

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, November 27, 2022 – 8:00 a.m.

Matins



O Lord Jesus Christ, as we anticipate and look forward to Your return to judge the living and the dead, give us faith to wait patiently upon the Father's perfect timing, entrusting ourselves into Your loving, nail-scarred hands and praying, maranatha, come, Lord, come soon! In Your name I pray.
Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates — Jan O. Bender

Hymn of Invocation

341, Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

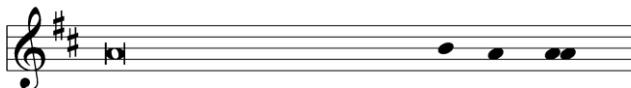
STAND



L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo - ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us.

Psalmody



L Behold, the Lord comes to save us.



G O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite

LSB 220



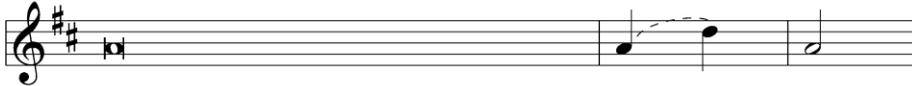
G 1 O come, let us sing to the Lord,
2 For the Lord is a great God
3 The sea is His, for He made it,

5 Glory be to the Father and to the Son

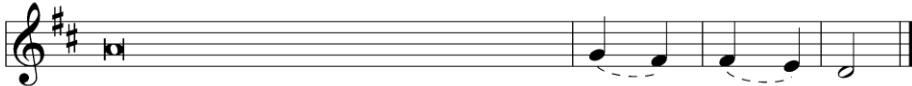


1 let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our sal - va - tion.
2 and a great king a - bove all gods.
3 and His hand formed the dry land.

5 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 Let us come into His presence with thanks - giv - ing,
2 The deep places of the earth are in His hand;
3 O come, let us worship and bow down,
4 For He is our God,
5 as it was in the be - gin - ning,



1 let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.
2 the strength of the hills is His al - so.
3 let us kneel before the Lord, our mak - er.
4 and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.
5 is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.

Antiphon



L Behold, the Lord comes to save us.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

SIT

Office Hymn

- 1 All
- 2 Women
- 3 Organ
- 4 Men

332, Savior of the Nations, Come

- 5 Organ
- 6 Men
- 7 Women
- 8 (stand) All

Old Testament

Isaiah 2:1–5

¹The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ²It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, ³and many peoples shall come, and say: "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. ⁴He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore. ⁵O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 13:8–14

⁸Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. ¹¹Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.

¹³Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

STAND

Holy Gospel

Matthew 24:36–44

³⁶[Jesus said:] "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. ³⁷As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. ⁴²Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

L Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch.

C This is the name by which He will be called: the Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely.

C This is the name by which He will be called: the Lord Is Our Righteousness.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C This is the name by which He will be called: the Lord Is Our Righteousness.

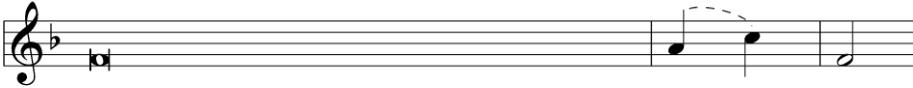
Sermon

"Of Swords and Plowshares" (Isaiah 2:1-5)

STAND

Canticle

Benedictus LSB 226



1 Blessed be the Lord God of Is - ra - el;
 2 as He spoke by the mouth of His holy proph - ets,
 3 to perform the mercy promised to our fa - thers
 4 being delivered from the hand of our en - e - mies,
 5 And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most _____ High;
 6 through the tender mercy of our God;
 7 Glory be to the Father and to the Son



1 for He has visited and re - deemed His peo - ple
 2 who have been since the world be - gan:
 3 and to remember His ho - ly cov - e - nant,
 4 might serve Him with - out fear,
 5 for you will go before the Lord to pre - pare His ways;
 6 when the day shall dawn up - on us from on high
 7 and to the Ho - ly Spir - it;



1 and has raised up a horn of salvation for _____ us
 2 that we should be saved from our en - e - mies
 3 the oath that He swore to our father A - bra - ham,
 4 in holiness and righteousness be - fore _____ Him
 5 to give knowledge of salvation to His peo - ple
 6 to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,
 7 as it was in the be - - - - gin - ning,



1 in the house of His ser - vant Da - vid,
 2 and from the hand of all who hate _____ us;
 3 to grant us that _____ we,
 4 all the days _____ of our life.
 5 in the for - - - - give - ness of their sins,
 6 to guide our feet in - - - - to the way of peace.
 7 is now, and will be for - - - - ev - er. A - - - - men.

