

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Confirmation and First Communion

Commemoration of Frederick the Wise

Sunday, May 5, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service 1



Preservice (Kammerchor)

Jayjaykar! — Shruthi Rajasekar *(Hindi: "Shout for Joy")*

Victory to the Lord, Praise the Lord!
Praise be to You, Jesus Christ.
He provides utmost kindness.
He wants only the best for everyone.
He loves everyone.
He lifts up those who have fallen.
He removes all of our burdens.
Your greatness is boundless.

O God, the King of Glory — Henry Purcell

Plaudite, Psallite — Kęstutis Daugirdas *(Latin: "Clap Your Hands, Sing")*

Clap your hands, sing praises, rejoice to God, all the earth, alleluia.
Let all nations bless the Lord, joining in his praises, alleluia.
For the Lord has had mercy on us, alleluia.
And he has led captivity to captivity;
Wonderful and glorious for all the ages, alleluia.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart – Walter L. Pelz

Hymn

708, Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

1 Lord, Thee I love with all my heart;
I pray Thee, ne'er from me depart,
With tender mercy cheer me.
Earth has no pleasure I would share.
Yea, heav'n itself were void and bare
If Thou, Lord, wert not near me.
And should my heart for sorrow break,
My trust in Thee can nothing shake.
Thou art the portion I have sought;
Thy precious blood my soul has bought.
Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
Forsake me not! I trust Thy Word.

- 2 Yea, Lord, 'twas Thy rich bounty gave
 My body, soul, and all I have
 In this poor life of labor.
 Lord, grant that I in ev'ry place
 May glorify Thy lavish grace
 And help and serve my neighbor.
 Let no false doctrine me beguile;
 Let Satan not my soul defile.
 Give strength and patience unto me
 To bear my cross and follow Thee.
 Lord Jesus Christ, my God and Lord, my God and Lord,
 In death Thy comfort still afford.
- 3 Lord, let at last Thine angels come,
 To Abr'ham's bosom bear me home,
 That I may die unfearing;
 And in its narrow chamber keep
 My body safe in peaceful sleep
 Until Thy reappearing.
 And then from death awaken me,
 That these mine eyes with joy may see,
 O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
 My Savior and my fount of grace.
 Lord Jesus Christ, my prayer attend, my prayer attend,
 And I will praise Thee without end.

Text: Martin Schalling, 1532–1608; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827–78, alt.
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Confession and Absolution

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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 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the \dagger Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

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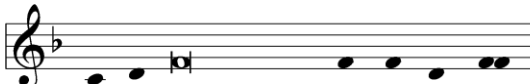
Service of the Word

Introit (Kammerchor)

With a Voice of Singing – Kenneth Jennings

Kyrie

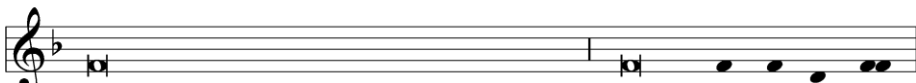
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A In peace let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



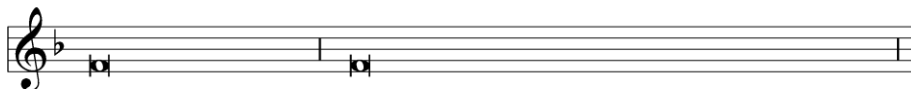
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



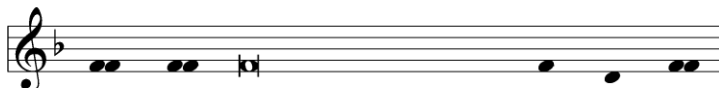
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise



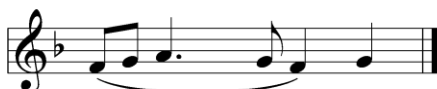
let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord.



C A - - men.

Hymn Of Praise (Kammerchor)

Domine Deus - David Caldarella

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace to people of good will.

We praise you. We bless you. We adore you. We glorify you.

Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

You who takes away the sins of the world,

Have mercy on us.

You who takes away the sins of the world,

Hear our prayer.

You who sits at the right hand of the Father,

Have mercy on us.

