

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, November 7, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 10, 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

Prelude

Praise the Almighty – Flor Peeters

Hymn of Invocation

797, Praise the Almighty

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 107:1-2, 41-42 (Antiphon Psalm 107:8)

P Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,

C for his wondrous works to the children of men!

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

C for his steadfast love endures forever!

P Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

C whom he has redeemed from trouble.

P He raises up the needy out of affliction

C and makes their families like flocks.

P The upright see it and are glad,

C and all wickedness shuts its mouth.

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 for his wondrous works to the children of men!

Kyrie – Salutation and Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast)

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 17:8–16

⁸Then the word of the LORD came to [Elijah], ⁹“Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.” ¹⁰So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” ¹¹And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” ¹²And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die.” ¹³And Elijah said to her, “Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. ¹⁴For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, ‘The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.’” ¹⁵And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. ¹⁶The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the LORD that he spoke by Elijah.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual**Revelations 7:14b, Psalm 84:5**

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

C in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle**Hebrews 9:24–28**

²⁴For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse**p. 173****Holy Gospel****Mark 12:38–44**

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁸In his teaching [Jesus] said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes and like greetings in the marketplaces ³⁹and have the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, ⁴⁰who devour widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." ⁴¹And he sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴²And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. ⁴³And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day**787, The Temple Rang with Golden Coins****Sermon****Nicene Creed****p. 174**

Prayer of the Church

Offering

The Temple Rang with Golden Coins – Flor Peeters

(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

738, Lord of All Hopefulness
527, O Savior, Precious Savior
978 How Majestic Is Your Name

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O Lord, our Lord, how ma-jes-tic is Your name in all the

earth. O earth. O Lord, we praise Your name. O

Lord, we mag-ni-fy Your name: Prince of Peace, Might-y

God, O Lord God Al-might - y. O y.

1 D.S. 2 Final ending

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Closing Hymn

786, Lord of All Good

Postlude

Praise the Almighty – Flor Peeters

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 John and Luanne Schaefer in celebration of Norma Scott’s 99th birthday on Nov 11.

Participants

Presiding Minister	(6:30) Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Preacher	Rev. Dr. Jason Soenksen
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Elder	(6:30) Paul Haut, (9:00) John Wolck
Chancel Assistant	(6:30) Jim Olson, (9:00) Kirk Midtbo
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) Meg Grell, Jean Kruse, (9:00) Nancy Ewert, Helen Moore

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grell

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

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| <p>S 9:00 a.m. Worship (DS2)
 10:30 a.m. Bible Study/Sunday School
 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)</p> <p>M 5:00 p.m. EGPD Tactical Training (School Building)
 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
 7:00 p.m. Church Council (BAAC)
 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)</p> <p>T 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)</p> | <p>10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC)
 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)</p> <p>W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
 1:00 p.m. Blood Drive (FH)
 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC)
 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental</p> <p>T 6:30 p.m. Worship</p> |
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IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **171** people that attended services last week in person and **50** households streamed the services for a total of **221**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

PLEDGE WEEK: No, no one is pledging a fraternity or sorority(!), but next week, Nov 14 & 17, we are prayerfully considering what we will give to the Lord in offerings this coming calendar year. The Board of Stewardship has diligently encouraged us this year, under the theme of "Moving Forward by Faith," to reflect on Hebrews 11:6, "And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him." If you haven't seen the mailing from the Church in recent weeks, there are extra copies of the material on the credenza in the back of the nave. This Sunday's Gospel reading of the widow's mite reminds us that it most certainly is not the amount that we give that the Lord pays attention to. Rather it's a matter of the heart. The Lord already owns everything -- including you, body and soul -- and has promised to never leave you nor forsake you. But in our giving we have an opportunity to confess that truth by returning to Him a portion of what He has first given us.

ADULT SURVEY: The Elders are requesting that adults in our congregation complete a survey. You may complete the survey by following the QR code below or there are hard copies in the back of Church. Please complete them and put them in the red mailbox near the Church mailboxes. Thank you very much for your time!



EGL FAMILY THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON: We have so much to be thankful for! Please join us as we gather together for a family style Thanksgiving luncheon on Sunday, November 24, beginning at 11:30 a.m. following our Sunday morning bible study. Please sign up for a dish to share. Turkey and gravy are already on the menu! Please use the sign-up genius link to let us know you will be attending and what dish you bring to share. There will also be a sign up sheet in the back of church. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-53071917-eglfamily>

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT Ladies, please join us as we enjoy one another's company over special beverages, appetizers and desserts and focus on the wonderful gift God gave us through His son, Jesus. ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT is Sunday, December 1, 3:30-5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. Please call Carole Braun (262-781-1494) or Meg Grelk (262-309-9861) to let us know you can join us. Table decorators, servers, and appetizers/dessert makers are needed and appreciated, too. A \$5 donation will be received at the door.

