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Second Sunday after the Epiphany/Sanctity of Human Life
Sunday, January 16, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.

Divine Service 3

¹³For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. ¹⁴I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. ¹⁵My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. ¹⁶Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them. ¹⁷How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! (Psalm 139:13-17)

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

The Only Son from Heaven – Kevin Hildebrand

Opening Hymn

402 The Only Son from Heaven

STAND

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I 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

P The Lord brought me to the banqueting house,
C and his banner over me was love.
 P Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens,
C your faithfulness to the clouds.
 P Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
C your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.
 P How precious is your steadfast love, O God!
C The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
 P They feast on the abundance of your house,
C and you give them drink from the river of your delights.
 P For with you is the fountain of life;
C in your light do we see light.
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. Amen.
 P The Lord brought me to the banqueting house,
C and his banner over me was love.

Kyrie

LSB 186

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Glory be to God on high: and on earth peace, good-will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee, for Thy great glory. O Lord God, heav'n-ly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-

on us. For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord.

Thou only, O Christ, with the Ho-ly Ghost,

art most high in the glory of God the Father. A - men.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, before the foundation of the world, You chose us in Christ to be Your sons and daughters. Grant us to behold every human life as created, redeemed, and called to be Your precious treasures, that we receive each neighbor as gift and privilege with whom we may rejoice as brothers and sisters in Your everlasting kingdom; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

SIT

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 49:1–7

¹Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. ²He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. ³And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." ⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." ⁵And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—⁶he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth." ⁷Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 128

P Blessèd is everyone who fears the LORD,

C who walks in his ways!

P You shall eat the fruit of the labor of your hands;

C you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you.

P Your wife will be like a fruitful vine within your house;

C your children will be like olive shoots around your table.

P Behold, thus shall the man be blessed

C who fears the LORD.

P The LORD bless you from Zion!

C May you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life!

P May you see your children's children!

C Peace be upon Israel!

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. Amen.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:26–31

²⁶For consider your calling, brothers: not many of you were wise according to worldly standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, whom God made our wisdom and our righteousness and sanctification and redemption. ³¹Therefore, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

STAND

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

John 15:12–17

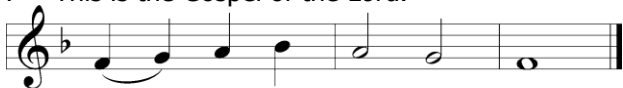
P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the fifteenth chapter.



C Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life † everlasting. Amen.**

SIT

Hymn of the Day

573 Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee

Sermon

"It's All for the Glory" (1 Corinthians 1:27-29)

STAND

Offertory

LSB 192

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

SIT

Offering

Lord, 'Tis Not That I Did Choose Thee – J. Wayne Kerr

(Those who are not communing may place their cards in the offering plate.)

STAND

Litany

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P God the Father Almighty, Maker of body and spirit,

C have mercy.

P God the Son, Redeemer of humankind,

C have mercy.

P God the Holy Spirit, Lord and Giver of life,

C have mercy.

P For Your rich grace whatever our age or appearance; for Your great mercy notwithstanding our skills or circumstances; for the forgiveness of our sins; for our salvation from death; for the resurrection of our flesh; for everlasting life in Your presence; and for our inheritance of the new creation,

C All thanks and praise to You, O Lord.

P By Your love for us as Father, Son, and Spirit; by Your incarnation as embryo in the womb and Your birth in a manger from the virgin Mary; by Your growth and obedience as a Son among us; by Your tears for our wounds and Your touch upon our weaknesses, Your bearing our sicknesses and carrying our sorrows; by Your own incapacitation upon the cross and Your death in sweat and blood; by Your rising to life again, leaving even our grave empty and abiding ever beside us; by Your ascension to exalt our nature, order our days, and prepare a place for us; and by Your coming again in glory for our immortality,

C Help us, good Lord.

P We poor sinners implore You

C to hear us, O Lord.

