

# ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, September 5, 2024

Sunday, September 8, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

## Divine Service 4



## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

**Son of God, Eternal Savior – Michael Burkhardt**

### Hymn of Invocation

**842, Son of God, Eternal Savior**

### Confession and Absolution

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### Introit

**Psalm 28:1-2, 6-7 (Antiphon Psalm 28:8)**

P The LORD is the strength of his people;

**C he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

P To you, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

**C lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.**

P Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to you for help,

**C when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.**

P Blessed be the LORD!

**C for he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

P The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

**C my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.**

**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.**

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**C he is the saving refuge of his anointed.**

### Kyrie – Salutation and Collect of the Day

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### Old Testament Reading

**Isaiah 35:4-7a (395)**

<sup>4</sup>Say to those who have an anxious heart, "Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy. For waters break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### Gradual

**Psalm 34:9, 19**

P Fear the LORD, you his saints,

**C for those who fear him lack nothing!**

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

**C but the LORD delivers him out of them all.**

## Epistle

**James 2:1-10, 14-18 (1011)**

<sup>1</sup>My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.  
<sup>2</sup>For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, <sup>3</sup>and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," <sup>4</sup>have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? <sup>5</sup>Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? <sup>6</sup>But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? <sup>7</sup>Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called?

<sup>8</sup>If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. <sup>9</sup>But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. <sup>10</sup>For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. . . .

<sup>14</sup>What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? <sup>15</sup>If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, <sup>16</sup>and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? <sup>17</sup>So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

<sup>18</sup>But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Alleluia and Verse

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## Holy Gospel

**Mark 7:24-37 (843)**

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the seventh chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>24</sup>From there [Jesus] arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. <sup>25</sup>But immediately a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. <sup>26</sup>Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. <sup>27</sup>And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." <sup>28</sup>But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." <sup>29</sup>And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." <sup>30</sup>And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

<sup>31</sup>Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. <sup>32</sup>And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him. <sup>33</sup>And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue. <sup>34</sup>And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." <sup>35</sup>And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. <sup>36</sup>And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. <sup>37</sup>And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, "He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day**

**849, Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

**Sermon**

**"He Breaks the Darkness, Wherever There is Darkness, and No Matter How Dark" (Mark 7:24-30)**

**Hymns During the Sermon**

**God's Work, Our Hands**

God's work, our hands: working together,  
building a future, repairing the world,  
raising up homes, planting new gardens,  
feeding the hungry and shelt'ring the cold.

Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God's work, our feet: trav'ling together,  
following Jesus to places unknown,  
walking as friends, marching for freedom,  
running the race with God's future the goal.

Bless, God, our feet as we follow your way,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God's work, our voice: singing together,  
praising, proclaiming to all who will hear,  
praying for peace, shouting for justice,  
claiming God's love for the lost and the least.

Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

God is at work in and around us:  
seedlings are sprouting and bread's on the rise!  
Washed and set free, humbled and honored,  
gifted by grace, we respond in God's love.  
Bless, God, our lives as we answer your call,  
sharing the good news of your Gospel.

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## **474, Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen**

### **Prayer of the Church**

**Offering                    Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen/God's Work, Our Hands – Michael Burkhardt**

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

### **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**

**633, At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing  
643, Sent Forth by God's Blessing**

**Nunc Dimittis - Benediction**

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**Closing Hymn**

**921, On What Has Now Been Sown**

**Postlude**

**On What Has Now Been Sown – Barbara Harbach**

ALTAR PARAMENTS: The green paraments of the Pentecost season prompt us to remember that our life in Christ is one of growth, as branches connected to the Vine produce good fruit.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Michael & Carrie Marble in loving memory of Broadus & Gladys Bagwell. *"I know that my Redeemer lives..."*

## Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Preacher	Rev. Jeff Schulz
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Elder	(6:30) Mattias Goldenstein (9:00) Doug Grell
Chancel Assistant	(6:30) Mark Ewert (9:00) Steve Hipenbecker
Usher Team on duty	(6:30) Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox (9:00) Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Caleb Nelson, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner
Altar Guild	(6:30) Luanne Schaefer, Irma Witzke (9:00) Sharon Boudro, Rose Lee

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK:**

#### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 (6:30 p.m.)**

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grell

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

#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 (9:00 a.m.)**

ELDER: Doug Grell

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

USHER TEAM: (Team 5: Sharon Boudro, Lizzie Ky, Tyler Ky, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger, Jason  
Krueger, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson)

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**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (DS4)	10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Nave)	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
	6:30 p.m. LWML (FL)	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
	7:00 p.m. Church Council (228)	T 6:30 p.m. Worship
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **128** people that attended services last week in person and **49** households streamed the services for a total of **177**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED!** Calling all who want to spread the Gospel seeds in Sunday school! We have a new format and room. We are in need to teachers. Contact Linda for details, 262-786-1203.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SIGN UP:** Register for Sunday School with this QR code.



**KFUO RADIO ANNIVERSARY:** On Oct 12 KFuo will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Our LCMS radio station has the distinction of being the oldest Christian radio station in the world. A special service of Thanksgiving will be held on Oct 12 with Synod President Matthew Harrison preaching. For a history of the station, you can check out the following: [kfuo.org/history](http://kfuo.org/history).