SWD CONVENTION NOMINATIONS: The South Wisconsin District meets in convention June 9-10, 2025, at Concordia University Wisconsin in Mequon under the theme of "Nicaea at 1700." The regular business of the convention includes the election of officers -- President, regional Vice Presidents, Circuit Visitors, CUW Board of Regents, District Board of Directors, and District Convention Nomination Committee. Nominations for District President and Vice President must be made by congregational action and the nomination forms available on the convention web page must be signed by the President/Chairman and the Secretary of the congregation, by March 10, 2025. These original forms are to be mailed to Secretary Knuth at the SWD office by the appropriate deadline. The other recommendation forms should also be completed, signed, and returned to the District for the other various offices by January 31, 2025. Copies of the instructions and various nomination forms can be found on the credenza in the back of the nave. You may also go here to read the same material: <https://swd.lcms.org/president/convention.html>

THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents their Christmas concert, *"...and night shall be no more,"* Friday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 121 W. Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha and Sunday, December 8, 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St., Milwaukee. Tickets are \$20 General Admission. Students are free with student ID. Tickets can be purchased at <https://lutheranacappella.org/> or talk to Rick Ewert. Come hear music from Bach, Manz, Kirchner, Rutter, Wilberg and more!

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: Please help our youth fundraise for the LCMS Youth Gathering next year by having dinner at Qdoba (16005 W. Bluemound Road in Brookfield) on Nov 12, from 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. 25% of sales will benefit our youth. Flyers can be found in the back of the nave.

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS collected at the Thanksgiving service are designated to support a Place of Refuge. This mission is helping women choose life for their babies and is guiding them toward a life in Christ. Please be generous in your support of this wonderful mission outreach.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, November 13, 2:00 - 6:30 p.m. Schedule your appointment online or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333/BloodDrive@egl.org. Blood donors are critically needed. With many Baby-Boomer donors no longer eligible to donate, more younger donors are needed.



LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Thurs, Nov 21 at 11: a.m. at Parkside 23 restaurant (2360 Pilgrim Square Drive). RSVP to JoAnn at 262-782-6085.

HATCH DEATH: For those who have attended the Oak Hill Cemetery in Brookfield Memorial Day event over the years the name Hatch will ring a bell. Nathan Hatch is buried in the center of the cemetery. He was a Revolutionary War veteran who had signed up four different times to serve under General George Washington. In his 70's Nathan joined a couple of sons in moving from Vermont out to the frontier territory of Wisconsin, farming a plot of land on the north side of Capital Drive not far from the intersection with Calhoun. His descendants have a long, proud history of serving in the US military, including a Clark Hatch who died just recently on October 31 in his home State of Hawaii after a battle with cancer. Plans had been in place to invite him back to Oak Hill for the 2025 Memorial Day event, where he has spoken on several occasions over the years.

A MESSAGE FROM STEWARDSHIP: All church families should have received your "Moving Forward by Faith" pledge packet for 2025 in the mail. Please carefully read the information and ask God to provide specific direction in completing the Pledge Card and "Be an Active Member" survey, then bring them to our worship services on "Pledge Weekend", November 14 or 17. By providing this information to EGL, you will greatly help in the planning for the upcoming year. Thank you! P.S. There will also be additional forms in the news rack and the back of the church if needed.

LWML: The evening group of LWML will meet on Mon, Nov 11 at 6:30 p.m. in the BAAC to assemble the dry ingredients into jars for cookies. Both soup jars and cookie jars will be sold in the lower entrance of the church on Sun, Nov 24. Proceeds of the sale will be used to send two voting delegates and two young representatives to the LWML-SWD Convention in June 2026.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thursday, November 21 at 9:30 a.m. is the next meeting in the BAAC. The book to be discussed is *Something Like Happy* by Eva Woods. An invitation is extended to EGL ladies who enjoy reading. Come and join us. Questions? Call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.



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DISTRICT

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH—MISSOURI SYNOD

At the South Wisconsin District office, we often receive calls from churches and church members seeking recommendations for trusted professionals — attorneys, accountants, plumbers, realtors, etc. — but too frequently, we lack information to share.

To bridge this gap, we're excited to announce the launch of our ***Vocational Directory***, designed specifically for LCMS business owners and professionals in South Wisconsin.

This directory isn't about finding volunteers for *pro bono* work; it's about building a network of skilled professionals within our membership. We invite you to share your expertise with congregations across South Wisconsin.

Ready to get involved? Complete the simple registration form at swd.lcms.org/PRO or scan the QR code below to get started. And please, share this invitation with fellow LCMS business owners and professionals who might want to share their skills and join us in honoring each of our Christ-centered vocations.

Together, we can create a resource that strengthens our community and serves our churches effectively!



The South Wisconsin District is one of 35 districts of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). Covering the southern third of the state of Wisconsin, the District serves the 83,700 baptized members in 199 churches, 51 elementary schools, 23 preschools, 8 high schools, and 1 university. Visit swd.lcms.org to learn more.