P To bring an end to abortion and euthanasia; to banish from among us the production and destruction of embryonic brothers and sisters; to turn the hearts of those who permit, promote, or participate in violence against life; to strengthen all medical professionals always to care and never to kill; to move all public officials and elected authorities to support policies, laws, and verdicts that protect the least of these; to defend our land from division, from aggression, and from the deception of death used as a solution; and to forgive our enemies, persecutors, and slanderers,

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To preserve from despair everyone facing infertility, unexpected pregnancy, disability, or terminal diagnosis; to relieve those burdened by gender dysphoria; to liberate any enslaved by adultery or perversion; to deliver those scheduled for abortion; to grant safe homes and healthy families to those awaiting adoption; to absolve the guilt and ease the grief of those broken by the abortion of their own children; to work comfort and peace within those surviving the suicides of loved ones; to uphold and heal those suffering discomfort and disease; and to give all who are approaching death a blessed end,

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P To gladden us in celebrating gifts of marriage, family, and length of days; to give us courage in speaking Your truth and compassion in showing Your love; to make us ambassadors of Gospel joy in every difficulty and agents of Gospel hope in all affliction; to impart gentleness and respect to our words and bestow sensitivity and winsomeness on our ways; and to bid us rejoice when any heart changes and delight with every saved life,

C We implore You to hear us, good Lord.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C have mercy.

P Christ, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,

C grant us Your peace.

P O Christ,

C hear us.

P O Lord,

C have mercy.

P O Christ,

C have mercy.

P O Lord,

C have mercy. Amen.

Additional Prayers



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

LSB 194

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up unto the Lord.

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. 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

LSB 195

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,
ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,
bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer (prayed by Pastor in DS3)

LSB 196

P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord

LSB 197

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.

"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

LSB 197



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei

LSB 198



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer - cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak - est a-way the sin of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak - est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

SIT

Hymns During Communion Distribution

783 Take My Life and Let It Be
851 Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

STAND

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199



Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,
C and His mercy endureth forever.

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 in 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.

P The Lord be with you.

C And with thy spirit.

Benedicamus

LSB 202

A Bless we the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 202

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Postlude

In the Cross of Christ I Glory – David M. Cherwien

ALTAR PARAMENTS: The green paraments of the Epiphany season suggest growth, especially spiritual growth, as we focus on Jesus’ earthly ministry and mission to all people of this world.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Virginia Moeller in thanksgiving for past blessings and in prayer that God will look over her in the coming year as she is turning 98.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister
Preacher
Organist
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty
Altar Guild

Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Pastor Aaron Reseburg
Rev. Jonah Burakowski
Richard C. Ewert
Ron Harmeyer
John Schaefer

Andrea Kysely, Elijah Lind, Jackson Poppe, Cathy Tuttrup, Terry Tuttrup
Arlene Malner, JoAnn Randall

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

USHER TEAM: (Team 7: Benjamin Ewert, Emily Ewert, Kirk Midtbo, Alex, Morateck, Matthew Morateck, Joseph Rentmaster, Ken Schuppner, Nicholas Weinbauer)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 (8:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

USHER TEAM: (Team 8 – Andrew Alles, Ella Donath, Matthew Ewert, Sam Ewert, Kylie Kruck, Tyler Ky, Lizzie Ky, Diane Olson, Jim Olson)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 (10:45 a.m.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

USHER TEAM: (Team 9 – Jacob Boudro, Kailey Boudro, Tom Brojanac, Michael Brunner, Gene Brunner, Sam Thompson)



A Devotion on the Gift of life by Pastor Michael Salemink, Executive Director of Lutherans for Life
"When She Says I'm Pregnant"

It's your daughter. It's your girlfriend. It's your sister or your classmate or your coworker. It's a surprise pregnancy. Now what? What can you say that will keep a surprise from becoming a crisis and prevent a crisis from turning into tragedy? With which words will you bring in God and His Gospel? How will you embody love and truth, courage and compassion? This moment can make an eternal life-or-death difference.

Take a breath. Allow yourself to be stunned. It's a really big deal, and you're not a robot. But right now it's not about what you feel or what you need. Don't interrogate. Don't accuse. Don't vent your outrage. Don't raise your volume. The Father Almighty has prepared you, positioned you, appointed you to minister for Him in service to her.

Say, "Thank you for telling me." Appreciate that she's invited you into a sacred and sensitive space. Affirm she's done the right thing by sharing her anxiety and vulnerability. Assure her you love her no matter what happens.

Ask, "How are you feeling," and then listen. It communicates the sanctity of her life to focus first on her. It also allows her room to reveal what details she feels are especially pressing. And it signals your willingness to come alongside her and carry these crosses with her.

