

# ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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## FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Sunday, December 3, 2023 – 9:00 a.m.

### Divine Service 2

#### Welcome & Announcements

#### Prelude

Savior of the Nations, Come – Paul O. Manz

#### Hymn of Invocation

332, Savior of the Nations, Come

*1 All, 2 Women, 3 Organ, 4 Men, 5 Organ, 6 Men, 7 Women, 8 (stand) All*

### Baptism of Frank James Pleester III and Jonathan James Pleester

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

**C Amen.**

P Dearly beloved, Christ our Lord says in the last chapter of Matthew, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In the last chapter of Mark our Lord promises, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." And the apostle Peter has written, "Baptism now saves you."

The Word of God also teaches that we are all conceived and born sinful and are under the power of the devil until Christ claims us as His own. We would be lost forever unless delivered from sin, death, and everlasting condemnation. But the Father of all mercy and grace has sent His Son Jesus Christ, who atoned for the sin of the whole world, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

P How are you named?

*R Frank James Pleester III and Jonathan James Pleester*

P Frank James and Jonathan James, receive the sign of the holy cross both upon your ✠ foreheads and upon your ✠ hearts to mark you as one redeemed by Christ the crucified.

P Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, according to Your strict judgment You condemned the unbelieving world through the flood, yet according to Your great mercy You preserved believing Noah and his family, eight souls in all. You drowned hard-hearted Pharaoh and all his host in the Red Sea, yet led Your people Israel through the water on dry ground, foreshadowing this washing of Your Holy Baptism. Through the Baptism in the Jordan of Your beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, You sanctified and instituted all waters to be a blessed flood and a lavish washing away of sin.

We pray that You would behold Frank and Jonathan according to Your boundless mercy and bless them with true faith by the Holy Spirit, that through this saving flood all sin in them, which has been inherited from Adam and which they themselves have committed since, would be drowned and die. Grant that they be kept safe and secure in the holy ark of the Christian Church, being separated from the multitude of unbelievers and serving Your name at all times with a fervent spirit and a joyful hope, so that, with all believers in Your promise, they would be declared worthy of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P From ancient times the Church has observed the custom of appointing sponsors for baptismal candidates and catechumens. In the Evangelical Lutheran Church sponsors are to confess the faith expressed in the Apostles' Creed and taught in the Small Catechism. They are, whenever possible, to witness the Baptism of those they sponsor. They are to pray for them, support them in their ongoing instruction and nurture in the Christian faith, and encourage them toward the faithful reception of the Lord's Supper. They are at all times to be examples to them of the holy life of faith in Christ and love for the neighbor.

P Is it your intention to serve Frank and Jonathan as sponsors in the Christian faith?

R *Yes, with the help of God.*

P God enable you both to will and to do this faithful and loving work and with His grace fulfill what we are unable to do.

**C Amen.**

P Hear the Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

They brought young children to [Jesus] that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked those who brought them. But when Jesus saw it, He was greatly displeased and said to them, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it." And He took them up in His arms, put His hands on them, and blessed them.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## The Lord's Prayer (sung)

## 958, Our Father Who Art in Heaven

P The Lord preserve your coming in and your going out from this time forth and even  
✠ forevermore.

**C Amen.**

P Frank and Jonathan, do you renounce the devil?

R *Yes, I renounce him.*

P Do you renounce all his works?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you renounce all his ways?

R *Yes, I renounce them.*

P Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you believe 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Do you 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?

R *Yes, I believe.*

P Frank and Jonathan, do you desire to be baptized?

R *Yes, I do.*

P Frank and Jonathan, I baptize you in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

P The almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life ✠ everlasting.

**C Amen.**

P Receive this white garment to show that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world.

P Receive this burning light to show that you have received Christ who is the Light of the world. Live always in the light of Christ, and be ever watchful for His coming, that you may meet Him with joy and enter with Him into the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which shall have no end.

A In Holy Baptism God the Father has made you members of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs with us of all the treasures of heaven in the one holy Christian and apostolic Church. We receive you in Jesus' name as our brothers in Christ, that together we might hear His Word, receive His gifts, and proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light.

**C Amen. We welcome you in the name of the Lord.**

*STAND*

P Let us pray.

Almighty and most merciful God and Father, we thank and praise You that You graciously preserve and enlarge Your family and have granted Frank and Jonathan the new birth in Holy Baptism and made them members of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, and heirs of Your heavenly kingdom. We humbly implore You that, as they have now become Your children, You would keep them in their baptismal grace, that according to Your good pleasure they may faithfully grow to lead a godly life to the praise and honor of Your holy name and finally, with all Your saints, obtain the promised inheritance in heaven; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**C Amen.**

P Peace be with you.

**C Amen.**

**Introit**

**Psalm 25:1–3; antiphon: Zechariah 9:9b, alt.**



P Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

**C To you, | O LORD,\*  
I lift | up my soul.**

P O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;\*  
let not my enemies exult | over me.