With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

Acts 10:34–48

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: "Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷"Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" ⁴⁸And he

commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response (Kammerchor)

Sing Unto the Lord – Ulysses Kay

Epistle

1 John 5:1–8

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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Alleluia and Verse

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp). The first staff begins with a common time signature and contains the melody for the first line of the Alleluia and Verse. The second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

Holy Gospel

John 15:9–17

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus said:] "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does

not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

SIT

Hymn of the Day

- 1 Jesus, priceless treasure,
Fount of purest pleasure,
 Truest friend to me,
Ah, how long in anguish
Shall my spirit languish,
 Yearning, Lord, for Thee?
 Thou art mine,
 O Lamb divine!
I will suffer naught to hide Thee;
Naught I ask beside Thee.
- 2 In Thine arms I rest me;
Foes who would molest me
 Cannot reach me here.
Though the earth be shaking,
Ev'ry heart be quaking,
 Jesus calms my fear.
 Lightnings flash
 And thunders crash;
Yet, though sin and hell assail me,
Jesus will not fail me.
- 3 Satan, I defy thee;
Death, I now decry thee;
 Fear, I bid thee cease.
World, thou shalt not harm me
Nor thy threats alarm me
 While I sing of peace.
 God's great pow'r
 Guards ev'ry hour;
Earth and all its depths adore Him,
Silent bow before Him.

743, Jesus, Priceless Treasure

- 4 Hence, all earthly treasure!
Jesus is my pleasure,
 Jesus is my choice.
Hence, all empty glory!
Naught to me thy story
 Told with tempting voice.
 Pain or loss,
 Or shame or cross,
Shall not from my Savior move me
Since He deigns to love me.
- 5 Evil world, I leave thee;
Thou canst not deceive me,
 Thine appeal is vain.
Sin that once did blind me,
Get thee far behind me,
 Come not forth again.
 Past thy hour,
 O pride and pow'r;
Sinful life, thy bonds I sever,
Leave thee now forever.
- 6 Hence, all fear and sadness!
For the Lord of gladness,
 Jesus, enters in.
Those who love the Father,
Though the storms may gather,
 Still have peace within.
 Yea, whate'er
 I here must bear,
Thou art still my purest pleasure,
Jesus, priceless treasure!

Sermon

"Treasuring the Things of God" (1 John 5:3)

Rite of Confirmation - pp. 272 ff

Isabella Helene Colucci

Exodus 35:31: "And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship."

Emma Suzanne Stroh

Hebrews 12:1-2: "Let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith."

Mikayla Jean Zientek

Ephesians 2:4-5: "But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ - by grace you have been saved."

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Prayer of the Church

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Offering (Kammerchor)

Love Is the Key – Zebulon M. Highben

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

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Offertory

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What shall I ren-der to the Lord for all His ben-e-fits to
me? I will of - fer the sac-ri-fice of thanks-giv - ing and will
call on the name of the Lord. I will take the cup of sal-

va - tion and will call on the name of the Lord. I will pay my
 vows to the Lord now in the pres - ence of all His peo - ple, in the
 courts of the Lord's house, in the midst of you, O Je - ru - sa - lem.

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

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P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them to the Lord.

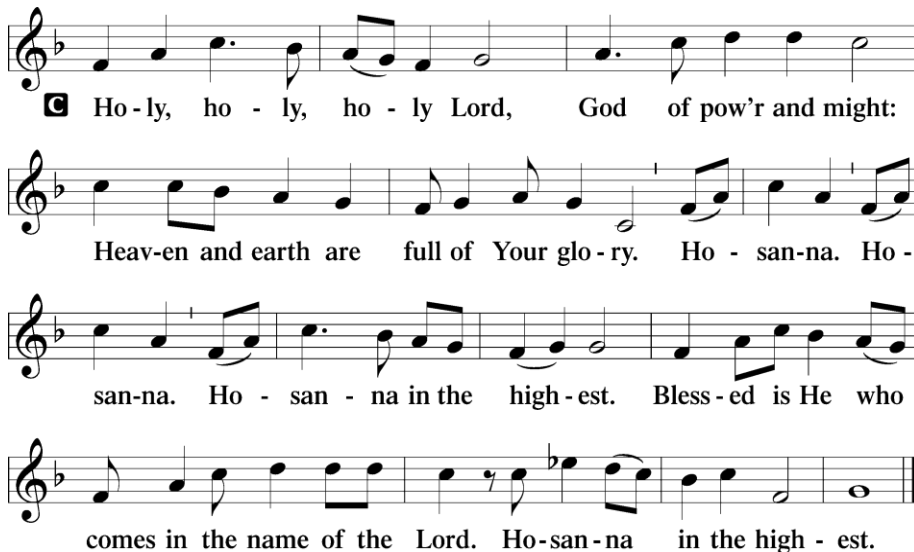
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. And most especially are we bound to praise You on this day for the glorious resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, the very Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us and bore the sins of the world. By His dying He has destroyed death, and by His rising again He has restored to us everlasting life. Therefore with Mary Magdalene, Peter and John, and with all the witnesses of the resurrection, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo-ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C 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.**

**For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

The Words of Our Lord

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 ✝ 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 ✝ 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

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P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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C Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the
sin of the world; grant us peace.

