

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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MIDWEEK LENT 2

Wednesday, February 28, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.



"Let My People Go!"

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.

Psalm

Psalm 105:23–38

P Then Israel came to Egypt;

C Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

P And the LORD made his people very fruitful

C and made them stronger than their foes.

P He turned their hearts to hate his people,

C to deal craftily with his servants.

P He sent Moses, his servant,

C and Aaron, whom he had chosen.

P They performed his signs among them

C and miracles in the land of Ham.

P He sent darkness, and made the land dark;

C they did not rebel against his words.

P He turned their waters into blood

C and caused their fish to die.

P Their land swarmed with frogs,

C even in the chambers of their kings.

P He spoke, and there came swarms of flies,

C and gnats throughout their country.

P He gave them hail for rain,

C and fiery lightning bolts through their land.

P He struck down their vines and fig trees,

C and shattered the trees of their country.

P He spoke, and the locusts came,

C young locusts without number,

P which devoured all the vegetation in their land

C and ate up the fruit of their ground.

P He struck down all the firstborn in their land,

C the firstfruits of all their strength.

P Then he brought out Israel with silver and gold,

C and there was none among his tribes who stumbled.

P Egypt was glad when they departed,

C for dread of them had fallen upon it.

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.

Hymn

435, Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain (stz. 1-3)

Confession & Absolution

P Hear me, merciful and mighty Father, as I confess my bondage to sin and death. I know that nothing good dwells in me,

C that is, in my flesh.

P For I have the desire to do what is right.

C But not the ability to carry it out.

P For I do not do the good I want.

C but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. (*Romans 7:18-19*)

P So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right,

C evil lies close at hand.

P For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being,

C but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind

P and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

C Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? (*Romans 7:21-24*)

P Hear the good news! The same God who delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage also delivers you from your body of sin and death! Jesus Christ, the Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed and his blood forgives you and sets you free!

C Amen.

Hymn

435, Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain (stz. 4)

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And with your spirit.

P Almighty and everlasting God, through Your Son You have promised us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life. Govern our hearts by Your Holy Spirit that in our daily need, and especially in all time of temptation, we may seek Your help and, by a true and lively faith in Your Word, obtain all that You have promised; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Readings

Exodus 14:1-29 (p 56)

Matthew 11:25-30 (p 816)

Apostles' Creed

**C I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And 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.

I 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. Amen.

Hymn

729, I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

Sermon

“Stop Trying and Start Trusting” (Exodus 14:1-29)

SIT

Hymn

OAR 345, When Israel Was in Egypt's Land



1 When Is - rael was in E - gypt's land, Let My peo - ple go;
 2 The Lord told Mo - ses what to do, Let My peo - ple go;
 3 The pillar of cloud shall clear the way, Let My peo - ple go;
 4 As Is - rael stood by the wa - ter - side, Let My peo - ple go;



Op - pressed so hard they could not stand, Let My peo - ple go.
 To lead the children of Is - rael through, Let My peo - ple go.
 A fire by night, a shade by day, Let My peo - ple go.
 At God's com - mand it did di - vide, Let My peo - ple go.

Refrain



Go down, Mo - ses, way down in E - gypt's land,



Tell old Pha - raoh: Let My peo - ple go.

5 When they had reached the other shore,
Let My people go;
They sang the song of triumph o'er,
Let My people go.

6 Oh, let us all from bondage flee,
Let My people go;
And let us all in Christ be free,
Let My people go.

Text: African American spiritual
Tune: African American spiritual
Text and tune: Public domain

Offering

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus – Charles W. Ore

(After the offering please pass your attendance card toward the
center aisle to be collected by an usher.)

STAND

Litany

pp 288-289

Lord's Prayer

LSB 196

**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.**

Collect

P Abide with us, Lord, for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent. Abide with us and with Your whole Church. Abide with us at the end of the day, at the end of our life, at the end of the world. Abide with us with Your grace and goodness, with Your holy Word and Sacrament, with Your strength and blessing. Abide with us when the night of affliction and temptation comes upon us, the night of fear and despair, the night when death draws near. Abide with us and with all the faithful, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

728, How Firm a Foundation

Postlude

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain – Michael Burkhardt

ALTAR PARAMENTS: Purple paraments suggest the somber, solemn mood of this penitential season while the symbols of torture bring to mind Christ's suffering and death to save us.

Participants

Preacher & Liturgist
Organist
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Richard C. Ewert
Rick Wegner
Steve Hipenbecker

Aaron DeWitt, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson,
Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek

Noteworthy Items

Our next Voters' Assembly will be held on March 3 after the 9:00 a.m. service, roughly 10:30 a.m.

Next Wednesday (March 6) dinner will be hosted by the Board of Evangelism. They are serving baked potatoes, and dinner will start at 5:30 p.m.

EASTER CHANCEL FLOWERS - 2024

__ Hanging Basket	\$25.00	__ Hyacinth	\$15.00
__ Pansy Bowl	\$25.00	__ Daffodils	\$15.00
__ Azalea	\$28.00	__ Tulips	\$15.00
__ Hydrangea	\$30.00	__ Easter Lily	\$16.00
__ Daisy mum	\$17.00	__ Ivy Basket	\$22.00
__ Children's Garden		\$7.00	

Please note plant selection and quantity desired.

You may reserve your plants in memory of, in honor of, and/or for blessings received, by calling Linda Haut (262-782-7356 or 414-254-2918), or by sending your form to the church office.

******* *NEW DEADLINE DATE for orders is Wednesday, March 20***
(Please....no late orders)

Checks should be made payable to Elm Grove Lutheran Church and mailed to: Easter Flowers, c/o Elm Grove Lutheran Church, 945 Terrace Dr., Elm Grove, WI 53122 or dropped off at the office. Payment should be received with order. Thank You.

Name:_____

In Memory of:_____

Honoring:_____

Blessings received []

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$_____

Flowers need to be picked up after the 10:00 service on Easter Sunday. (Other pick-up times available ONLY by special request - see Linda Haut for details.)

Sorry, but no guarantees on flower colors. Our florist does his best to supply us with the flowers we ordered. On rare occasions substitutions may need to be made.