

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Thursday, November 16, 2023 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 19, 2023 - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service 2



Sermon "Two Responses to a Prodigal Master" (Matthew 25:14-30)

Apostles' Creed - Prayer of the Church p. 175

Offering 781, We Give Thee But Thine Own
786, Lord of All Good

[God's people at Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church are invited at the direction of the ushers to come forward, placing their stewardship pledges (and BAAM forms) in the large brown box at the front of the nave, and then proceeding to place their regular offerings and attendance cards in the offering plates on the communion rails.]

Offertory – Agnus Dei p. 176-180

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.

Hymns During Distribution 663, Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray
665, Be Strong in the Lord

Post-Communion Canticle – Benediction pp. 181-183

Closing Hymn 660, Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus

Postlude Stand Up! Stand Up for Jesus – Benjamin M. Culli

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

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

WHY STATEMENT (Draft)

"God has placed Elm Grove Lutheran here to proclaim Christ so that all may receive God's gifts in Word and Sacrament to have life now and forever."

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Elder	(6:30) Rick Wegner, (9:00) John Wolck
Chancel Assistant	(6:30) Kirk Midtbo, (9:00) James Drabiszczak
Usher Team on duty	(6:30) Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert, Sam Ewert, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch (9:00) Sharon Boudro, Dick Knutson, Lizzie Ky, Tyler Ky, Kirk Midtbo, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Terry Sousek, Sam Thompson
Altar Guild	(6:30) Helen Moore, Irma Witzke (9:00) Luanne Schaefer, Sue Schmalzer

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: John Schaefer

USHER TEAM: (Team 1: Andrew Alles, Ella Donath, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

USHER TEAM: (Team 2: Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox)

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Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, November 19, 2023 – Volume 74, Number 11.3

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 12:00 p.m. Youth Confirmation (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	W	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Worship 7:00 p.m. Gym Rental (Gym)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (Nave) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	Th	Happy Thanksgiving Office Closed
T	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (Nave)	F	Office Closed

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 171 attended services last week in person. **78** households streamed the services for a total of **249**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: Ladies, Advent by Candlelight is coming soon. It will be Sun, Dec. 3, 3:30-5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a lovely way for you to prepare your heart for Advent. This will also be a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend, relative or neighbor to hear the prophesy of Jesus' birth in the Old and New Testaments. Please call Meg Greik (262-309-9861) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494) by Monday, NOV. 27, for your reservation. A \$3 donation will be received at the door.

FOOD INGATHERING: EGL will be collecting food and money to support our inner-city church partner food pantries. Please either place the food in the lower-level entry, or bring to church the weekend before Thanksgiving, or to the service Wednesday evening, November 22.

WEEKDAY MENS' BIBLE STUDY: After a long break, the weekday mens' Bible study is being resurrected! EGL men and friends are invited to join their brothers in Christ on Tuesday mornings, 7:00-8:00 a.m. in the conference room for a time of study and prayer. We begin on Nov 28, the first

Tuesday after Thanksgiving. To get the theological juices flowing again, the first few weeks we will look at selected Psalms and the history behind their composition.

THANK YOU to everyone who baked delicious cookies for our college students and shut ins! There was a wonderful response.

CHURCH DIRECTORY APP PHOTO: The holidays are the perfect time of year for family photos! While you are gathering with family for Thanksgiving and Christmas, why not take a new family photo and upload it to the church directory app?! Any Evangelism board member would be happy to help you.

OFFERINGS FROM SPECIAL SERVICES: Do you ever wonder where the special services money goes? The offering money from Thanksgiving and Christmas Day is given to the Board of Evangelism to pass along to a designated person or organization. This holiday season it will be going to a missionary in the field. There will be more details to come on who the recipient will be.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS: Thank you for your blood donation. We had a very successful blood drive Wed, Nov. 15. Demand for blood increases with deer hunting and holiday travel. The 20 blood products collected will save up to 60 local patient lives.

THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents their Christmas concert, "And the Glory of the Lord." Fri, Dec. 1, 7:30 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St, Milwaukee and Sun, Dec 3, 3:00 p.m. at St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 6705 Northway, Greendale. Tickets are \$15 General Admission. Students are free with student ID. Tickets can be purchased at <https://lutheranacappella.org/> or talk to Bruce Bessert or Rick Ewert. Christmas anthems and movements from Handel's Messiah, including the Hallelujah chorus will be presented.

PATHS TO LUTHERANISM: In recent weeks Issuesetc.org has been broadcasting interviews with confessional Lutherans who have joined our ranks from other Christian confessions as well as other religions. This was part of the Church's celebration of the Reformation in October. Go to www.issuesetc.org, search for "paths to

Lutheranism," and you will find a number of various religious journeys people have made into our fellowship. For instance, on November 3 there was an interview with Sahar Sadlovsky, a former adherent to Judaism, who lives and works in Tel Aviv. On the same day, you will also find an interview with Mrs Parisa Karami, who grew up in Iran as a Muslim but is now studying to be a deaconess. However, you can also listen to interviews with former Baptists, Catholics, and American evangelicals (think non-denominational).

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The book to be read and discussed for December is *Love Comes Softly* by Janette Oke. If you like to read and discuss books, you may be interested in joining our group. Please call Barb Kurth if you have questions at 262-345-5083.

"The Mayflower Pilgrims" interview on Issues Etc. Consider listening to this interview as a family and answering the following questions as a way to enrich your family's Thanksgiving celebration. Copy the following link into your browser and enjoy!

<http://issuesetc.org/podcast/21891124162.mp3>

#1 Who is being interviewed by Todd Wilken in this interview? Where does he serve as pastor?

#2 Roughly how many Mayflower Pilgrim descendants are there in the world today?

#3 Who were the Puritans? How were they different from the Separatists?

#4 Did the interviewee have any relatives on the Mayflower who were saved from drowning during the crossing of the Atlantic? What was his name?

#5 Which Luther commentary (on a book of the Bible) did Plymouth colony Governor Bradford have in his library?

#6 Did the Pilgrims celebrate Christmas in those early colonial years? Which national holiday that we still celebrate nowadays did they celebrate? How was this different from the southern colonies?