**LUNCH BUNCH:** Ladies, join us for fun and lunch on Thurs, Sept 19 at 11:45 a.m. at the Outback Steakhouse located at 295 S. Moorland Road, Brookfield, WI 53005. Please call Barb Kurth for

reservations at 262-345-5083. First timers are most welcome. It is an enjoyable time getting together for Christian fellowship.

**CHURCH IN THE GLEN:** Is Sept 15, at 10:00 a.m. with a potluck luncheon to follow. The pig roast will be catered, so bring a salad or dessert to share. Note the later time. Mark your calendars!

**MUSICIANS: SINGERS & RINGERS:** We will begin our regular practices/rehearsals the week of Sept 8. Monday – Intrada Ringers 5:00-6:00 p.m., Tuesday – Exultate Ringers 5:15-6:15 p.m., Wednesday – Exultate Singers 7:00-8:30 p.m. If you are interested in joining any of these ensembles or have questions, please contact Rick Ewert ([rewert@egl.org](mailto:rewert@egl.org)).

**APARTMENT NEEDED:** A Place of Refuge House Manager is looking for a one bedroom or studio apartment within commuting distance to 101<sup>st</sup> & Goodhope Road. She is a recent Concordia graduate moving back to the area to begin her first placement. She will need housing by 9/1 or 9/15. If you have a unit available or can recommend a safe complex that she should contact, please notify Sue Schmalzer at 414-313-3888 or [s.schmalzer@yahoo.com](mailto:s.schmalzer@yahoo.com).

**HOLY LAND TOUR 2025:** There is something special about meditating on the Scriptures in the very places where the events occurred. Pr Koch of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Greenfield will be leading a tour back to the Holy Land next March. Destinations include Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Mount

of Beatitudes, Mt. Carmel, Caesarea Philippi, Qumran, Masada, and of course the temple mount, Gethsemane, and the places of Jesus' trial, death, and resurrection in Jerusalem. We will visit the site of Jesus' baptism at the Jordan River, take a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, and take a swim in the buoyant Dead Sea. **PLUS** there is an optional trip extension to Egypt to ascend the Mountain of Moses in Sinai, and see the Sphinx and the great Pyramids of Egypt. Tours are already safely taking place in Israel right now. It only takes a \$500 registration to hold your spot for this tour. Spaces are limited, so you are encouraged to sign up soon. Brochures can be found in the back of the Nave or you can go to [registernow.ittworld.com](http://registernow.ittworld.com) and put in the tour code **Koch25** to get all the information you need. If you have any questions, feel free to call Pastor Koch at 414-795-9005. We hope you'll be able to take part in this great experience!

**RED MAILBOX:** It's back in place next to the mailboxes near the elevator! Please use this for anything that you would like the Church office to receive if you can't get it to us during regular office hours. Would like to let you know that we are no longer recycling Portals of Prayer or eye glasses.

**COFFEE SERVERS NEEDED!** Qualifications: a friendly smile, ability to pour a cup of coffee and bring some morning sweets. Time: after the 9:00a.m. Sunday service. No experience required. Sign up on Sunday mornings or call Luanne and John Schaefer at 262-784-3106 or 262-617-0561.

**SOLES FOR JESUS:** Thank you to all of our members who have generously donated shoes to this mission. Our EGL collection box was filled to overflowing and they were delivered to the Soles for Jesus warehouse this past week. Their volunteer teams recently traveled to the countries of Benin and Cameroon and provided shoes, washed feet, and shared the Gospel message.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** Thursday, September 19 at 9:30 a.m. is the next meeting in the BAAC. We will be discussing the book, *Mrs Kennedy and Me* by Clint Hill. Newcomers are welcome. Questions, call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

**LWML:** The evening group will meet on Mon, Sept 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Library. The mission projects for this meeting will be to continue working on finishing the table decorations for the upcoming Fall Retreat and to work on the Mailbox Member Program.

**LWML:** Our EGL LWML evening group will pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child on Oct 14. Bring your donations to the LWML Mite Box near the bulletin board in the lower church entrance. Suggested items include: **Hygiene:** combs, toothbrushes, washcloths, bar soap. **School:** pencils, sharpeners, colored pencils, crayons, markers, pens, notebooks, watercolor sets, glue sticks, stickers. **Toys:** foam balls, small cars/trucks, finger puppets, Slinkys, play animals, stuffed animals, jump ropes, kickballs, and pumps. Look for school supplies on sale or at dollar store. Thank you for your generosity in bringing joy to needy children.

**YOUTH FUNDRAISER:** Please help our youth fundraise for the LCMS Youth Gathering next year by having dinner at Portillos (17685 W. Bluemound Road in Brookfield) on Oct 15, from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 20% of sales will benefit our youth. Flyers can be found in the back of the nave.

**FALL YOUTH NIGHT** is Sun, Sept 29 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. Youth in grades 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> can come hang out, play some games, eat snacks, study the Bible, and maybe do some homework in the Youth Room! See you there!

**2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE:** The 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA is **45 weeks** away! The FINAL day to sign up is Sun, Sept 15 at the youth table after Church in the Glen. If you have any questions about the gathering please talk to Ben Ewert or email [youth@egl.org](mailto:youth@egl.org).

