

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 22, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.

Service of Prayer and Preaching

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

O God of Light – Alfred V. Fedak

Opening Hymn

836, O God of Light

STAND

Opening Versicles – Old Testament Canticle

LSB 260 ff

SIT

First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

Choral Response

Greet the Rising Sun – Robert A. Hobby

Epistle

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

STAND

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:12-25

Common Responsory

LSB 263

Catechism: Q&A 211-215, 217-218

P Where can I find the Church within the world? How do I recognize the Church?

C **Even though I cannot see the Church (as a community of believers), I can see identifying characteristics (also called "marks") of the Church.**

- P What are the identifying characteristics of the church?
- C The identifying marks that guarantee the presence of the Church are the pure proclamation of the Gospel and the right administration of the Sacraments. Where these are, the Spirit creates faith. God's Word of promise is sure and does what it says.**
- P What are some other outward indications that the Church is present?
- C Such things as gatherings for prayer and worship, the fruits of faith, and suffering for Christ also serve as good outward indications that the Church is present without guaranteeing it. The Church also uses the Office of the Keys to rebuke and to forgive sins, as well as to consecrate ministers to preach and teach on behalf of all.**
- P What is the mission of the Church on earth?
- C The Church's mission is to confess and proclaim the forgiveness of sins for Jesus' sake by preaching the Word, administering the Sacraments, sending missionaries, and establishing new congregations and by the daily witness of the baptized children of God, His royal priesthood.**
- P What are some of the privileges and responsibilities of members of the Church?
- C We should regularly receive the Word and Sacraments within the community of believers. We should belong to congregations that confess and teach the pure Word of God. We should beware of and avoid false teachings, false teachers, and organizations that promote false teaching. We should tell others about Jesus, participate in works of mercy and service, and support the ministry of the church with prayer and financial gifts.**
- P Will the Church always exist
- C Yes. The Holy Spirit will preserve the Church and keep it with Christ until He returns.**
- P Should I expect the Church's life to be one of continual peace and harmony?
- C No, not in this life. I can expect the Church in the present age to be locked in a continual struggle with Satan as he lashes out desperately against Christ's people (Church Militant). In the end, yes. I can expect the Church to celebrate the final victory over Satan and the forces of darkness when Christ returns (Church Triumphant).**

SIT

Hymn of the Day	839, O Christ, Our True and Only Light
Sermon	"The Light Has Come" (Matthew 4:12-16)
Offering	O Christ, Our True and Only Light – Paul O. Manz

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

STAND

Prayer - Blessing

LSB 265 ff

Closing Hymn

643, Sent Forth by God's Blessing

Postlude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright – Charles W. Ore

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 turned 99 on January 20.

Participants

Liturgist	Pastor Aaron Reseburg
Preacher	Vicar Sam Lee
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Choir	Exultate Singers
Instruments/Percussion	Benjamin Ewert, Carol Ewert, Emily Ewert, Pam Ganswindt, Carrie Marble, Laura Traas, Cathy Tuttrup, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox
Elder	Rick Wegner
Chancel Assistant	John Schaefer
Usher Team on duty	Sharon Boudro, Tom Brojanac, Gene Brunner, Michael Brunner, Lizzie Ky, Tyler Ky, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Haley Williams, Max Williams

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Jason Krueger

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

USHER TEAM: (Team 2: Evie Anderson, Aaron DeWitt, Steve Nelson, Cathy Tuttrup, Terry Tuttrup, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 (8:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Justin Speck

USHER TEAM: (Team 3: Ben Thompson, Sam Thompson, Henry Van Schaick, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29 (10:45 a.m.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Justin Speck

USHER TEAM: (Team 4: Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Duane Wunsch)

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

- S 8:00 a.m. Worship (SOPP)
9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship (DS3)
NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
- M NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)
- T NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)
5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (229)
7:30 p.m. Work Program (228)
- W NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
10:00 a.m. Church History Study (BAAC)
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
5:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study (BAAC)
7:00 p.m. Basketball Rental (Gym)
7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers
- T NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
6:30 p.m. Worship
- F NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
5:30 p.m. MS Youth Event
- S NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK
6:00 p.m. Trivia Night (CLC)

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
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IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 240 attended services last week in person. **61** households streamed the services for a total of **301**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to Terry Sousek and his family on the death of Kristine, who died on Wed, Jan 18. A funeral service for Kris will be here at EGL at 11:00 a.m. on Wed, Jan 25, with a visitation from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the service. "I know that My Redeemer lives..."

LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE 2ND ANNUAL TRIVIA NIGHT!: Your Elm Grove Lutheran PTL has extended the deadline to get registration forms in by next Wednesday, January 25! Please fill out the form (in the back of the Nave) and

turn it into the school office, OR send it via email to elmgrovePTL@gmail.com. A fun night full of fun and laughter awaits... and supports this year's 8th Grade trip and graduation.

DOOR OPEN EGL: The Board of Christian Education would like to invite all members to an open house on Sunday, January 29. Join us between the services and/or after the late service, where you can meet the teachers, see the classrooms and hear about all the incredible activities that our students are doing! We hope to see you there!

ELM GROVE LUTHERAN SPIRIT TOURNAMENT is right around the corner! We are celebrating the tournament's 47th year this coming February. The tournament dates are Wed, Feb 8 – Sat, Feb 11. We are currently looking to see if you and your business

would be interested in purchasing an advertisement for our tournament advertisement wall. This wall will be seen by hundreds of guests as we will be hosting 10 schools from around the area. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Joe Benson at athletics@egl.org for more information.

SPIRIT TOURNAMENT DONATIONS: Did you know that we have an amazing selection of concessions that we offer during the spirit tournament? Sloppy joes, chili, loaded baked potatoes and Deb Tesch's famous shredded turkey sandwiches (just to name a few)! In order to offset the cost of running the concession stand, we are looking for donations from our church community. We are in need of: bottles of ketchup and mustard, plastic spoons and forks, napkins, cans of Coke, Diet Coke and Sprite, bottles of water (16.9 oz size) and fun size bags of chips (Frito-Lay variety). Any donations can be turned in to the church office. Thank you for supporting the EGL Spirit Tournament!

EGLS BAKING CLUB: A baking club for students at EGL in 3rd-8th grade will be beginning in February and run until May. Supplies and donations are need. Will you please help us by donating one or more of these items? We are looking for 6 boxes of brownie mix, bags of candy melts found at Joanns, Michaels or Hobby Lobby (3 pink, 2 white, 2 red), 2 bottles of vegetable oil, 2 boxes of sandwich baggies, 1 box of quart size baggies, 1 box of snack size baggies, 3 packages of plates, wax paper, small dish soap, and plastic spoons. If you have any questions please email Mr. and Mrs. Dodge at grade3@egl.org or grade5@egl.org. Please bring donations to the school or church office no later than Feb 3. Thank you so much!

EPIC YOUTH (Middle School & Freshmen) will be having our monthly Friday Night event on Friday, January 27, in the Youth Room at 5:30 p.m. There will be FREE FOOD, games, and fellowship, so make sure to bring a friend! Sign up by emailing youth@egl.org or talk to Ben Ewert or Pastor Reseburg. To stay updated with all things youth make sure to follow our instagram at [@egl.youth](https://www.instagram.com/egl.youth)."

EGL PRAYER CHAIN: The prayer chain at EGL is a group of "prayer warriors" who receive prayer requests. The prayer requests received are from EGL members, friends, relatives, or others who are asking for this team to pray for them. We offer prayers of:

thanksgiving, comfort, praise, strength, peace, blessings, wisdom, and healing. If you wish to receive prayers from our prayer warriors please contact Mindy Aldinger at prayerchain@egl.org.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, February 15, 2023, 2:00 - 6:30 P.M. Make your appointment online at Versiti.org or contact Rick Ewert 262.289.9333 / BloodDrive@egl.org. Each unit of blood donated will ultimately save up to 3 local patients' lives in hospitals serving our families.

