | Preach you the Word and plant it home
And never faint; the Harvest Lord
Who gave the sower seed to sow
Will watch and tend His planted Word. |

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Sermon

"What Type of Soil Are You?" (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

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Prayer of the Church

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Offering

Preach You the Word – Benjamin M. Culli

*(Your offering can be left in the large brown box at the back of the nave,
mailed into the Church Office at 945 Terrace Drive, Elm Grove, WI 53122, or
given through the online Vanco link at the bottom of the www.EGL.org website.)*

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SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

EGLC Communion Statement

The Lord's Supper is celebrated here in the glad confidence that those who commune actually eat and drink the true Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in, with, and under the bread and the wine. Only those communicants who believe this and who repent of their sins receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. Those who do not believe this or who do not repent of their sins will commune to their harm. Because Holy Communion is a confession of the specific teachings of the faith which is confessed in this congregation, those who are not in agreement with this understanding of the Lord's Supper, or who belong to a religious community that is not in Altar & Pulpit Fellowship with The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, are requested to consult with the presiding minister before communing.

Preface

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P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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C **Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Sabaoth adored;
Heav'n and earth with full acclaim shout the glory of Your name.
Sing hosanna in the highest, sing hosanna to the Lord;
Truly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. In Your righteous judgment You condemned the sin of Adam and Eve, who ate the forbidden fruit, and You justly barred them and all their children from the tree of life. Yet, in Your great mercy, You promised salvation by a second Adam, Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, and made His cross a life-giving tree for all who trust in Him. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness, life, and salvation that come to us in His body and blood.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

Lord's Prayer

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C **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My + body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

P In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My + blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Pax Domini

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

**C O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mercy on us, Lord, we pray.**

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world away;
Have mercy on us, Jesus Christ,
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.**

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Distribution

Hymns during Communion Distribution

I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table – LSB 618

1 I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole: Refrain.

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee. Refrain.

3 Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art:
Refrain.

4 Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest.
Refrain.

5 What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace. Refrain.

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Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior – LSB 619

1 Thy body, giv'n for me, O Savior,
Thy blood which Thou for me didst shed,
These are my life and strength forever,
By them my hungry soul is fed. Refrain

ref Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

2 With Thee, Lord, I am now united;
I live in Thee and Thou in me.
No sorrow fills my soul, delighted
It finds its only joy in Thee. Refrain

3 Who can condemn me now? For surely
The Lord is nigh, who justifies.
No hell I fear, and thus securely
With Jesus I to heaven rise. Refrain

4 Though death may threaten with disaster,
It cannot rob me of my cheer;
For He who is of death the master
With aid and comfort e'er is near. Refrain

5 My heart has now become Thy dwelling,
O blessed, holy Trinity.
With angels I, Thy praises telling,
Shall live in joy eternally. Refrain

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Post-Communion Canticle

**C O Lord, now let Your servant
Depart in heav'nly peace,
For I have seen the glory
Of Your redeeming grace:
A light to lead the Gentiles
Unto Your holy hill,
The glory of Your people,
Your chosen Israel.**

**All glory to the Father,
All glory to the Son,
All glory to the Spirit,
Forever Three in One;
For as in the beginning,
Is now, shall ever be,
God's triune name resounding
Through all eternity.**

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus and Benediction

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

Oh What Has Now Been Sown – LSB 921

1 On what has now been sown
Thy blessing, Lord, bestow;
The pow'r is Thine alone
To make it sprout and grow.
Do Thou in grace the harvest raise,
And Thou alone shalt have the praise!

2 To Thee our wants are known,
From Thee are all our pow'rs;
Accept what is Thine own
And pardon what is ours.
Our praises, Lord, and prayers receive,
And to Thy Word a blessing give.

3 O grant that each of us,
Now met before Thee here,
May meet together thus
When Thou and Thine appear
And follow Thee to heav'n, our home.
E'en so, amen, Lord Jesus, come!

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Postlude

Oh What Has Now Been Sown – Charles E. Callahan

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ALTAR PARAMENTS: The green paraments of the Pentecost season prompt us to remember that our life in Christ is one of growth, as branches connected to the Vine produce good fruit.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Michael & Carrie Marble in loving memory of Lyle & Judith Arnold, and Auntie Loretta. *"I know that my Redeemer lives..."*

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Skovgaard

Lector

Vicar Sam Lee

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Elder

Jim Aldinger

Chancel Assistant

(8:00) Jim Olson (10:00) Kirk Midtbo

Usher Team on duty

(8:00) Ryan Beckley, Tyler Beckley, Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Peter Holzwart, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Andrew Weymier, Hannah Weymier

