

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, September 19, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 22, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service 2



Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Introduction on "Hyfrydol" – Jeffery Blersch

Hymn of Invocation

851, Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 37:5-7 (Antiphon Psalm 37:4)

P Delight yourself in the LORD,

C and he will give you the desires of your heart.

P Commit your way to the LORD;

C trust in him, and he will act.

P He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,

C and your justice as the noonday.

P Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

C fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

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 Delight yourself in the LORD,

C and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Kyrie – Salutation and Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast)

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 11:18–20

¹⁸The LORD made it known to me and I knew; then you showed me their deeds. ¹⁹But I was like a gentle lamb led to the slaughter. I did not know it was against me they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit, let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name be remembered no more." ²⁰But, O LORD of hosts, who judges righteously, who tests the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

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 3:13—4:10

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? By his good conduct let him show his works in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. ¹⁵This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every vile practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

¹What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you? ²You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. ⁴You adulterous people! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. ⁵Or do you suppose it is to no purpose that the Scripture says, "He yearns jealously over the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble." ⁷Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. ¹⁰Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Mark 9:30–37

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁰[The disciples] went on from there and passed through Galilee. And [Jesus] did not want anyone to know, ³¹for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill him. And when he is killed, after three days he will rise." ³²But they did not understand the saying, and were afraid to ask him. ³³And they came to Capernaum. And when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you discussing on the way?" ³⁴But they kept silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. ³⁵And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶And he took a child and put him in the midst of them, and taking him in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷"Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, and whoever receives me, receives not me but him who sent me."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

605, Father Welcomes

Sermon

"Pride Comes Before the Fall" (Mark 9:35-37)

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

Interlude on "Old 124th" – Phil Lehenbauer

(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 – Agnus Dei

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Hymns During Distribution

730, What Is the World to Me
725, Children of the Heavenly Father
637, Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord

Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction

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(Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord)

Closing Hymn

661, The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in B-Flat BWV 560 – attr. J.S. Bach

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 Raymond Lester in loving memory of his son Mark.

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Assistant Minister	(9 :00) Pastor Sam Lee
Organist	Jordan Fischer
Elder	(6:30) Eric Thompson
	(9:00) Rick Wegner
Chancel Assistant	(6:30) Kirk Midtbo
	(9:00) John Schaefer
Usher Team on duty	(6:30) Aaron DeWitt, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek
	(9:00) Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox
Altar Guild	(6:30) Sherri Bond, Jean Kruse
	(9:00) Carol Ewert, Julie Leaf

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: John Wolck

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Mattias Goldenstein

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

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

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (DS2)	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
	10:30 a.m. Special Voters' Assembly/Bible Study	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)	7:00 p.m. Board of Elder's Meeting (228)
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	T 6:30 p.m. Worship
	10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC)	

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **147** people that attended services last week in person and **99** households streamed the services for a total of **246**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

VOTERS' ASSEMBLIES: A Special Voters' Assembly will be held this Sunday, September 22 after Service. There is only one item on the agenda for this meeting. The Governance Committee will be presenting the new Constitution and Bylaws. There will be no action taken at this time, so this should be a very brief meeting. The regular Fall Voters' Assembly will be on Sunday, October 13 after Service. A full agenda will be forthcoming, but one item to make note of is that a motion will be submitted to approve the new Constitution and Bylaws. There will most likely not be enough members at this meeting to vote, therefore the subsequent Special Voters Assembly will be called on October 20 after Service. There will only be one item on the agenda for this meeting. A vote on the new Constitution and Bylaws.

SPECIAL APOR SERVICE: On Sunday, September 29, at 4:00 p.m. EGL will host a special Evening Prayer service for the purpose of commissioning and installing newly called church worker Abigail Hambaum. Abigail will serve A Place of Refuge (APOR) as their daytime house manager. Abigail is a recent CUW grad with a degree in Director of Church Ministries. APOR is the South Wisconsin District's only crisis pregnancy center. Refuge House is a safe place that provides a loving, nurturing

environment for women and their unborn children. They encourage women to make the positive changes in their lives that will offer opportunity, direction and hope for their futures. <https://www.aplaceofrefuge.org/>

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY: Starting October 9, all women are invited to join us in studying "Golden Fruit" on the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22,23. We will meet every other Wednesday evening, 5:30-6:45 p.m., in the BAAC, for nine weeks. You may purchase a study guide online OR ask Amy Stroh to print a copy from the printable version we bought. Each short chapter focuses on a spiritual "fruit" and how it was displayed in the life of a Biblical woman. May we encourage one another to produce such fruit that glorifies God and serves our neighbors! Ask Nancy Wolck if you have any questions.

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: kfu.org/history.

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.

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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Elm Grove Fire Department is going to be using the EGL school building for tactical training on Nov 11. They are looking for participants to act as patients. They ask that you arrive no later than 5:30 p.m. and the training should be over by 9:00 p.m. Please contact Scott Burgardt at sburgardt@elmgrovewi.org if you are interested in volunteering. Thank you very much!