Hymns During Distribution

1 Thine forever, God of love!
Hear us from Thy throne above;
Thine forever may we be
Here and in eternity!

2 Thine forever! Oh, how blest
They who find in Thee their rest!
Savior, guardian, heav'nly friend,
O defend us to the end!

5 Thine forever! Thou our guide,
All our wants by Thee supplied,
All our sins by Thee forgiv'n;
Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

Text: Mary F. Maude, 1819–1913
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687, Thine Forever, God of Love

3 Thine forever, Lord of Life!
Shield us through our earthly strife.
Thou, the life, the truth, the way,
Guide us to the realms of day.

4 Thine forever! Shepherd, keep
These Thy frail and trembling sheep;
Safe alone beneath Thy care,
Let us all Thy goodness share.

Kammerchor

Be Still, My Soul – arr. C. Rand Matheson
Worthy Is the Lamb – Patrick Hawes

Adoramus te, Christe – Quirino Gasparini

We adore you, O Christ,
And we bless you.
For by your holy cross and passion
You have redeemed the world.

Thank the Lord

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☐ Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

Grant, O Lord, that the lips which have sung your praise in the sanctuary may glorify you in the world, that the ears which have heard the voice of your song may be closed to the voices of clamor and dispute, that the eyes which have seen your great love may also behold your blessed hope, that the tongues which have confessed your name may ever speak the truth, and that the bodies of all who have tasted of your Son's living body and blood may be restored to newness of life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

C Amen.

Benediction

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P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

1 Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Ye soldiers of the cross.
Lift high His royal banner;
It must not suffer loss.
From vict'ry unto vict'ry
His army He shall lead
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.

660, Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

2 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The trumpet call obey;
Stand forth in mighty conflict
In this His glorious day.
Let all His faithful serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger
And strength to strength oppose.

3 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
Stand in His strength alone.
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armor;
Each piece put on with prayer.
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.

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4 Stand up, stand up for Jesus;
The strife will not be long;
This day the din of battle,
The next the victor's song.
The soldiers, overcoming,
Their crown of life shall see
And with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.

Postlude

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus – Benjamin M. Culli

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 to the glory of God by the EGL Confirmation Class of 2024.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Organist
Choir
Choir Director
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Altar Guild

Pr. Eric Skovgaard
Richard C. Ewert
Concordia University Wisconsin - Kammerchor
Dr. Alexa Doebele
Matthew Stroh
Doug Grell
Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke,
Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox
Joan Knuteson, Julie Leaf

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, MAY 9 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

USHER TEAM: (Team 3: Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner)

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY, MAY 12 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: John Schaefer

USHER TEAM: (Team 4: Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert, Sam Ewert, Peter Holzward, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch)

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| S | 9:00 a.m. Worship (DS1) | 10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC) |
| | 10:30 a.m. Adult Study (Exodus) (Nave) | W 10:00 a.m. Adult Study (Acts) (BAAC) |
| | Sunday School (FH) | 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC) |
| | 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH) | 7:00 p.m. Gym Rental |
| M | 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH) | T 6:30 p.m. Worship |
| T | 7:00 a.m. Men's Study (Romans) (228) | F Foundation Sponsored Golf Outing and Dinner |

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **155** people that attended services last week in person and **84** households streamed the services for a total of **239**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

GOLF OUTING DONATIONS:



We appreciate all the items that have been donated to our golf outing on May 10. Any donations need to be delivered to the church office no later than May 7. Please contact golfouting@egl.org with any questions.

THANK YOU to the Kammerchor Choir from Concordia University Wisconsin for singing at our Sunday morning worship. This is the first stop on their annual Spring Tour. The Kammerchor is CUW's concert choir.

YOUNG ADULTS GATHERING: LYAL is pleased to invite you to attend an English Contra Dance at Luther 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.

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.

