

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 29, 2024 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Divine Service 2

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Hymn of Invocation

501, Come Down, O Love Divine

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 135:1-3, 13-14 (Antiphon Psalm 135:13)

P Your name, O LORD, endures forever,

C your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

P Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD,

C give praise, O servants of the LORD,

who stand in the house of the LORD,

C in the courts of the house of our God!

P Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;

C sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

P Your name, O LORD, endures forever,

C your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

P For the LORD will vindicate his people

C and have compassion on his servants.

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 Your name, O LORD, endures forever,

C your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

Kyrie – Salutation and Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast)

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:4–6, 10–16, 24–29

⁴Now the rabble that was among [the children of Israel] had a strong craving. And the people of Israel also wept again and said, "Oh that we had meat to eat! ⁵We remember the fish we ate in Egypt that cost nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic. ⁶But now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at. . . ."

¹⁰Moses heard the people weeping throughout their clans, everyone at the door of his tent. And the anger of the LORD blazed hotly, and Moses was displeased. ¹¹Moses said to the LORD, "Why have you dealt ill with your servant? And why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? ¹²Did I conceive all this people? Did I give them birth, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a nursing child,' to the land that you swore to give their fathers? ¹³Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they weep before me and say, 'Give us meat, that we may eat.' ¹⁴I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me. ¹⁵If you will treat me like this, kill me at once, if I find favor in your sight, that I may not see my wretchedness."

¹⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them, and bring them to the tent of meeting, and let them take their stand there with you. . . ."

²⁴So Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it.

²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 91:11; 103:1

P He will command his angels concerning you

C to guard you in all your ways.

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle

James 5:1-20

¹Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. ²Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. ³Your gold and silver have corroded, and their

corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. ⁴Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. ⁵You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned; you have murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

⁷Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.

⁸You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. ⁹Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. ¹⁰As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. ¹¹Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

¹²But above all, my brothers, do not swear, either by heaven or by earth or by any other oath, but let your "yes" be yes and your "no" be no, so that you may not fall under condemnation.

¹³Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. ¹⁴Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

¹⁶Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. ¹⁷Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit.

¹⁹My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, ²⁰let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Mark 9:38–50

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." ³⁹But Jesus said, "Do not stop him, for no one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰For

the one who is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly, I say to you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ will by no means lose his reward.

⁴²“Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him if a great millstone were hung around his neck and he were thrown into the sea. ⁴³And if your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than with two hands to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame than with two feet to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to sin, tear it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than with two eyes to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm does not die and the fire is not quenched.’ ⁴⁹For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good, but if the salt has lost its saltiness, how will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

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Hymn of the Day

690, Hope of the World

Sermon

“The Urgency in His Voice” (Mark 9:42-50)

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

(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

**768, To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray
845, Where Charity and Love Prevail
843, "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"**

Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction

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(Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord)

Closing Hymn

718, Jesus, Lead Thou On

Postlude

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 Layton and Sharon Gehrke in celebration of their 60th wedding anniversary on October 3.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Eric Skovgaard

Organist

Dr. William Braun

Elder

Mattias Goldenstein

Chancel Assistant

Jim Olson

Usher Team on duty

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

Altar Guild

Sharon Boudro, Shelly Skovgaard

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grek

USHER TEAM: (Team 1: Aaron DeWitt, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek)

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (DS2)	10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	W 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC)
M	5:00 p.m. Board of Finance Meeting (229)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)	6:00 p.m. Board of Stewardship Meeting (FL)
	5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting (228)	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T 6:30 p.m. Worship
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **118** people that attended services last week in person and **30** households streamed the services for a total of **148**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

35TH ANNUAL MILWAUKEE AREA LIFECHAIN:

Sun, Oct 6, 1:00-2:30 p.m. Please join your fellow EGL members as we prayerfully stand in support of the unborn. Young and old alike can participate by standing or sitting and holding the now familiar signs - Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals and Abortion Hurts Women. Our location is the northwest corner of Bluemound and Pilgrim. Meet in the North Shore Bank parking lot at 12:50 p.m. Signs will be provided. Please pray for the babies and their families, all who will stand in the LifeChain and those who will witness it. And finally, please pray God's will be done as our legislators and jurists contemplate abortion laws at the state level. Please contact Sue Schmalzer, 414-313-3888 with questions.

PRO-LIFE BOARD: Just outside the west doors entering into the overflow room, you can find the board we've had for years promoting pro-life ministry. Sue Schmalzer, who is EGL's representative on the Board of Directors for A Place of Refuge, has recently updated that board that gives brand-new information. You are encouraged to check it out!

SOUND WALL APPROVAL: After navigating inclement weather in the late spring and summer,

and meandering through the Village bureaucracy, EGL received approval from the Village last week on the construction of the sound wall around the A/C unit outside the Bartelt Center. Because of its age, the A/C unit makes more noise when it's running. With a few neighbors complaining, EGL had found itself "not in compliance" with the Village. After investigating options, a proposal was put in front of the Village. They accepted it; and the project has been completed and approved. Thank you to Paul Pfaff and the volunteers who helped get 'er done!

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.

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: The Morning Group of LWML will meet in the BAAC on Wed, Oct 2 at 10:00 a.m. The Bible Study "Christ's Steadfastness: The Apostle's Creed – Second Article," is found on pages 22 and 23 of the fall issue of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly. We find comfort and truth in in this creed that the Father has for us through His Son Jesus Christ.

LWML: Our EGL LWML evening group will pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child on Oct 14 in the BAAC at 6:30 p.m. Bring your donations to the LWML Mite Box near the bulletin board in the lower church entrance by Sun, Oct 13. 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 stores. Thank you for your generosity in bringing joy to needy children.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thurs, Oct 17 at 9:30 a.m. is the next meeting in the BAAC. A true story of the recovery of a reporter covering a war, who was severely injured. The title of the book is *Saved: A War Reporter's Mission To Make It Home* by Benjamin Hall. We should have a good discussion. An invitation is extended to EGL ladies who enjoy reading. Come and join us. Questions? Call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

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!