Tell her, "I'm sorry." This indicates you acknowledge the difficulties she's facing. You're validating her internal sense that some aspects of the situation aren't ideal. She receives permission to grieve and even to confess what she views as failures.

Ask, "What do you need," and then listen. In this way, she can unload all the concerns complicating her circumstances. Identifying them empowers both you and her eventually to address them together. You're extending a gentle invitation to have hope and envision a way forward.

Promise, "We will get through this." She's come to you looking for community and to know she won't go it alone. Your fellowship is the most important and powerful aid you can offer. The best way to persuade her that every life's a precious treasure is to treat hers as a gift and privilege.

Ask, "May we pray?" Thank the Heavenly Father for sustaining our lives and taking care of our hearts. Ask His forgiveness for our sinful shortcomings. Implore Him to protect, preserve, provide, enlighten, and guide.

Ask, "May we make a plan?" Would she like to schedule the doctor? Would she like to talk to the pastor? Would she like to connect with the pregnancy resource center? Would she like to inform any one else?

Offer appropriate affection. Take her hands in yours. Wrap an arm around her shoulder. Hug. Let her cry. Weep with her. Show her the Incarnate God is not afraid to take hold of her, that she need not be ashamed of human bodies, hers or her baby's.

Say, "Congratulations and thanks be to God!" Pregnancy is never a sin, and motherhood, even amid afflictions, is always a blessing. Our Lord has honored her with this holy vocation. She and her baby belong to Him from this time forth and forevermore!

Various Quotes Regarding Abortion and Life

Bible:

"You shall not murder." (Ex 20:13)

"When men strive together and hit a pregnant woman, so that her children come out, but there is no harm, the one who hit her shall surely be fined, as the woman's husband shall impose on him, and he shall pay as the judges determine. But if there is harm, then you shall pay life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, burn for burn, wound for wound, stripe for stripe." (Ex 21:22-25)

Didache, 2nd century catechism:

"Do not murder; do not commit adultery; do not corrupt boys; do not fornicate; do not steal; do not practice magic; do not go in for sorcery; do not murder a child by abortion or kill a new-born infant."

Martin Luther:

"How great, therefore, the wickedness of human nature is! How many girls there are who prevent conception and kill and expel tender fetuses, although procreation is the work of God." (commenting on Genesis 25)

"Second, a person who does evil to his neighbor is not the only one guilty under this commandment. It also applies to anyone who can do his neighbor good, prevent or resist evil, defend, and save his neighbor so that no bodily harm or hurt happen to him—yet does not do this (James 2:15-16). If, therefore, you send away someone who is naked when you could clothe him, you have caused him to freeze to death. If you see someone suffer hunger and do not give him food, you have caused him to starve. So also, if you see anyone innocently sentenced to death or in similar distress, and do not save him, although you know ways and means to do so, you have killed him. It will not work for you to make the excuse that you did not provide any help, counsel, or aid to harm him. For you have withheld your love from him and deprived him of the benefit by which his life would have been saved." (Large Catechism, The

5th Commandment, graphs 188-190, Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions)

John Calvin:

"The fetus, though enclosed in the womb of its mother, is already a human being, and it is an almost monstrous crime to rob it of the life which it has not yet begun to enjoy. If it seems more horrible to kill a man in his own house than in a field, because a man's house is his place of most secure refuge, it ought surely to be deemed more atrocious to destroy a fetus in the womb before it has come to light." (commenting on Exodus 21:22)

Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

"Destruction of the embryo in the mother's womb is a violation of the right to live which God has bestowed on this nascent life. To raise the question of whether we are here concerned already with a human being or not is merely to confuse the issue. The simple fact is that God certainly intended to create a human being and that this nascent human being has been deliberately deprived of his life. And that is nothing but murder." (Ethics)

C.S. Lewis:

"It is certainly *not* wrong to try to remove the natural consequences of sin provided the means by which you remove them are not in themselves another sin. (E.g. it is merciful and Christian to remove the natural consequences of fornication by giving the girl a bed in a maternity ward and providing for the child's keep and education, but wrong to remove them by abortion or infanticide."