APOR INSTALLATION SERVICE: The annual meeting for A Place of Refuge Ministries [APOR], our Milwaukee area LCMS ministry to pregnant women in need, is scheduled for Sunday, Feb 19. Area LCMS churches may be represented by one pastor and one lay delegate. Other members, especially APOR volunteers and supporters, are also invited to join in this celebration of life. The opening service will include the Installation of our new Executive Director, Deaconess Grace Rao. All APOR friends are invited! The meeting will take place at Immanuel Lutheran Church – Brookfield (13445 Hampton Road) at 4 p.m. A catered meal will be provided along with highlights of how the Lord has been blessing this Christ-centered ministry. Registration link: <https://www.aplaceofrefuge.org/annual-meeting> or call (414) 760-2483. Please make plans to join with your fellow Lutherans in celebrating 30 years of blessings

APOR REFUGE HOUSE MANAGER: APOR is looking for applicants for the full-time position of Refuge House Manager. The House Manager has a unique opportunity to nurture and support the pregnant women that we serve. If you are interested or know someone who would be a good candidate, please contact APOR Board President, Rev David Paape, at repaa@aol.com or 414-430-5030.

HONOR BAND CONCERT: The Lutheran High School Association invites you to the Honor Band Concert on Thurs, Jan 26, at 7:00 p.m. Select band members from Milwaukee Lutheran, Martin Luther, and Lake Country Lutheran High School will perform wonderful band music, directed by Dr. Jeffrey Doebler, Band Director at Valparaiso University. The concert will be held in Lake Country Lutheran's Performing Arts Center. (401 Campus Drive, Hartland, WI 53029) A free-will offering will be received.

NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Another evening ladies Bible study is being pulled together, this one to be held in the BAAC 5:30-7:00. This study will read and discuss CPH's book, *Joy: A Study of Philippians*, by Deb Burma. The idea is to meet on Wednesdays, except during Lent, when they will shift to Mondays. It will start already next week, January 25. Call Nancy Wolck (262-844-4984) for more details.

LWML: The LWML morning group will meet on Wed., Feb. 1, in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study, "**Covered by God's Grace,**" is found on pages 18-19 of the winter issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. As Christians, we are precious in God's sight and especially precious that we are covered by God's grace. Plan to attend. All women of our congregation are most welcome.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Feb 16, at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC. The book to be discussed is ***The Good Hope Road*** by Lisa Wingate. Any questions, please call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

ROE V. WADE DECISION: The group Lutherans For Life rejoices that an egregious injustice has been rectified. Thanks be to God for the Supreme Court's reversal of the erroneous Roe v. Wade decision! Our nation and culture owe a great debt of gratitude to fifty years of Gospel-motivated voices For Life. Their faithful witness of courage and compassion has influenced successive generations to acknowledge the reality that God creates, redeems, and calls every human life to be His own precious treasure from fertilization to forever. And we delight to receive each one as a gift and a privilege. (<https://lutheransforlife.org/roe-v-wade-overturned/>)

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH HELP NEEDED: On June 22-25, 2023, the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will host its 40th Biennial Convention at the Wisconsin Center in Downtown Milwaukee. Many women and men from the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, around the nation and the world, will come to celebrate under the theme of "*Lord of the Nations.*". High school students, do you need service hours? Would you be available to lend a helping hand for the many incoming LWML friends? There is plenty to do! For example, the LWML is hoping to have youth help travelers arriving for the convention by loading luggage onto shuttle buses at the airport and helping unload luggage at the many hotels near the convention center. We are looking for

workers to help with four-hour shifts beginning Tuesday evening, June 21, through Thursday evening, June 23. Shifts would most likely be scheduled from 8 a.m.-noon, noon-4 p.m., and 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Exact hours will be set after travel plans have been submitted by convention attendees. There are other opportunities to serve during the convention also. Speak to Pr Skovgaard or Pr Reseburg, if interested.

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.
Judy Hansen Christ Sousek
Linda Goba Bernice McCloskey

Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:

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

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