

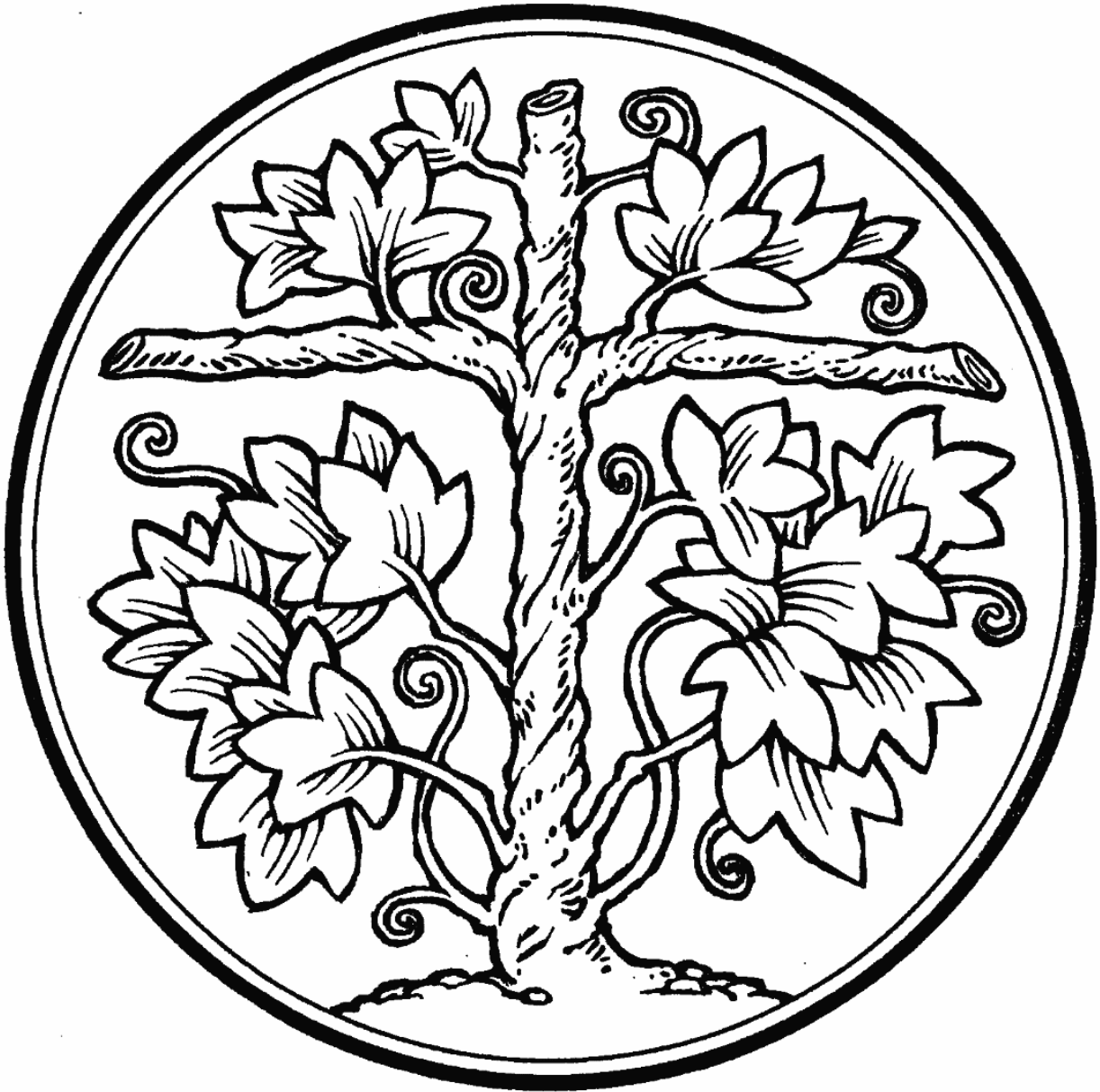
ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 28, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service 1



