

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 14, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service 1



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Awake My Heart With Gladness – Paul O. Manz

Hymn

467, Awake My Heart With Gladness
1 All, 2 Men, 3 Women, 4 All, 5 Men, 6 Women, 7 All

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 30:1-5 (Antiphon Psalm 16:11b)

P In your presence there is fullness of joy;

C at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

P I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up

C and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

P O LORD my God, I cried to you for help,

C and you have healed me.

P O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol;

C you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

P Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints,

C and give praise to his holy name.

P For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

C Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

ALL Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

P In your presence there is fullness of joy;

C at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Kyrie – Salutation and Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast)

First Reading

Acts 3:11-21 (p 911)

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7, Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 John 3:1-7 (p 1022)

Common Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 24:36-49 (p 885)

Hymn of the Day

700, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Sermon

“Then He Opened Their Minds” (Luke 24:45)

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling – Hermene Warlick Eichhorn

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

Offertory

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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 – Agnus Dei

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Hymns During Distribution

458, Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands

462, All the Earth with Joy Is Sounding

483, With High Delight Let Us Unite

Thank the Lord - Benediction

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Closing Hymn

482, This Joyful Eastertide

Postlude

This Joyful Eastertide – Jan O. Bender

ALTAR PARAMENTS: White, the color of light and joy, adorns our chancel today. Christ, the Lamb of God, is victorious over sin, death, and the devil and so we rejoice!

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

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pr. Eric Skovgaard

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Elder

Paul Haut

Chancel Assistant

John Schaefer

Usher Team on duty

Aaron DeWitt, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson,

Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek

Helen Moore, Shelly Skovgaard

Altar Guild

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

USHER TEAM: (Team 1: Aaron DeWitt, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: John Wolck

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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



**KAMMERCHOR
SPRING TOUR
2024**

DIRECTOR
Dr. Alexa Doebele

Sunday, May 5

Worship Service 9:00 am

Elm Grove Lutheran Church



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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (DS1) 10:30 a.m. Adult Study (Exodus) (Nave) Sunday School (FH) 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Study (Acts) (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Gym Rental
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T	9:30 a.m. Book Discussion (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (Biloba)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Study (Psalms) (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC) 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers	S	LWML Rally (FH)

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **155** people that attended services last week in person and **79** households streamed the services for a total of **234**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

GOLF OUTING:



Back by popular demand! The EGL Foundation is organizing a fun-filled day of golf, dinner, and raffle items at Ironwood Golf Club on Friday, May 10. Now is the time to sign up! Money raised from this event will support the multifaceted ways the Foundation invests in and expands the Church's reach with the Gospel -- everything from investing in the education of future full-time Church workers, technology and security needs, Church needs and foreign missions.

DONATIONS REQUEST: As we kick off the Drive to Thrive Golf Outing, we are looking for a few donations. We could use bottles of wine and gift cards to use in our various raffles and games prior to dinner. If you are interested in helping us out, please email us at golfouting@egl.org.

THE KAMMERCHOR from Concordia University Wisconsin is singing at our Sunday morning worship, May 5, 9:00 a.m. This is the first stop on their annual Spring Tour. The Kammerchor is CUW's concert choir. Be sure to worship in-person.

VICAR LEE ORDINATION: It doesn't happen every day that a congregation gets to see a man from within her own ranks go off to seminary and then get ordained. As you all know Dr Samuel Lee has completed his Specific Ministry Pastor program studies through Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana. We have the joy of seeing him ordained here at EGL on Pentecost Day, May 19, at the regular 9:00 a.m. service. What an opportunity for EGL to see this process brought to completion on Pentecost! Thanks are due to you, the congregation, for your support over the last 4+ years! Please set aside that day on your calendars.

WHY DISCOVERY: Last November EGL began the WHY DISCOVERY process with South Wisconsin District Mission Executive Dr Nathan Meador as our facilitator. This process seeks to help congregations re-appreciate who they are in Christ and the work that God has prepared for them to do in their specific acres of God's vineyard, ala Ephesians 2:10. The WHY statement we've developed in collaboration with Meador is: "God has established EGL to proclaim Christ, receiving and sharing His gifts in Word and Sacrament." Broad in scope, this statement is meant to give purpose and anchor all the activities we do in

receiving and sharing the gifts of God. Very soon you will see (likely on the wall in the overflow room) space for adding sticky notes under 5 different subcategories all the events and activities EGL engages in. You are invited to participate and help identify all the things we do, under the applicable subcategory. Those five areas are: education, fellowship, Divine Service and pastoral care, reconciliation, and outreach. Once we see them all on display, we can ask ourselves, how does each activity support that goal of receiving God's gifts and sharing them with others?

