

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, October 3, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 6, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service 2



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

Welcome and Announcements

LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Prelude

With the Lord Begin Your Task – Benjamin M. Culli

Hymn of Invocation

869, With the Lord Begin Your Task

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Chanted by the choir

Kyrie – Salutation and Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast)

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 2:18–25

¹⁸Then the Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him." ¹⁹So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²²And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³Then the man said, "This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

Love in Christ Is Strong and Living – arr. Dale Witte

Epistle

Hebrews 2:1–13

¹Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it.

²For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable and every transgression or

disobedience received a just retribution, ³how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard, ⁴while God also bore witness by signs and wonders and various miracles and by gifts of the Holy Spirit distributed according to his will. ⁵Now it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking. ⁶It has been testified somewhere, "What is man, that you are mindful of him, or the son of man, that you care for him? ⁷You made him for a little while lower than the angels; you have crowned him with glory and honor, ⁸putting everything in subjection under his feet." Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left nothing outside his control. At present, we do not yet see everything in subjection to him. ⁹But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. ¹¹For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." ¹³And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Mark 10:1–12

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹And he left there and went to the region of Judea and beyond the Jordan, and crowds gathered to him again. And again, as was his custom, he taught them. ²Pharisees came up and in order to test [Jesus] asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" ³He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" ⁴They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce and to send her away." ⁵And Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. ⁶But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.'⁷Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, ⁸and they shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two but one flesh. ⁹What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate." ¹⁰And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. ¹¹And he said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, ¹²and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

858, O Father, All Creating

Sermon

"The Trouble with Divorce" (Mark 10:2-12)

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

P Lord, in Your Mercy

C *(Sung)* **Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom. (LSB 767)**

Text: Luke 23:42

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Offering

Lutheran women, one and all,
We have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord
Crucified and then restored.
We have seen Him pay the price,
For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim
And unite to praise His name.

Lutheran Women, One and All

Lutheran women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light
To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home,
By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost,
By our gifts for missions' cost.

Lutheran women, coast to coast,
In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be
In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love,
Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done,
We in heaven shall all be one.

(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

**773, Hear Us, Father, When We Pray
695, Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels
535, How Wide the Love of Christ**

Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction

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(Post-Communion Canticle: Thank the Lord)

Closing Hymn

922, Go, My Children with My Blessing (sts 1, 5, 4)

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary - Henry Purcell

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 Jim and Diane Olson in loving memory of Elaine Olson.

CREDENCE TABLE FLOWERS: Placed by Chuck Ewert in loving celebration of Hazel's 90th birthday to today (October 6)!

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Eric Skovgaard

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Choir

9:00 Exultate Singers

Flute

9:00 Emily Ewert

Elder

6:30 Rick Wegner, 9:00 Paul Haut

Chancel Assistant

6:30 Steve Hipenbecker, 9:00 Doug Grek

Usher Team on duty

6:30 Sharon Boudro, Lizzie Ky, Tyler Ky, Kirk Midtbo,

Emily Krueger, Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson

9:00 Aaron DeWitt, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson,

Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek

Altar Guild

6:30 Sherri Bond, Irma Witzke

9:00 Diane Olson, Helen Moore

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Doug Grek

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

USHER TEAM: (Team 2: Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

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

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (DS2) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC) 6:30 p.m. EGL Digital Media Team Meeting (YL)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 6:00 p.m. BOCE Meeting (228) 6:30 Governance Meeting (YR) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC) 5:30 p.m. "Golden Fruit" Study (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC)	T 6:30 p.m. Worship

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **136** people that attended services last week in person and 77 households streamed the services for a total of **213**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

35TH ANNUAL MILWAUKEE AREA LIFECHAIN: TODAY, 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!

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.

LWML SUNDAY: Today, on Oct 6, we are celebrating LWML Sunday. There is a display in the back of the church. Check out the Mission Grant Poster of the grants for the 2024-2026 biennium. It is amazing what our South Wisconsin District of the LWML is able to accomplish with the mites from our 21 zones. The Lord

has blessed us so much. Back issues of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly will be available at the display with various coloring sheets. Included in this celebration will be an emphasis with prayers, singing of the LWML song, and parts of the sermon devoted to telling a message of LWML. "Serve the Lord with gladness." Psalm 100:2

SAVE-THE-DATE: Join us for a Packer Party lunch on Oct 20 in the Fellowship Hall. We will begin serving food at 1:30 a.m. so we will be ready to watch the Noon kickoff. Bring a salad or dessert to share. Brats, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided with a free-will offering. To RSVP the number of family members



and/or friends attending, please send an email to evangelism@egl.org or use the QR code.

EGL STAMMTISCH!! Guys! Fall's here!! "Kick" back with us on Thurs, Oct 17, from 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. for great libation and lively conversation... always a fun, informal atmosphere of Christian fellowship. Due to the positive response in September, we will assemble once again this month at the EGL Bartelt Center (BAAC). It's BYOB, so bring your favorite or "off-the-wall" fall beverage, 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.

LUNCH BUNCH: We will meet at Bravo in Brookfield on Oct 17, at 11:45 a.m. Please call or text Mary Tischer to let her know you will be there, 262-424-2955.

"YOUTH REFORMATION CELEBRATION: (A Marty Party) is Sunday, October 27th from 6 PM to 8 PM. Youth in grades 6th-12th can come hang out, play some Reformation themed games, eat snacks, and study the Bible in the Youth Room! Invite your friends and we'll see you there!"

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 fundraiser 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.

YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS AT THE YOUTH GATHERING: "Serving is better together! Young adults ages 19-25 can serve as a YAV (Young Adult Volunteers) at the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering! The application is open until December 31 at lcmsgathering.com/volunteer/"

LYAL: "The Lutheran Young Adults League ("LYAL") invites you to a Reformation Party hosted by Elm Grove Lutheran (945 Terrace Dr. Elm Grove, WI 53122) on Saturday, October 26 at 4 p.m. for an evening of food, games, and fun! If you plan to come, please contact LYAL via Facebook, Instagram, or email lutheranyoungadultsleague@gmail.com so we can plan accordingly for the food. LYAL (ages 21-35) provides opportunities to meet new people, forge friendships, & have fun!"

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!