Offering

Savior of the Nations, Come BuxWV 211 — Dieterich Buxtehude

(After the offering please pass your attendance card toward the center aisle to be collected by an usher.)

STAND

Kyrie

LSB 227

**C Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.**

Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Collect of the Day

L Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Various Collects

Collect for Grace

L O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; 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

LSB 228

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

LSB 228

P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

343, Prepare the Royal Highway

Postlude

Prepare the Royal Highway — Charles W. Ore

ALTAR PARAMENTS: The blue paraments announce a new church year and hope with the coming of the King of Kings – as Baby in Bethlehem, as Savior in Word and Sacrament, and as Judge of all.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Michael & Carrie Marble in loving memory of Theresa Marie Erdmann. *"I know that my Redeemer lives..."*

Participants

Preacher

Pastor Eric Skovgaard

Liturgist

Pastor Aaron Reseburg

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Elder

Charlie Ewert

Chancel Assistant

Jim Olson

Usher Team on Duty

Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke,
Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Duane Wunsch

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

USHER TEAM: (Team 6: Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert, Sam Ewert, Kirk Midtbo, Alex Moratek, Matthew Moratek, Ken Schppner)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 (8:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Charlie Ewert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Justin Speck

USHER TEAM: (Team 7: Sharon Boudro, Tom Brojanc, Gene Brunner, Michael Brunner, Lizzie Ky, Tyler Ky, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Haley Williams, Max Williams)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4 (10:45 a.m.)

ELDER: Charlie Ewert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

USHER TEAM: (Team 1: Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Elijah Lind, Caleb Nelson, Jackson Poppe, Athanasius Speck, Jael Speck, Justin Speck)

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

- S 8:00 a.m. Worship (Matins)
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study
 10:45 a.m. Worship (DS2)
 7:30 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
- M 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)
- T 10:00 a.m. Bible Study (BAAC)
 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
- W 10:00 a.m. Church History Class (BAAC)
 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
 6:30 p.m. Advent Service
 7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers
 7:00 p.m. Basketball (Gym)
- T 8:15 a.m. School Chapel

OFFICE HOURS
 Offices are open Mon. – Fri.
 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
 YR – Youth Room

IN THE LORD’S HOUSE: 275 attended services last week in person. **121** households streamed the services for a total of **396**. “And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.”

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES to the family and friends of Rosie Wold. Rosie died on November 18. Rosie’s funeral will be here at EGL at 11 a.m. on Dec 1 with a visitation starting at 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Christian sympathies also to Rob Hipke and his family on the death of his father, Robert (Bob), on Nov 21. Christian sympathies to the John Schaefer and Cindy Regenfuss families. John died on November 22. The funeral for John will be at 11:30 a.m. Dec 3 at EGL. Visitation will be Friday night from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. and at 10:00 a.m. Saturday until the time of the service.

SECURITY OF EGL CAMPUS: On Monday night, Nov 14, the EGL Church Council passed a motion aimed at helping secure EGL’s school. In fact, school accreditation policies nowadays demand that the school perimeter be secure during school hours, Monday through Friday, 7:00-4:00. Because the church and school buildings are so closely intertwined at EGL, this decision affects activities in the Church areas also. The Council decision means that any activity inside and outside our facility requires checking in with the Church or School Office for anyone who is not staff, during these hours. This new

policy is not meant to stifle any current or future activities; rather, simply to give us a good handle on who has access to the school during school hours. This amounts to saying hello to Amy Stroh or Sandy Brown before your planned activity and letting them know when you leave. Worship-related services in the nave and/or Fellowship Hall are exempted.

PASTOR SENKBEIL: During Coffee hour on Sunday, Nov 27, and Sunday, Dec 4, Pastor Senkbeil will be displaying his new award-winning children’s book from Lexham Press, “The Lord’s Prayer for All God’s Children,” and its matching coloring book, plus “The King of Christmas,” written by another author. The books, lavishly illustrated with colorful depictions of Bible stories, are part of Lexham’s FatCat Books, intended to teach children age 3 - 8 the truths of the catechism. You may want to pick up multiple copies for children in your extended families; they make great Christmas gifts. The books sell for over \$18 retail, but Pastor Senkbeil has donated them to our church as a fundraiser for our school. You may pick up as many copies as you like for your free will donation to the project, which will share the book with children undergoing procedures at local hospitals, sister urban schools, etc.

CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES are completed and ready for pick up. If you preordered a directory, they are available to be paid for and picked in the Church

office. Otherwise, please contact Amy (astroh@egl.org/262-797-2970) in the Church office to arrange payment and pick up of your directory.

