

# ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

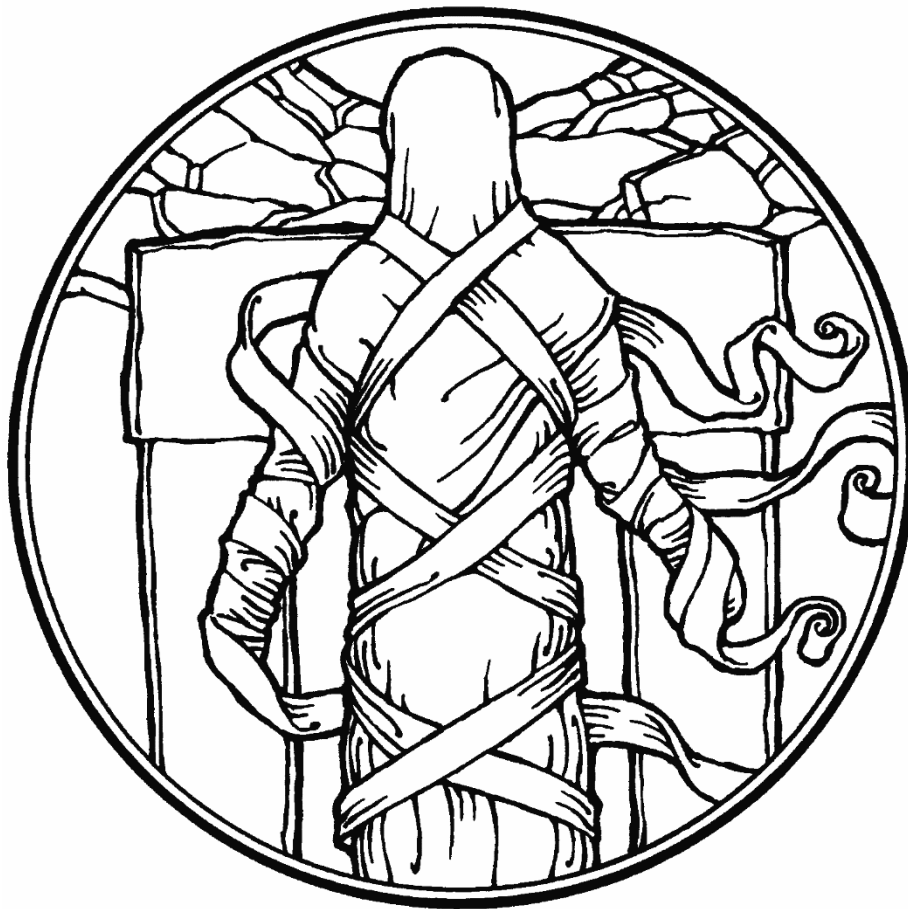
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

*Sunday, March 26, 2023 - 8:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.*

## Divine Service 3



## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing – Paul O. Manz

Hymn of Invocation

686, Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

## Confession and Absolution

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

Psalm 116:1-4, 8; antiphon: v. 15



P Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his saints.

**C I love the LORD, because | he has heard\*  
my voice and my pleas for | mercy.**

P Because he inclined his | ear to me,\*  
therefore I will call on him as long | as I live.

**C The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid | hold on me;\*  
I suffered distress and | anguish.**

P Then I called on the name | of the LORD:\*  
"O LORD, I pray, deliv- | er my soul!"

**C For you have delivered my | soul from death,\*  
my eyes from tears, my feet from | stumbling.**

P Precious in the sight | of the LORD\*  
is the death | of his saints.

### Gloria Patri

LSB 186



**G** Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

### Kyrie

LSB 186



**G** Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

P Let us pray.

Almighty God, by Your great goodness mercifully look upon Your people that we may be governed and preserved evermore in body and soul; through 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

**Ezekiel 37:1–14**

<sup>1</sup>The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of the valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>And he led me around among them, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley, and behold, they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy over these bones, and say to them, O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Behold, I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>And I will lay sinews upon you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live, and you shall know that I am the LORD." <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I prophesied, there was a sound, and behold, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup>And I looked, and behold, there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them. But there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to the breath, Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived and stood on their feet, an exceedingly great army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the LORD."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

**C the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

**C and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

## Epistle

Romans 8:1–11

<sup>1</sup>There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup>For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup>For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup>in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. <sup>5</sup>For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup>To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. <sup>7</sup>For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. <sup>8</sup>Those who are in the flesh cannot please God. <sup>9</sup>You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. <sup>10</sup>But if Christ is in you, although the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. <sup>11</sup>If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

STAND

## Holy Gospel

John 11:1–45

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



**G** Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup>It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup>So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup>But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

<sup>5</sup>Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup>So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup>Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup>The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup>Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the

day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world.