VERSITI BOOK DRIVE RESULTS: Thank you blood donors. The Versiti blood drive hosted in our Fellowship Hall Wed, May 1, collected 14 blood products. These collected products will save up to 42 local patients' lives. Blood collected, sustains a healthy Blood supply to meet the ongoing demand for this most precious resource at local hospitals.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: As the congregation is invited to celebrate the ordination of Vicar Lee on May 19, Sunday school will have its last session on May 12. We encourage all families to sing God's songs and read His word throughout the summer. God is always with us.

LUNCH BUNCH: May 16 the lunch bunch will have lunch at 11:45 a.m. at Outback Steakhouse on S. Moreland Road. Please call Linda (262-786-1203) to RSVP.

LWML: The evening group of LWML will meet on May 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Library.

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?

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thurs, May 16, at 9:30 a.m. is the date and time of our next book discussion in the BAAC. We will be discussing **The Book of Charlie** by David Bon Dreble. Please join us. Bring your suggestions for books titles and authors. We will vote on these book suggestions in our June meeting. Please bring 1 suggestion for a fiction book, title, and author and 1 suggestion for a historical or historical fiction book title and author. Or, you may email the suggestions to Barb Kurth at btkurth26@wi.rr.com

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.



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.

PTL FUNDRAISER: Please help support the Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Lutheran campus) by eating at Lou Malnati's (15795 W Bluemound Rd, Brookfield) on May 14, 11:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m. a portion of the sales will get donated to Zion Lutheran School (Elm Grove Campus).

The Last of the Wine, by C.S. Lewis

You think if we sigh, drinking the last decanter,
We're sensual toppers, and thence you are ready to prose
And read your lecture. Need you? Why should you banter
Or badger us? Better imagine it thus; suppose

A man to have come from Atlantis eastward sailing-
Lemuria has fallen in the fury of a tidal wave,
The cities are drowned, the pitiless all-prevailing
Inhuman sea is Numinor's salt grave.

To Europe he comes from Lemuria, saved from the wreck
Of the gilded, loftily builded, countless fleet
With the violet sails. A phial hangs from his neck,
Holding the last of a golden cordial, subtle and sweet.

Unnamed is Europe, untamed; wet desolation
Of unwelcoming woods, the elk, the mammoth and the bear,
The fen and the forest. Men of a barbarous nation
On the sand in a circle standing await him there.

Horribly ridged are their foreheads. Weapons of bone,
Unhandy and blunt, they brandish in their clumsy grips.
Their females set up a screaming, their bagpipes drone;
They gaze and mumble. He raises the flask to his lips.

It brings to his mind the strings, the flutes, the tabors,
How he drank with poets at the banquet, robed and crowned,
He recalls the pillared halls carved with the labours
Of curious masters, (Lemuria's cities lie drowned),

The festal nights; the jest that flashed for a second
Light as a bubble, bright with a thousand years
Of nurture; the honour and virtue, the grace unreckoned
That sat like a robe on the Atlantean peers

It has made him remember ladies, proud glances,
Fearless and peerless beauty, flower-like hair,
Ruses and mockery, the music of grave dances
(Where musicians played, huge fishes goggle and stare).

He sighs, like us; then rises and turns to meet
Those naked men. Will they make him their spoil and prey
Or salute him as god and brutally fawn at his feet?
And which would be worse? He pitches the phial away.

FACES OF THE REFORMATION

Luther's Prince and Protector



FREDERICK THE WISE

Born: Jan. 17, 1463 | Torgau,
Germany

Died: May 5, 1525 | Lochau,
Germany

ELECTOR FREDERICK THE WISE RULED IN SAXON GERMANY AND ESTABLISHED THE UNIVERSITY AT WITTENBERG, where Martin Luther taught. He was a knowledgeable man who valued education and the arts, including the work of Lucas Cranach and Albrecht Dürer. His sense of fairness and pursuit of truth led him to be well respected by the other princes in Europe.

Although Frederick and Luther probably never met, Frederick protected Luther from both the pope and the Holy Roman Emperor, who did not appreciate this renegade monk stirring up trouble. Frederick was responsible for “kidnapping” Luther after the Diet of Worms and keeping him safely hidden in the Wartburg castle. Frederick died only eight years after the posting of the 95 Theses. Although Frederick never formally renounced his Catholic faith, he adopted Reformation teachings as his own. At the end of his life, Frederick received the Lord’s Supper in the manner of the Reformation, in two kinds (the body and blood of Christ in, with and under the bread and wine of the altar).



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