**C Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;\*  
they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.**

**ALL** Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\*  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
as it was in the be- | ginning,\*  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P Behold, your king is com- | ing to you;\*  
righteous and having sal- | vation.

### Collect of the Day

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### Old Testament Reading

**Isaiah 64:1-9 (p. 623)**

### Gradual

**Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26**

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

**C Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

P Behold, your king is coming to you;

**C righteous and having salvation.**

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

**C From the house of the Lord we bless you.**

### Epistle

**1 Corinthians 1:3-9 (p. 952)**

### Alleluia and Verse

**p. 173**

### Holy Gospel

**Mark 11:1–10 (p. 847)**

### Hymn of the Day

**343, Prepare the Royal Highway**

### Sermon

**“Behold Your King!” (Mark 11:9-10)**

### Prayer of the Church

**p. 174**

### Offering

**Prepare the Royal Highway – Robert Buckley Farlee**

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

### Offertory – Agnus Dei

**pp. 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.

**Farewell and Godspeed to Robert and Debra Tesch**

P Beloved in the Lord, in Holy Baptism you became members of the holy Christian Church, and our Lord's Word and Sacraments have nourished you in this congregation for 22 years. As we bid you farewell and Godspeed, hear the words of the apostle Paul:

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. (Phil. 1:3-6)

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord God, heavenly Father, we give thanks that You have so faithfully nourished our brother and sister with us in the communion of this congregation. Bless, protect, and defend them as they now depart from us. Preserve them in the confession of Your name and in loving service to others. Keep us in fellowship with all Your saints, and bring us at last to the joys of Your heavenly kingdom; 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 Go in peace and joy. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**C Amen.**

**Benediction**

**p. 183**

**Closing Hymn**

**348, The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns**

**Postlude**

**The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns – 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 Linda Hoffmann in memory of John and Lenore Baker.

**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  
Organist  
Elder  
Chancel Assistant  
Usher Team on duty  
Altar Guild

Pastor Eric Skovgaard  
Richard C. Ewert  
Doug Grelk  
Kirk Midtbo

Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert,  
Sam Ewert, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch  
Sue Schmalzer, Shelly Skovgaard

**SERVING NEXT WEEK:**

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6 (6:30 p.m.)**

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

USHER TEAM: (Team 5: Sharon Boudro, Dick Knutson, Lizzie Ky, Tyler Ky, Kirk Midtbo, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Terry Sousek, Sam Thompson)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10 (9:00 a.m.)**

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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



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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. Confirmation Class (BAAC) 12:30 p.m. Evangelism Meeting (228) 3:30 p.m. Advent by Candlelight (FH) 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	T	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC) 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (Nave)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (Nave) 6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees (229) 7:00 p.m. Church Council (228)	W	10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheephead (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers 7:00 p.m. Gym Rental (Gym)

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: 225** attended services last week in person. **96** households streamed the services for a total of **321**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**BAPTISM:** During the service on Sunday Jonathan James Pleester and Frank James Pleester III, born 12/29/2015 and 5/3/2018, sons of Frank Pleester, Jr. were baptized. Baptismal sponsors: Brandon and Samantha Lichosik. *"For all of you who were baptized in Christ have been clothed with Christ."*

**DECEMBER VOTERS' MEETING** will be on Dec 17, following the worship service in the nave. Please find the proposed agenda posted on the bulletin board near the elevator.

**CHANCEL CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATING:** If you would like to help decorate the Chancel for Christmas, please plan to come to EGL on Sat Dec 16, at 9:00 a.m.

**CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Dive into Advent Hymnody on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), study 1 Corinthians 12-14 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and learn more about the 3rd Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (10/13 at 9:00 a.m. CT). Music and programming for the 12 Days of Christmas begins December 25! Hear your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](http://kfu.org) or the KFUO Radio app.

**MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES:** Starting on WEDNESDAY, Dec 6, an Advent evening service will be offered at 6:30 p.m. For the duration of Advent there will not be any Thursday evening services. We ask for God's blessing to be upon our Advent services as we prepare our hearts and minds for the celebration of His birth.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** The book to be read and discussed for December is *Love Comes Softly* by Janette

Oke. The date of the meeting has been changed to Thurs, Dec 28, at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC. We will also have our Christmas party at this time. Remember to bring what you signed up for or plan to bring cookies. 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.

**LWML:** The morning group of LWML will be celebrating Christmas with a special Christmas devotion of singing Christmas songs, reading scripture and narration of what Christmas means to each of us on Wed, Dec 6, in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. Following the special devotion, we look forward to fellowship with a luncheon. Each lady is asked to bring a sandwich and 6 cookies for the luncheon. Plan to attend. We extend an invitation to all ladies of our congregation. You are most welcome.

**THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE** presents their Christmas concert, "And the Glory of the Lord." 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.

**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 an overseas missionary. More details to come on who the recipient will be.

**PTL FUNDRAISER:** Please support the Zion Lutheran (Elm Grove Lutheran Campus) PTL by eating at Panera on Greenfield Avenue in Brookfield on Dec. 12, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. 25% of the sales will be donated to the PTL.