(10:00) Frank Eichelberger, Marjorie Eichelberger, John Elvers, Julia Elvers, Benjamin Ewert, Emily Ewert, Kirk Midtbo, Alex Morateck, Matthew Morateck, Joseph Rentmaster, Ken Schuppner, Amalia Ward, Brinnly Ward, Nicholas Weinbauer, Christopher Weinbauer

Altar Guild

(8:00) Jean Kruse, Sherri Bond (10.00) Luanne Schaefer, Joan Knuteson

ABOUT the Sixth Sunday after PENTECOST

Theme: Thy Strong Word

– *highlighting the Scriptures for the week* –

When the LORD speaks, things happen. (Isaiah) Like rain and snow water the earth to bring forth crops, so the Word of the LORD accomplishes the divine purpose for which He sent it; it does not return to Him void. This is our comfort when our flesh (sinful nature) wages war against us. (Romans) Comparing present sufferings to future glory, our pain fades in significance. So now in the meantime we cling to the Word of the LORD. (Matthew) Like a sower with his seed, the LORD faithfully spreads His Word without regard for receptivity. Some hear it not, others hear it first with joy, then fall away. Others find their faith choked off by worldly pursuits. But others hear the Word with the faith it gives, and bring forth abundant crops of faithfulness: *glorious now, we press toward glory – and our lives our hopes confess.* [LSB 578 v. 3]

WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and thanksgivings to our heavenly Father.

- Sunday** Isaiah 55:10-13 What does the rain and snow accomplish on the earth? Who sends them? From where does the Word of the LORD come? What does it accomplish? Why therefore is the LORD's own Word to be our constant focus? How is this done?
- Monday** Romans 8:12-17 What is the result of 'living according to the flesh'? What does this phrase mean? What is the result of putting to death the deeds of the body? How is this done? What does it mean to be 'heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ' (in the words of St. Paul)?
- Tuesday** Matthew 13:1-9 Who is the farmer in Jesus' parable (cf. vv. 18 – 23) Who snatches the Word of God away before it can take root? How do trouble or affliction intercept the work of the Word? What affect do worry and wealth have on the growth of the Word? What therefore is the true source of all Kingdom growth? How is this a warning to all who work in the LORD's vineyard? How is it a comfort? How therefore can you best handle trouble/affliction/worry/wealth?
- Wednesday** Psalm 65 What "good things" did temple worshippers anticipate in God's holy house? Where are they found now? Why? What did God make by His power? How does He care for His creation, enriching it abundantly? What is the benefit for humankind? How does the animate and inanimate creation show forth the praise of the LORD? How therefore does He provide for the needs of body and soul? What does this mean?
- Thursday** Isaiah 44:6-8 Who alone is God? Whose King and Redeemer is He? What did this mean for Israel? For the church today? What is the source of your fears? What is the cause of your idolatry? Why must you repent for both? What promise is extended for believing penitents in this text? What does this mean?
- Friday** Romans 8:18-27 What are your present sufferings? What future promise outweighs them all? What is the cause of all frustration and suffering in the created world? What future liberation awaits? Why therefore is all affliction like childbirth pains? What future hope is guaranteed to all who are in Christ? What down payment have we already received? How therefore may we have patience under affliction? Who prays along with us in our weakness? Who alone knows the real thoughts of our hearts, be they good, bad, or ugly? What comfort is therefore found in the Spirit's intercession? How can we therefore pray more boldly?
- Saturday** Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 How is the Kingdom like a sabotaged field? Who sows good seed? Who sows weeds? Who, therefore, is the cause of sin and shame? Why is God patient (sometimes seemingly indifferent) with sin? When will things be set right again? What does this mean?

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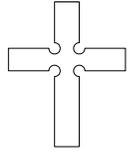
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Opportunities for Worship and Service at Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church



S-	8:00 a.m.	SERVICE-C
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TH	9:30 a.m.	Book Discussion (BAAC)
	6:30 p.m.	Call Committee Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	8:00 p.m.	Stammtisch (Biloba Brewery)

When we give to God, we are the primary beneficiaries. *"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you"* (Luke 6:38)

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

The office will be open Mondays-Thursday, 8-4.

MEMORIAL SERVICE – Memorial Service and Military Honors for Cliff Menges will be on Saturday, July 25. Visitation will start at 10 a.m. with service to follow at 11 a.m. The family requests that masks be worn in church. If you do not have a mask, one can be provided. Lunch will be at Alioto's (3041 N Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI, corner of Hwy 100 and Burleigh Road). Our group will be the only ones at the restaurant in the main dining room. Tables will be six feet apart. There will be three meal choices. All food will be served at the table.

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS: We recognize and celebrate Mrs. Deb Margrett as she celebrates 30 years of ministering to some of our youngest friends. Thank you for all that you do Deb, you are truly appreciated.