<sup>10</sup>But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." <sup>11</sup>After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him."

<sup>12</sup>The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup>Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup>Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup>and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup>So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup>Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days.

<sup>18</sup>Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup>and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup>So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup>Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup>But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup>Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup>Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup>Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup>and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup>She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

<sup>28</sup>When she had said this, she went and called her sister Mary, saying in private, "The Teacher is here and is calling for you." <sup>29</sup>And when she heard it, she rose quickly and went to him. <sup>30</sup>Now Jesus had not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha had met him.

<sup>31</sup>When the Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary rise quickly and go out, they followed her, supposing that she was going to the tomb to weep there. <sup>32</sup>Now when Mary came to where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet, saying to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in his spirit and greatly troubled. <sup>34</sup>And he said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus wept. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man also have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, deeply moved again, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone lay against it.

<sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I said this on account of the people standing around, that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said these things, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out." <sup>44</sup>The man who had died came out, his hands and feet bound with linen strips, and his face wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

<sup>45</sup>Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what he did, believed in him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.



### **Nicene Creed**

**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.**

SIT

Hymn of the Day

430, My Song Is Love Unknown

Sermon

“How Does the Death of Lazarus Glorify God?” (John 11:4)

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

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

Offering

My Song Is Love Unknown – Michael Burkhardt

STAND

Prayer of the Church



## 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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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

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  $\text{†}$  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  $\text{†}$  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 always.

**C Amen.**

**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 Distribution**

**552, O Christ, Who Shared Our Mortal Life**  
stzs 1, 9 & 10, 4

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.

O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen.**

### Salutation & Benedicamus

P The Lord be with you.

**C And with thy spirit.**

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



☐ A-men, a-men, a - men.

## Closing Hymn

433, Glory Be to Jesus

## Postlude

Glory Be to Jesus – Camil Van Hulse

ALTAR PARAMENTS: Purple paraments suggest the somber, solemn mood of this penitential season while the symbols of torture bring to mind Christ's suffering and death to save us.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Michael & Carrie Marble for the blessing of our son Anthony and granddaughter Octavia Bagwell. "*Jesus Loves me, This I know.*"

### Participants

Presiding Minister  
Assisting Minister  
Organist  
Elder  
Chancel Assistant  
Usher Team on duty

Pastor Eric Skovgaard  
Pastor Aaron Reseburg  
Richard C. Ewert  
Bruce Bessert

(8:00) James Drabiszczak (10:45) Doug Grell  
(8:00) Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert,  
Sam Ewert, Kirk Midtbo, Ken Schuppner

(10:45) Sharon Boudro, Tom Brojanac, Gene Brunner, Lizzie Ky,  
Tyler Ky, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Haley Williams, Max Williams  
(8:00) Nancy Ewert, Diane Olson  
(10:45) Karen Clark, Irma Witzke

Altar Guild

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK:**

#### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29 (6:30 p.m.)**

ELDER: Charlie Ewert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

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

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 2 PALM SUNDAY (8:00 a.m.)**

ELDER: Jason Krueger

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: John Schaefer

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

#### **SUNDAY, APRIL 2 PALM SUNDAY (10:45 a.m.)**

ELDER: Jason Krueger

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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

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**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

- S 8:00 a.m. Worship (DS3)  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study & Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship (DS3)  
7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (CLC)
- M 5:00 p.m. Board of Finance (229)  
5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)  
5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting (228)  
7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)
- T 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)  
5:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting (FL)  
5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)  
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting (228)
- W 10:00 a.m. Church History Study (BAAC)  
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)  
5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner (FH)  
6:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service (Compline)  
7:00 p.m. Basketball Rental (Gym)  
7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
- T 8:15 a.m. Chapel
- S 8:30 a.m. Sunshine Dancers

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**OFFICE HOURS**  
Offices are open Mon. – Fri.  
8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

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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: 237** attended services last week in person. **112** households streamed the services for a total of **349**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**MISSING A JACKET?:** A blue Hawke & Co. jacket was found in the back of Church. If this is yours please contact Amy in the Church office ([astroh@egl.org](mailto:astroh@egl.org) or 262-797-2970).

**THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE** in collaboration with The Lutheran Heritage Chorale presents "Praise & Inspiration;" a concert of familiar spirituals and gospel music. Concert Dates are Friday, April 21, 7:30 p.m. St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 6705 Northway, Greendale, WI 53129 and Sunday, April 23, 3:00 p.m., Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St., Milwaukee, WI 53222. Contact Bruce Bessert or Rick

Ewert for tickets or visit the website: <https://www.lutheranacappella.org/>

**BASKETS OF BLESSINGS:** Would you like to bring some cheer and Easter blessings to a fellow EGL member who finds it difficult to get to church? We will provide the baskets for you to pick up in the lower lobby with the name(s), contact information, and suggested list of items between services on Sunday March 19 and 26. Please pick out a name, fill the basket and deliver it before Easter with Easter blessings from all of us. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Thompson (262-784-3886) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494).

**EASTER BREAKFAST:** Please join us for fellowship with Easter Breakfast between services on Easter Sunday from 8:15 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. If you would like to assist or bring a dish to share, please contact Deb Weller 262-290-8665 or [dweller625@gmail.com](mailto:dweller625@gmail.com).

**A WORLD FOR CHRIST:** The South Wisconsin District of the LWML is hosting a "Heart to Heart: Sisters of All Nations" annual multicultural event at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brookfield (13445 Hampton Road) on Saturday, April 15, from 8:30-1:30. All are welcome as we endeavor to reach the world with Christ.

**CAMP LUWISOMO:** Summer Camp for pre-K through high school registrations are due by March 31 in order to save \$50. Go here to check out the opportunities: [www.luwisomo.org](http://www.luwisomo.org). LuWiSoMo Summer Camps provide faith-growing opportunities and unique learning experiences while having fun in a beautiful, Christ-centered, outdoor ministry setting. Don't miss out! Join the fun and bring a friend too!

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** The Board of Evangelism's Easter Egg Hunt is back! On Saturday, April 1, there will be egg hunts for ages 0-12, treats, and an Easter message given by Pastor Reseberg. The event starts at 9 a.m., so grab your basket or bucket and come join in some fun and fellowship! Please use the sign-up genius link to donate some needed food items, sign up to help, and RSVP to the event. If you have any questions you can email Kenzie Peters at [kpeters@egl.org](mailto:kpeters@egl.org). See you there! <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4CAEAC2DA7F9C07-easter>

**EGL BOOK DISCUSSION:** Our Book Discussion Group will celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a luncheon on March 30, at 11:30 a.m. at Yemas Restaurant in Elm Grove. Please let Barb Kurth know by March 27 if you plan to attend. 262-345-5083 or [btkurth26@wi.rr.com](mailto:btkurth26@wi.rr.com)

**LWML:** The morning group of LWML will be meeting in the BAAC on Wednesday, April 5, at 10:00 a.m. "**God's Chosen People Yesterday and Today**" is the title of the Bible Study. It is divided into 4 parts. For the April meeting, we will focus on "Yesterday – Old Testament," Part One – The Abraham Covenant and Part Two – The Mosaic Covenant. This is found on page 16 of the spring issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*. Plan to attend. Then, in May we will study Parts 3 and 4.

**T-BALL:** Registration for T-ball has begun. Do you have or know a 4, 5, or 6 year old girl or boy who wants to play on a fun, non-competitive T-Ball team? Games are held on Wednesday, June 7 – June 28

from 5:45 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Lutheran School field. Sign up forms are in the tract racks. Any questions please contact Jeff Timm at [timmcookie@aol.com](mailto:timmcookie@aol.com).

**VOCATIO:** Know a high school student interested in church work? Encourage him or her to register for *Vocatio*, a free, faith-filled and fun opportunity for high school students to explore God's calling and direction for them. This weeklong retreat, set for June 24 through July 1, encourages high schoolers to find God's calling for their lives through experiencing many aspects of Seminary life including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and some fun and recreation! Participants will learn about the Lutheran faith and various church work vocations, participate in a servant event and attend a virtual Concordia University System college fair. The deadline to register is May 27. Talk to your pastors if you'd like more information. You can register here: <https://www.csl.edu/admissions/visit/vocatio/>.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will not meet April 9, Easter. Celebrate with us in church with our resurrected Lord.