DID YOU KNOW? For the groups that often meet in the Bartelt Center, here's some useful information. There is now full internet access there. Maintenance man Paul Pfaff recently extended the work begun a couple of years ago from the Fellowship Hall to the living room of the old parsonage by running the necessary wiring and adding a WiFi extender/booster. Use the same network and password you'd use anywhere else in the Church.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on April 18 at 11:45 a.m. at Parkside 23 Restaurant (2300 Pilgrim Square Dr, Brookfield). Please call Nancy Roozen (262-366-0679) to let her know you will be attending.

CORPUS CHRISTI: Approximately 15 years ago on one of the dozen Higher Things "Dare to be Lutheran" youth gatherings that EGL attended, we had the opportunity to meet a delegation of youth and adults from Scandinavia who were attending that Higher Things gathering with the intention of replicating it for European purposes. A couple of years later CORPUS CHRISTI happened. Not the city in Texas, but the European confessional Lutheran gathering. They meet yearly during the summer to study, worship, and have fun together. The host city changes each year because the young Lutherans come from across Europe, but this summer the program is in the home of the Reformation, Wittenberg, Germany from July 22-26. The program is held mostly in English to accommodate the various languages spoken. This year, Dr Biermann from the St Louis seminary is the featured speaker. One of the biggest differences with the American Higher Things program is that CORPUS CHRISTI focuses on young adults in their 20's rather than the high school age group. Registration is now open. Talk to Pr Skovgaard and check out <https://www.corpuschristi.eu/conference-2024/>.

2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE: The 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering is almost a year away! If you or your youth ages 14-19 by the time of the gathering is interested, please talk to Ben Ewert or email youth@egl.org AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. You can also sign up by scanning the QR code below.



PET PHOTOS WALL: All creatures great and small! One of the blessings of caring for animals as pets is the opportunity to develop empathy for others. In exchange for their affection, we give them safe homes in which to live out their lives. In celebration of the gift of pets, a pet appreciation wall is "under construction" in the stairwell leading up to the church nave. If you have a pet you'd like featured on this wall, please submit a 4"x6" standard photo of your pet to Mrs Stroh. To maximize the image, please include just the pet -- be it a bird, a cat, a dog, a horse, a gerbil, etc. Please write the pet's name on the back, with your name, and then give it to Mrs Stroh by the end of April.

RECENT CONFIRMATION YEARS: If you've been in the Fellowship Hall in recent years and spent some time looking at the confirmation photos going back to 1944, you've no doubt noticed that we ran out of space for confirmation class photos eight years ago! It was high time to do something about that injustice, so our maintenance man, Paul Pfaff, spent some time recreating three additional wall-mounted frames to match the six that are reset into the western wall of the FH. You can now see the first additional frame mounted on the same side of the FH. We will add the other two in the years ahead as the confirmation classes roll by. For the time being, you can check out the last 8 years worth of classes.

BASKETS OF BLESSINGS: Thank you to everyone who took an Easter basket, filled it with thoughtful items, and brought it with a smile and Easter blessings to one of our homebound members. Many of you added a handwritten note, homemade treats, or a lovely devotional booklet. You were a special messenger of the love and joy of our Savior's Resurrection. - Barbara Thompson & Carole Braun

[Although we have done this for many years, this year there was so much positive feedback from the homebound members and the volunteers! – Pastor]

CANDIDATES SOUGHT: The EGL nominating committee is seeking individuals to run for the various boards of the congregation, including Vice President and Secretary. If elected terms would begin July 1. 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.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wed, May 1, 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. Schedule your appointment online at https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/261952 or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333/blooddrive@egl.org. When one donates blood, they give patients the gift money cannot buy or science cannot create. A unit of blood can save up to three lives. Donors get 1 free Wisconsin Dells Mount Olympus Water Park Ticket.

A REMINDER: LWML Zone 3 Rally will be held here at EGL in the Fellowship Hall from 9:00 a.m. to noon on April 20 starting with breakfast. Bible Study Leader Rev. Hipenbecker; Keynote speaker; Rev Afam about Prison Ministries; and the In-gathering of personal items for inmates released from prison. Check needed items listed in April Seasons and/or LWML bulletin board in lower entrance to church. Plan to attend.