President Reagan:

"We cannot diminish the value of one human life — the unborn — without diminishing the value of all human life." "When we talk about abortion, we are talking about two lives — the life of the mother and the life of the unborn child." The baby has "a God-given right to be protected by the law." (From his article, "Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation")

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S 8:00 a.m. Worship (DS3)
9:30 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship – (SOPP)
10:00 a.m. Rental (FH)
7:30 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)

M 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)

T 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)
5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)

W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)

TH 9:00 a.m. Library Committee (FL)
6:30 p.m. Worship (DS3)
7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)

OFFICE HOURS

The offices are open Mondays-
Fridays, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Key:

CLC – Christian Life Center
FH – Fellowship Hall
BAAC – Bartelt Adult Activity Center
MC – Music Center
FL – Friendship Library

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 220 attended services last weekend in person. 109 households streamed the services for a total of 198. "Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!"

GUEST PREACHER: Sunday morning, Jan 16, we welcome to the pulpit the Rev Jonah Burakowski. Burakowski serves the LCMS as Associate Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. In this capacity he helps develop and implement strategic plans for 22 countries, as well as serving as a theological educator and missionary pastor. Jonah and his wife Elizabeth have three daughters.

BAPTISMS: Sunday afternoon in a private ceremony two Paasch grandchildren will be baptized: Penelope Rayne Paasch, born January 6, 2020, to Tom Paasch Jr and Savannah Seymour; and Beck Thomas Lopez, born November 3, 2021, to Robert and Susanne (nee Paasch). "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life." (Romans 6:4)

APOR: A Place of Refuge (APOR) Development Director Kate Hoffmann will be at Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church on Sunday, January 16, for a 10-minute presentation on APOR's work and how EGL can get involved. She will speak at the beginning of the adult Bible study hour, thus starting at 9:30 a.m. In the meantime you can check out their website aplaceofrefuge.org. APOR does a number of things but they focus on providing a loving, nurturing environment for women and their preborn children during the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy. EGL's own Sue Schmalzer serves on the Board of Directors.

LIVESTREAM HELP NEEDED: Contact Mark Ewert or Pam Ganswindt if you are interested in helping with our livestream ministry. Having a good knowledge of our service flow is a plus.

NEW BIBLE STUDIES: On Sunday morning, Jan 9, Sunday School classes and Bible study for all ages begins anew at 9:30 a.m. The adult study will be held in the nave and will deal with "Biblical Conundrums," topics that are perhaps difficult to understand for any number of reasons. This one is led by Pr Skovgaard. A new class aimed at our high school youth begins this Sunday also, led by Pr Reseburg. It will meet in the nurses' office/finance room or the conference room, depending on the turn-out. Be sure to spread the word!

THE YOUTH COMMITTEE is looking for 2-3 more members that are willing to work with Middle School Youth, High School Youth, and/or Young Adults. If you are interested please contact Pastor Reseburg, Jim Aldinger, or Ben Ewert. Our emails are areseburg@egl.org, aldinger.jim@gmail.com, and bcewert13@gmail.com.

TRIVIA NIGHT: First Annual Trivia Night Event will be held in early March. PTL will have sign-up sheets available in early February. Teams can be anywhere between 2-10 people, and should plan to have a Team Name. Themed decorations and costumes will be highly encouraged! This event will be for ages 18 and up.

MARCH FOR LIFE: The 49th annual March for Life takes place in Washington, D.C. on Friday the 21st. Depending on the media you consume you may or may not see any reference to the event. From the March for Life website, marchforlife.org, we read the following: "The March for Life is an inspiring, peaceful, vibrant, and joy-filled rally of women, men, young people, and children from all across the country. Every year, tens of

thousands of pro-lifers converge on the National Mall and march on Capitol Hill on the anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling which legalized abortion in all 50 states. It's the largest annual human rights demonstration in the world. But this is not just a protest... **TOGETHER, WE GATHER TO CELEBRATE LIFE.** We celebrate each and every life, from the moment of conception. We envision a world where every life is celebrated, valued, and protected." EGL should send a delegation next year for the 50th, if the Supreme Court does not overturn Roe v Wade.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Anyone looking to donate the altar flowers in the coming months is asked to call the church office. There are a number of available weekends. Cost is \$35. Thank you.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Baptism and temptation of Jesus. Jesus takes on our sin at His Baptism. In exchange for our sin, He gives us the fountain of life (Mark 1:1-13).