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

In Christ, We are Forever Grafted – Donald Rotermund

Hymn

In Christ, We Are Forever Grafted

- 1 In Christ, we are forever grafted;
We are the branches, He the vine.
All who abide in Him are crafted
Into a branch with fruit divine.
Apart from Jesus none will bear
Fruit that is righteous, true, and fair.
- 2 In Christ all faithful are connected
To God the Father who takes care
Of His creation, though infected
By Satan's sinful, tempting snare.
Yet, we abide in Jesus' vine
To bear the fruits of God's design.
- 3 Apart from Christ we can do nothing.
Yet in Him, through the Spirit's show'r,
We are connected to the wellspring
Of all God's gifts, His grace, His pow'r!
Baptized in Christ, we died to sin,
And each day we new life begin.

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Tune: O dass ich tausend Zungen hätte (König) - 811

- 4 We are connected to each other
And Christ who reigns o'er all the Church.
And with our Lord – as sisters, brothers –
United in baptismal birth.
As God's bless'd children we proclaim
Grace to each other in God's name.
- 5 As Jesus loved His gracious Father,
May we so love all others too.
When we share Christ's love with our neighbor
Through ev'rything we say and do,
We shall reach people with God's grace
Till Christ's confessed by ev'ry race.
- △6 Praise to the Father, God Creator;
Thanks be to Jesus, God's own Son;
Hail to the Spirit, our Faith-Bringer;
We praise the Holy Three-in-One!
With saints and angels we employ
Our songs of thanks and endless joy!

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 145: 1-2, 8, 10, 21 (Antiphon John 16:16)

- P A little while, and you will see me no longer;
C and again a little while, and you will see me.
P I will extol you, my God and King,
C and bless your name forever and ever.
P Every day I will bless you
C and praise your name forever and ever.
P The LORD is gracious and merciful,
C slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,
C and all your saints shall bless you!
P My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,
C and let all flesh bless his holy name forever and ever.
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 A little while, and you will see me no longer;
C and again in a little while, and you will see me.

Kyrie – Salutation and Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast)

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40 (p 917)

Chorale Response

I Am the Vine – Allen Pote

Epistle

1 John 4 (p 1023)

Holy Gospel

John 15:1-8 (p 901)

Hymn of the Day

Jesus is God’s Living Vine

Tune: Vienna - 687

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| <p>1 Jesus is God’s living vine;
I am His and He is mine,
For my sins were washed away
On my bless’d baptismal day.</p> <p>2 We’re connected to God’s vine
Of Lord Jesus Christ divine!
In Him we’re from sin set free
For He died for you and me.</p> <p>3 We are branches on God’s vine;
We are part of God’s design.
We can share God’s love with all
Whether they are great or small.</p> | <p>4 As His branch we bear good fruit!
We’re connected to the root
Who from all God’s blessings run –
Jesus, God’s most precious Son!</p> <p>5 In God’s love we all shall grow
And to others we shall show,
In the things we say and do,
How Lord Jesus loves them too.</p> <p>6 Jesus said, “My joy is yours!
I’ll be with you through the years!
Your joy will be full and free
As you live and trust in Me!”</p> |
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△7 Praise to God the Father sing;
To Lord Jesus praises bring;
Praises to the Spirit be!
Praise the Holy Trinity!

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Sermon

“Rooted in the Love of God” (John 15:1-8)

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

Jesus is God’s Living Vine – Stephen P. Johnson

(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 – Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Lord’s Prayer

957, Our Father Who Art in Heaven – I

The Words of Our Lord – Agnus Dei

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Hymns During Distribution

**(Choir) Beloved, Let Us Love One Another – Gerhard Schroth
595 O Blessed Spring
691, Fruitful Trees, the Spirit’s Sowing
632, O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

Closing Hymn

680, Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Postlude

Thine the Amen, Thine the Priase – Keith Kolander

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 Todd & Barbara Alles in celebration of their grandson, Thomas James Alles’s 6th birthday and in celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary, both on April 27.