EGL STAMMTISCH: Hi, Guys! Join your friends at April's EGL Stammtisch as we kick back once again for our monthly "guys night out" connecting with those around us! This month, Stammtisch will once again be in the Bartelt Center here at EGL as a BYOB event. Conversation is always lively, always timely, with lots of variety, in a fun atmosphere of Christian fellowship. If you are new to EGL and/or have not joined us before, please come on out and give it a try! EGL Bartelt Center on Thurs, April 18, from 7:30-9:30(ish). For more information, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430 or call the church office. Bring a friend, your favorite beverage, and snacks to share! See you there!

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thurs, April 18, our group will meet in the BAAC at 9:30 a.m. to discuss

the book, "**The Next Ship Home**" written by Heather Webb. It is a novel about Ellis Island.

LUWISOMO: Our Campground Ministry Host, Dan, and his wonderful wife, Kris, have shared that it's time to retire as hosts, so they can enjoy other interests in this next season of their lives. We're so thankful to Dan & Kris for their faithful service these past five seasons! We're seeking new host(s) for our campground ministry this Summer. This is primarily a weekend position (a little more for holiday weekends). It's paid and great for someone who loves camping, people, Jesus, and has some free time in the Summer. It could be college students, teachers, retirees, ministry professionals, a family... This could be a shared role (i.e. two hosts/host teams) or a primary host with a substitute, (i.e. if someone could not or did not want to serve every weekend). We're very open to what God has in mind for His ministry and future host(s). If you or someone you know is interested or wants to learn more, please contact us or go here: www.luwisomo.org/contact-form.

PRO-LIFE REPORT: National Right to Life has released The State of Abortion in the United States, 2024. The eleventh annual edition summarizes key legislative developments on the state and federal level in the first year following the U.S. Supreme Court decision in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, which overturned Roe v. Wade. The report notes that the annual number of abortions was on the increase in the years leading up to Dobbs. However, more recent numbers show that as many as 89,000 preborn children have been saved since Dobbs due to new protective state laws. The report is available from the National Right to Life Communications Department here: <https://www.nrlc.org/wp-content/uploads/StateofAbortion2024.pdf>

THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents their spring concert "Eternal Life" featuring John Rutter's Requiem. Fri, April 26, 7:30 p.m. First United Methodist Church, 121 W. Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha and Sun, April 28, 3:00 p.m. Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St., Milwaukee. \$15-General Admission / Free-Students with ID. <https://lutheranacappella.org/>

GREEN BAY NFL ALUMNI YOUTH FOOTBALL CAMP: This non-contact football instruction camp

will be here at Elm Grove Lutheran from July 8 – 12 and is available for boys and girls ages 6 to 14. It will feature NFL Alumni Packers, professional coaches, high-rep-fun-training, skill development, building confidence, developing life skills through competition, fun contests, tournament action, and super football Friday. For more information and to register go here: www.alumnicamps.com or call (877-226-9919).

IN HIS IMAGE CONFERENCE ON SEXUALITY:

Lake Country Lutheran High School is hosting a CLI (Connecting, Learning, Innovating) event at LCL on June 4 and 5, 2024 that is supported by the LCMS Office of National Mission. The CLI event, entitled "In His Image: Sexuality Conference," is an effort of DOXOLOGY. There are three different components: the first day is for Pastors, June 4; that evening is open to the community, June 4; the following day is for educators, June 5. See the posters by the main entrance and elevator for details on registering.

SOLES FOR JESUS: LWML will continue to collect gently used or new men's, women's, and children's shoes. The latest shipment of shoes will be sent to Guinea in West Africa. Many people unfortunately are unable to work or attend school, because they do not

have a pair of shoes. The collection box is in the church's drop entryway.

PTL FUNDRAISER: Please help support the Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Lutheran campus) by having dinner at Panda Express (18190 Bluemound Rd, Brookfield) on April 16, 10 a.m. -8:30 p.m. 20% of event sales get donated to Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Campus).

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS NIGHT: On Saturday, April 27, join us for a night of family fun as the Milwaukee Brewers take on the New York Yankees, at 6:10 p.m.. You can select seats from the Loge Outfield Box (where our group has been in past years) or from Outfield Box, Infield Box or Terrace Infield Seats. Tickets can range from \$15-\$59. You can also purchase a parking pass in advance. For groups of 10+, please contact Teddy Sibilski, Milwaukee Brewers. If you are ordering tickets for a group, you can forward tickets via text or email to the individuals Ballpark App. Purchase your tickets online here: <https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutheranschools24> by April 12. If you have any questions, contact Robin, SWD, mueller@swd.lcms.org. Go Brewers!