THE THEOLOGICAL SHE SHED is planning a cooking class at Chef Pam's Kitchen in Waukesha on Friday, February 4 5:30-8:30. Enhance your cooking skills as she will show us how to create a decadent meal, which we will also get to enjoy. The cost will be approximately \$65. The menu is yet to be determined and we will need a minimum of 14 people. Please let me know if you are interested as soon as possible so that I can coordinate this event. Deb Weller 262-290-8665 or dweller625@gmail.com.

CARDS: LWML will recycle your Christmas or all occasion cards. Please drip them off in the office. Thank you!

BOOK DISCUSSION MEETING on January 20, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. in the Bartelt Center. Please read **THE FOUR WINDS** by Kristin Hannah. Any questions call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

PTL FUNDRAISER: Support our school by eating at Panda Express (18190 Bluemound Road in Brookfield) on Tuesday, February 8 from 10:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. Panda Express will donate 20% of total sales to EGL. Make sure to show the flyer (in the back of Church) when you order or use code 332431 when ordering online or on the app.

EGL's STAMMTISCH: Happy New Year, EGL Guys!
BE BOLD...BRAVE THE COLD! Come on out and join us at **EGL's Stammtisch** as we kick off a great new year! It's a wonderful time to comfortably connect with those around us, in a relaxed environment. Join us for our monthly EGL guys' get-together of great conversation and great libation...always lively, always timely, always lots of variety, in a fun atmosphere of Christian fellowship. **If you are new to EGL and/or have not joined us before, please come on out and give it a try!**
Join us at Biloba Brewing in Brookfield on Thursday January 20, from 7:30-9:00...for more info, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430. **Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!!**

LADIES LUNCH BUNCH: We will meet on January 20 at 11:30 at Bravo's. RSVP to Claire Schuppner 262-255-2671

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.

Carl Egloff
Ruth Huwiler

Zack Horrell
Nina Kaul

Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:

Rebecca (Burhop) Butler
Katherine Leaf
Alex Ohde
Joshua Tesch

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Offering high quality, low cost items in support of A Place of Refuge Ministries.

DONATIONS NEEDED:

We accept clothing (all sizes, all types), shoes, housewares, furniture, electronics, appliances, books, toys, linens, sporting goods, antiques, collectables and seasonal items. (We cannot accept refrigerators, air conditioners, gas appliances, lawn mowers or computers over 5 years old)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

Volunteers are ALWAYS needed to work behind the scenes to sort and price, ring up sales, assist on the floor or transport donations.

Call Betty at 414-355-5198 for more information

Pre-Packed Diaper Bags

Diaper bag: either the satchel type or backpack style.

Newborn onesies – 2
Newborn size sleeper (going home outfit) Booties/hat/mittens
Wet wipes
Diaper cream or A&D cream
Pacifiers –
Changing pad (if not included with diaper bag)
Travel size hand sanitizer
Bottle/silicone nipples
Cloth diaper or burp cloths
Bulb syringe
Baby nail clipper
Small board book for baby

Questions? Call Kate 414-438-2767

You can be a Transportation Volunteer

A Place of Refuge needs drivers with vehicles or trailers to transport donation of food, baby items, furniture, and appliances, etc. from individuals or area churches to Refuge House and Blessed Again Resale. You will be added to a list of other such volunteers and called when needed to see if you are available. It is essential that we pick up items from our generous donors in a timely fashion, so the more volunteers we have to do this, the better. Please sign-up today or call Kate at 414-438-2767 for more information.

Baby Showers

We want every mom we serve to experience the joy of being showered with love in celebration of their little ones! We want them to have some new gifts that are just for their baby. We want them to enjoy some fellowship with women who care about them and support them.

This is a great volunteer opportunity for a family, ladies group, bible study group or a group of friends!

Showers can be hosted at your location or at Refuge House.

Our house manage will provide a list of items our moms need as shower gift suggestions.

You can provide a meal or just some snacks (your choce) and dessert.

No need for games or activities...just your presence is a blessing. We usually schedule showers after the baby has arrived, so you can enjoy the little one as well.

If you have any questions, or would like to throw a shower, now or in the future...please email apor.ministries.swd@gmail.com or call 414-438-2767.