PTL FUNDRAISER DINNER: On Dec 7, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. help support our school by having dinner at Panera at 15040 West Greenfield Avenue. 20% of sales will be donated to EGLS.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Plan to attend on Thursday, Dec 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC to discuss the book, *Christmas in London* by Anita Hughes. If you enjoy reading and like discussing the book, please join our group. If you have any questions, please call Barbara Kurth at 262-345-5083. It will also be time for our Christmas party. Several ladies will be bringing Christmas bakery items. If you would like to add something to our festivities, please bring 6 cookies.

LWML CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION: The morning group of LWML plans to meet on Wednesday, Dec 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC, enjoying Christian fellowship at its Christmas party. Emphasizing our anticipation of the birth of the Christ Child, we will all participate in the Christmas Devotion, **"The Christ of Christmas,"** with singing of Christmas songs, reading of Bible verses, the Christmas story, and narrations. Each lady is asked to bring 1 sandwich and 6 cookies for the luncheon. An invitation is extended to all women of our congregation.

THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents "A Fantasia on Christmas Carols" Friday, Dec 2, 7:00 p.m., Mt Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St., Milwaukee and Sunday, Dec 4, 3:00 p.m., St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 6705 Northway, Greendale. Tickets are available on their website or contact Richard Ewert, their accompanist. www.LutheranACappella.org

CHRISTMAS BELLS ARE RINGING IN GREENFIELD: There's no better way to ring in the season than with the Milwaukee Handbell Ensemble! Enthralling audiences for two decades, this unique group has performed with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra, Bel Canto Chorus, Midwest Vocal Express, and across the United States. Under the direction of Kaethe Grabenhofer, MHE plays music from many genres on six octaves of Schulmerich handbells and hand chimes, along with other instruments. Join them for an evening of Christmas carols and holiday favorites! **Friday, Dec 2, 7:00 p.m. Mt. Zion Lutheran Church 3820 W. Layton Ave. in Greenfield**

FREE BARBERSHOP CONCERT AT EGL: You are invited to join the Midwest Vocal Express and Forward Harmony Barbershop choruses as we "Welcome Christmas." This free concert will be on Sunday, Dec 4, from 4:00-5:00 in the gym. This group has been practicing at EGL for over a year and wanted to share their talents with us as an early Christmas gift.

EVENT AT BLESSED SAVIOR: On Dec 1, at 11:00 a.m. there will be a program presented by Mr. and Mrs. David Weidenkeller. They will portray Mary and Joseph. A first hand look at that first Christmas. Lunch will follow at Blessed Savior. There will be a free will collection. If interested in attending, please contact Kathy Herbst by Nov 27. She can be reached via email, kherbst129@gmail.com or phone 262-784-9575.

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.

Bernice McCloskey	Joanne Kowach
Ken Dahlke	John Seals

Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:

Rebecca (Burhop) Butler
Katherine Leaf
Will Myatt
Alex Ohde
Joshua Tesch

AOR Team Leader Dwight Schettler provides the following update for the congregation following their visit with EGL last week.

There are three (3) next step activities underway:

- Inviting EGL members to prayerfully consider appointment to a new *Reconciliation Ministry* for EGL. Our team identified 4 individuals for this consideration and I have been able to connect with 3 of the 4 so far.
- Finalizing and delivering Written Report
- Planning for Return Visit by team leader

We commit to delivering the written report within 30 days of our "Part 2 Visit" which was this last weekend. Generally we deliver it far sooner than that.

Regarding the return visit, this is what is stipulated in the agreement:

Follow-Up Engagement: Once a Congregation invests in the process described above, it will want to make best use of its time and financial investment by committing to follow-up. Follow-up is important because it creates a sense of accountability and gives the Congregation a chance to review its progress with those who helped them set the course. One of the team members will provide one day of consultation within 90 days after the Congregation receives the written report. That consultation includes eight hours for evaluation of the process and after-intervention consultation.

In addition, the Congregation's reconcilers who have been identified and charged with the responsibility of leading the Congregation through on-going peacemaking efforts can be better equipped with a consulting agreement with one or more of the team members. The Congregation can contract with AoR for this additional work.

The written report will include the following recommendation related to the return visit:

Within the next 90 days, leaders of Elm Grove Lutheran Church are encouraged to schedule the follow-up engagement with the reconciliation team. This would serve as an opportunity to review what the leaders have implemented, to encourage them to continue doing what's right, to make additional suggestions, and to help hold the congregation accountable to its commitments. It may also be used for a mediation or leadership training (such as one of the seminars listed above). One day of consultation (or mediation or training) is included in the proposal. We will provide recommendations on how to best use this time when the return engagement is scheduled.