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pr. Eric Skovgaard
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Choir	Exultate Singers
Piano	Beverly Hipenbecker
Clarinet	Lynn Crowell
Elder	Matthew Stroh
Chancel Assistant	Kirk Midtbo
Usher Team on duty	Sharon Boudro, Lizzie Ky, Tyler Ky, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger, Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson
Altar Guild	Nancy Ewert, Sue Schmalzer

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, MAY 2 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Mattias Goldenstein

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

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

SUNDAY, MAY 5 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

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| <p>S 9:00 a.m. Worship (DS1)
 10:30 a.m. Governance Committee Town Hall (Nave)
 Sunday School (FH)
 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)</p> <p>M 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
 5:00 p.m. Board of Finance (229)
 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)</p> <p>T 7:00 a.m. Men's Study (Psalms) (228)</p> | <p>10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC)</p> <p>W 10:00 a.m. Adult Study (Acts) (BAAC)
 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
 1:00 p.m. Blood Drive (FH)
 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
 7:00 p.m. Gym Rental</p> <p>T 6:30 p.m. Worship</p> |
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IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **150** people that attended services last week in person and **84** 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."

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to the family and friends of Kathy Rutley. Kathy died on April 22. Visitation for Kathy will be held at Krause Funeral Home (21600 West Capitol Drive, Brookfield) on Wed, May 1 from 4:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m. with the funeral service following at 7:00 p.m. "I know that My Redeemer lives..."

GOLF OUTING:



Don't miss out on this fun event! Sign up today to join us for what promises to be a fun day! If you don't golf, we'd love to have you join us for dinner. You can find sign up sheets in the back of church and in the April Seasons. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at golfouting@egl.org.

DONATIONS REQUEST: Do you have a donation for the Drive to Thrive Golf Outing? You will find a box in the church library for your donations. Any bottles of wine, gift cards, or raffle items are appreciated. If you have any questions, feel free to contact 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.

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING: LYAL is pleased to invite you to attend an English Contra Dance at Lutheran Memorial Chapel and University Center [3833 N. Maryland Ave., Shorewood 53211] on Fri, May 10, at 7:00 pm. English Contra Dancing is a social dance that one can attend with or without a partner. No experience is necessary. All dances are explained by a caller. Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided. LYAL (Lutheran Young Adults League, ages 21-35) provides opportunities to meet new people, forge friendships, & have fun.

VICAR LEE ORDINATION: 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 for the service and reception. District President Wille will join us to do the ordaining.

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/>

END-OF-YEAR-TEACHER SUPPORT: Please show your support and thanks for the EGL school staff as the school year ends. Since they have cared for the children in their classrooms, and many have been part of our community for years, let us also care for them as they move on from the school at EGL. Please remember Amy Weymier, Kenzie Peters, Laura Patterson, Angie Steinke, Casey Dodge, Joe Benson, Reid Otto and Stephanie Bahr in prayers for God's care while they transition. Also consider how you may bless and encourage them by sending them gift cards or other items, which may be left in the church office for Amy Stroh to deliver.

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?

IN HIS IMAGE CONFERENCE ON SEXUALITY: Lake Country Lutheran High School is hosting a free 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 event and registration information or contact Nancy Ewert at newert@doxology.us.

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.

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](https://donate.wisconsin.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/261952) or contact Rick Ewert [262-289-9333](tel:262-289-9333)/blooddride@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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thurs, May 16, our group will meet in the BAAC at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the book, **"The Book of Charlie"** written David Von Dreble. Please join us.

LWML: The morning group of LWML will meet on Wed, May 1 in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. Since our April meeting was cancelled because of the weather, the Bible study will be the one scheduled for April. **"Baptized. Equipped. Serving."** This study is found on page 16 of the spring issue of *Lutheran Women's Quarterly*. We are **baptized** in Christ. We are **equipped** in Christ. We are **servicing** in Christ. Also to be discussed at this meeting will be the upcoming LWML-SWD Convention on June 14-15.

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>

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).

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 upper entryway.

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](https://fevo-enterprise.com/event/Lutheranschools24) by April 12. If you have any questions, contact Robin, SWD, mueller@swd.lcms.org. Go Brewers!



KAMMERCHOR SPRING TOUR 2024

DIRECTOR
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Sunday, May 5

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