**EGL YARD CLEAN-UP:** Would you be interested helping do some spring yard clean up at EGL in mid April? We are thinking about a Saturday morning. If so, please contact Amy in the Church office ([astroh@egl.org](mailto:astroh@egl.org)/262-797-2970).

**NEED A PIANO?** We have a Kohler & Campbell spinet piano in very good condition that we no longer use. It would be FREE to someone who can use it and can get it from our house. It does need to be tuned, and includes a bench. Please contact Greg or Deb Margrett with any questions (262.894.3445/[gmargrett@gmail.com](mailto:gmargrett@gmail.com)).

**PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY...** You're invited to attend the 2023 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, June 16 and Saturday, June 17 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: LCMS President Matt Harrison, Mollie Hemingway of Fox News, Mark Hemingway of RealClear Investigations, Kyle Mann of The Babylon Bee, Pastor Peter Bender of the Concordia Catechetical Academy, San Francisco Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. The registration fee is \$160 and includes three meals. Reduced room rates, including on-

campus dorms, are available. For more information, visit [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.

### **DIRECT YOUR THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS TO**

**EGL:** If you have Thrivent life or health insurance or annuity products, you may be eligible to direct where Thrivent distributes some of its charitable grant funds. You have until March 31, to direct your 2022 Choice Dollars if you haven't done so already. Please consider Elm Grove Lutheran Church or School as your nonprofit of choice. If you have any questions, contact your Thrivent rep, or Board of Stewardship member Sue Wilcox ([suew14237@gmail.com](mailto:suew14237@gmail.com)).

### **ARE YOU YEARNING TO SHARE CHRIST WITH NONCHURCHED PEOPLE, BUT NOT SURE HOW**

**TO?** Use the relational "LASSIE" approach: **Listen-Ask-Seek-Share-Invite-Encourage** for ongoing conversations to bring hope in Christ to the lost people around you. **INVITE:** to intentionally continue a witnessing dialogue (at any point in the process) with someone, make appealing invitations to activities that are suited to their interests, personality and needs. Be sure to follow up with appropriate Timing, Tools, and Tact to keep the conversation going without forcing it. Continue to pray for the Holy Spirit's wisdom so you will know how to share God's Word with "gentleness and respect." For more information or tips, visit [www.everyonehiswitness.org](http://www.everyonehiswitness.org) online or ask your Evangelism Board members. Let's share our HOPE in Christ with our neighbors this Lenten season!

**CANDIDATES SOUGHT:** The EGL nominating committee is seeking individuals to run for the various boards of the congregation. If elected terms would begin 7/1/2023. Please contact the church office or members of the nominating committee to learn more. Nominating Committee members are Paul Haut, Dennis Hipenbecker, Amy Stroh, Mark Ewert and James Drabiszczak.

### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

**NEEDED:** At the February Voters' Assembly a motion was passed to immediately appoint a committee to review and update EGL's governance model and accordingly, the supporting constitution and bylaws, with recommendations to the Voters' Assembly in February 2024. If you are interested in joining the Governance committee, please contact Congregation President Mark Ewert – 262-366-2773 or [mcewert@gmail.com](mailto:mcewert@gmail.com).

**EASTER ALTAR FLOWERS:** EGL will once again be having a display of flowers in the chancel area for our Easter celebration. If you are interested in sponsoring a plant, please see the order forms in the tract rack area. Order forms are also available in the SEASONS. Questions, please call Linda Haut at 262-782-7356 or 414-254-2918. Deadline for orders is Palm Sunday.

**SOLES FOR JESUS:** LWML will continue to collect gently used or new men's, women's, and children's shoes. These shoes will be sent to Sub-Saharan Africa, where many people are unable to work or attend school, because they do not have a pair of shoes. The collection box will be located in the church's upper entryway.

**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.

Elaine Peppel  
Norma Scott

Nancy Schuchardt  
Shirley Wartchow

### **Remember those serving in the Armed Forces:**

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