

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Thursday, September 12, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

Evening Prayer



EGL WHY Statement: "God has established EGL to proclaim Christ, receiving and sharing His gifts in Word and Sacrament."

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

God Himself is Present – Flor Peeters

Opening Hymn

907, God Himself Is Present

Versicles - Psalmody

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Psalm

Psalm 116:1–9

P I love the LORD, because he has heard

C my voice and my pleas for mercy.

P Because he inclined his ear to me,

C therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

P The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

C I suffered distress and anguish.

P Then I called on the name of the LORD:

C "O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;

C our God is merciful.

P The LORD preserves the simple;

C when I was brought low, he saved me.

P Return, O my soul, to your rest;

C for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.

P For you have delivered my soul from death,

C my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

P I will walk before the LORD

C in the land of the living.

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.

Office Hymn

713, From God Can Nothing Move Me

Reading

Isaiah 50:4–10

⁴The Lord GOD has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. ⁵The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward. ⁶I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting. ⁷But the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame. ⁸He who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. ⁹Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who

will declare me guilty? Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment; the moth will eat them up. ¹⁰Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the voice of his servant? Let him who walks in darkness and has no light trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

James 3:1–12

¹Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. ²For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. ³If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. ⁴Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. ⁵So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! ⁶And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. ⁷For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, ⁸but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. ¹¹Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? ¹²Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Mark 9:14–29

¹⁴When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. ¹⁵And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to [Jesus] and greeted him. ¹⁶And he asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" ¹⁷And someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. ¹⁸And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able." ¹⁹And he answered them, "O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me." ²⁰And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. ²¹And Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. ²²And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³And Jesus said to him, "If you can! All things are possible for one who believes." ²⁴Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, "I believe; help my unbelief!" ²⁵And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again." ²⁶And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came

out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." ²⁷But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. ²⁸And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" ²⁹And he said to them, "This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

P In many and various ways, God spoke to His people of old by the prophets.

C But now in these last days, He has spoken to us by His Son.

Sermon

Magnificat

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Offering

From God Can Nothing Move Me – Dietrich Buxtehude

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

Litany – Benediction

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Closing Hymn

708, Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart

Postlude

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart – Johann Friedrich Alberti

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.

Participants

Preacher

Rev. Dr. Jason Soenksen

Organist

Stephen P. Johnson

Elder

Paul Haut

Chancel Assistant

Doug Grek

Usher Team on duty

Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert,
Sam Ewert, Peter Holzward, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Eric Thompson

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, SEPTEMBER 22 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: John Schaefer

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

S	10:00 a.m. Church in the Glen (SOPP) 11:30 a.m. Potluck Luncheon 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T	9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Worship
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC) 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)		7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (BAAC)

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **147** people that attended services last week in person and **630** households streamed the services for a total of **240**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

EGL STAMMTISCH HAS RETURNED: Guys! Fall's just around the corner... please don't forget to include EGL Stammtisch in your monthly schedule! Take a break and kick back with us on Thurs, Sept 19, from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for great libation and lively conversation that runs the gamut, but always in a fun, informal atmosphere of Christian fellowship. Perhaps a few new things to enjoy this fall? Come and find out! Join us at EGL's Bartelt Center. Bring some snacks to share, and a friend! Any questions? Contact Bruce Bessert by phone/text at 414-526-8430, or by email at bruce.bessert@gmail.com.

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.



COLLEGE: As you consider possible colleges for your kids and grandkids, consider Concordia University Chicago in River Forest, IL. It serves 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students each year and is 160 years old. It offers degrees in education, business, health care, and the humanities. It has recently added a classical education program and a great books-based Honors Program.

KFUO RADIO ANNIVERSARY: On Oct 12 KFUO will celebrate its 100th 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.

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.

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 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!

LUTHERAN HOME: The Chapel program at the *Lutheran Home* (76th & North Ave.) needs your help. Your service will help our residents to live fuller, more connected lives, not only with each other, but with the love of Christ. We need friendly faces to assist our residents get to worship service, Bible class, and fellowship opportunities. Volunteer times can be as little as one hour. Areas of need include:
Sunday mornings 9:30-11:30 (Transport residents to Sunday morning worship service in the chapel).
Tuesdays mornings 11:15-12:15 (Transport residents on 2nd floor to Bible class).
Wednesday mornings 9:45-10:45 (Transport residents on 3rd floor to Bible class)
Wednesday/Thursday/Friday afternoons 1:00-2:00 (Assist residents on "shopping outings" to our 1st floor emporium). Please prayerfully consider sharing some of your time and talents with your brothers and sisters in Christ who are in need. By doing this, you will help enrich not only the quality of our residents lives with human and spiritual connections, but your own as well. If you would like to help or need more information, please contact Chaplain Derek M. Wolter at 414-258-6171, ext. 349, or derek.wolter@thelutheranhome.org.

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: 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 6th-12th 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 **44 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.