SPECIAL DOXOLOGY INSTALLATION: On Sunday afternoon, August 2, at 3:00 p.m. Elm Grove Ev. Lutheran Church is hosting the installation service for Rev. David C. Fleming, who is the new Executive Director of Spiritual Care for DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel. Fleming succeeds our own Rev. Dr Harold Senkbeil. DOXOLOGY was "born" here at EGL and has always enjoyed support from the congregation. As one of the co-founders of DOXOLOGY, Dr Beverly Yahnke continues in her leadership role as the Executive Director for Christian Counsel. EGL members Rob Hipke, Jim Burhop, and Pr Skovgaard serve on the Board of Directors. EGL, you have reason to be proud of how you have supported this important ministry, which cares for pastors, their wives, and the congregations they serve across the Synod. You are encouraged to participate in this unique service. Call the Church Office with any questions.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE 150 attended services last weekend. *"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"*

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION: Let's celebrate not one, not two, but three RETIREMENTS! Linda Haut, church secretary; Debbie Tesch, 2nd Grade teacher; and Karla Bessert, Music Director. They are all retiring this summer so come wish them well in their retirements on Sunday, July 19 at 11:30 a.m. (following the late service). The event will be catered by Revere's (no potluck). Limited seating available so RSVP no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday July 13, to Amy at astroh@egl.org or call 262-797-2970 and ask for Amy. (First come, first served) A table and basket will be available for cards and gifts. If you are unable to attend, greetings may be sent to 945 Terrace Dr., Elm Grove, WI 53122. Please come and help us celebrate these amazing women and their service!

RETIREMENT CELEBRATION SET UP AND CLEAN UP – We are looking for help with set up and clean up. Please contact the church office to volunteer. Thank you!

THE LUTHERAN WITNESS: Anyone interested in receiving a yearly subscription to The Lutheran Witness please contact the church office. Cost is \$16 per year payable to EGL. Deadline to order is July 10.

FLOORS ARE BEING CLEANED AND WAXED: Please be careful as you walk throughout the building. Our floors are being cleaned and waxed. Please make sure to watch signs as areas may not be open and floors may be slippery. Thank you for your patience.

THE BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP tentatively will resume meeting in the Bartelt Center on Thursday, July 16, at 9:30 a.m. We will be discussing THE RESIDENCE by Kate Anderson Brower. If there is any change, you will be notified by phone or by E-mail. Call Anne with comments or questions: 262-691-9642.

LIVE-STREAMING FUNDRAISER established by Church Council to continue making our worship services available on-line. The cost to purchase and install the necessary hardware and to provide on-going support is estimated at \$30,000. The Foundation of Elm Grove Lutheran is offering \$7,000 in matching funds toward the live-streaming fundraiser. For every \$2 donated to the project, the Foundation will donate \$1. Please send in your donations with "Live Stream" noted in the memo line so that we can apply it to the correct fund.

SERVICES AVAILABLE on YOUTUBE: Because of the efforts of many people, the Sunday services are available on YouTube on Sunday mornings starting at 8:00 a.m. The service folders for each service are available online at www.egl.org in order for you to follow and participate in the service.

CHURCH OFFERINGS: With gratefulness we thank the members of EGL who have faithfully continued to get their offerings to church. If you are not able to attend services, your offerings, which are an act of worship, may be mailed in or made online through the link provided at the bottom of our Church and School webpage, www.egl.org.

KFUO RADIO, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfu.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, & Instagram.

CHRISTIAN TALK RADIO: Listen online at www.issuesetc.org. This week's topics include: The United

Nations' Anti-Family Policies, An Introduction to I Peter, The Doctrine of Election, Ruth, and more. You can listen live or at your convenience at issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

CRISIS HELP: During this time of isolation, etc., please know that your church is here to help. If you have a need, please call the church office and we will see what we can do to help you.

COVID-19 INFORMATION: Since there are daily questions and updates on the COVID-19 situation, you can check these various websites:

- www.coronavirus.gov
- www.cdc.gov
- www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19
- www.wisconsin.gov

Financial Update – June 28, 2020	
We thank and praise our Lord for His many blessings and pray for faithfulness from each steward of His gifts.	
Offerings received thru July 5	\$873,524
Offerings anticipated thru July 5	\$910,662
PLEASE PRAY FOR and remember these members of EGL who are confined to bed or to their homes. Addresses and telephone #'s are in the church directory.	
Jack Horrell	Ruth Huwiler
Nina Kaul	Inge Klammer
Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:	
Rebecca (Burhop) Butler – Hawaii	
Jack Butler (Burhop son-in-law) – Hawaii	
Katherine Leaf (Ewert granddaughter & niece) – Ft. Sam Houston	
Alex Ohde – USS Key West, Guam	
Joshua Tesch – Shaw Air Force Base	

<p>SERVICE SCHEDULE Sunday, July 19, 2020 "The Groaning of Creation?" [Romans 8:22] – Pastor Skovgaard, Preacher</p>
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