

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
945 Terrace Dr., Elm Grove, WI 53122
Phone (262) 797-2970

Rev. Eric C. Skovgaard, Administrative Pastor

LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Thursday, November 21, 2024 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 24, 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."

Preservice

(9:00) Wake, Awake! — arr. Jeffrey Honoré

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

O Worship the King – David Cherwien

Hymn of Invocation

804, O Worship the King

Confession and Absolution

p. 167

Introit

Psalm 39:4-5, 7-8, 12a (Antiphon 2 Peter 3:13b)

P We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

C the home of righteousness.

P O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

C let me know how fleeting I am!

P Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,

C and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

P And now, O LORD, for what do I wait?

C My hope is in you.

P Deliver me from my transgressions.

C Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

P Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;

C hold not your peace at my tears!

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 We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,

C the home of righteousness.

Kyrie – Salutation and Collect of the Day

pp. 168 – 172

(Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast)

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14

⁹As I looked, thrones were placed, and the Ancient of days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames; its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and came out from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. . . . ¹³I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the Ancient of Days and was presented before him. ¹⁴And to him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Hebrews 10:11–25

¹¹Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹²But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ¹⁹Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, ²¹and since we have a great priest over the house of God, ²²let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Alleluia and Verse

p. 173

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

564, Christ Sits at God’s Right Hand

Sermon

“The Day Is Drawing Near” (Hebrews 10:23-25)

Nicene Creed

p. 174

Prayer of the Church

Offering

**(6:30) Christ Sits at God's Right Hand – Hal Hopson
(9:00) King All Glorious – arr. Gregg Sewell**



To give to Elm Grove Lutheran Church, you can scan the QR code (left) to go to our online giving site.

(Those who are not communing may place their cards in the offering plate.)

Offertory

p. 176

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

pp. 177 - 180

Hymns During Distribution


**516, Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying
514, The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us
TLH 476, Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand**

Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand


476

Rev. 7: 17
Henry Alford, 1887


7. & 8. & D.

Alford
John B. Dykes, 1875



1 Ten thou-sand times ten thou-sand. In spar-king rai-ment bright.
2 What rush of al - le - lu - ias Fills all the earth and sky!
3 Oh, then what rap-tured greet-ings On Ca-naan's hap-py shore;
4 Bring near Thy great sal - va - tion, Thou Lamb for sin - ners slain;



The ar-mies of the ran-somed saints Throng up the steeps of light.
What ring-ing of a thou-sand harps Pro-claims the tri-umph nigh!
What knit-ting sev-ered friend-ships up Where part-ings are no more!
Fill up the roll of Thine e - lect, Then take Thy pow'r and reign.



'Tis fin-ished, all is fin-ished, Their fight with death and sin;
O day, for which cre - a - tion And all its tribes were made;
Then eyes with joy shall spar-kle That brimmed with tears of late;
Ap - pear, De - sire of Na - tions; Thine ex - iles long for home.



Fling o - pen wide the gold - en gates And let the vic - tors in.
O joy, for all its for - mer woes A thou-sand-fold re - paid!
Or - phans no lon - ger fa - ther-less Nor wid - ows des - o - late.
Show in the heav'ns Thy promised sign; Thou Prince and Savior, come! Amen.

Postlude

From All That Dwell Below the Skies – Miles I’A Martin

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 Ken and Elaine Willis in celebration of their 70th wedding anniversary on November 27.

Participants

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| Presiding Minister | (6:30) Pastor Samuel Lee |
| Liturgist | (9:00) Pastor Eric Skovgaard |
| Organist | Richard C. Ewert |
| Handbells | (9:00) Exultate Ringers |
| Choir | (9:00) Exultate Singers |
| Piano | (9:00) Karla Bessert |
| Percussion | Karla Bessert, Matthew Ewert |
| Elder | (6:30) John Wolck, (9:00) Doug Grek |
| Chancel Assistant | (6:30) Steve Hipenbecker, (9:00) Mark Ewert |
| Usher Team on duty | (6:30) Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert, Sam Ewert, Peter Holzward, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch (9:00) Sharon Boudro, Lizzie Ky, Tyler Ky, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger, Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson |
| Altar Guild | (6:30) Sherri Bond, Jean Kruse (9:00) Karen Clark, Sue Schmalzer |

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: John Schaefer

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Doug Grek

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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

THANKSGIVING OFFERINGS collected at the Thanksgiving Eve 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.

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH
945 Terrace Drive, Elm Grove, WI 53122
Phone: 262-797-2970 Fax: 262-797-2977 Website: www.egl.org
Last Sunday of the Church Year
Sunday, November 24, 2024 – Volume 76, Number 11.4
The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

- | | |
|---|--|
| <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. HA Gym Rental 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 5:00 p.m. Board of Finance (228) 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees (229) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)</p> <p>T 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Romans) (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC) 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)</p> | <p>6:30 p.m. Bible Study (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders (228)</p> <p>W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (Acts) (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC) 5:00 p.m. HA Gym Rental 6:30 p.m. Worship 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)</p> <p>T HAPPY THANKSGIVING</p> |
|---|--|

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **129** people that attended services last week in person and **65** households streamed the services for a total of **194**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

STEWARDSHIP PLEDGES can still be turned in. Please place them in the brown box in the back of Church. Thank you for your generosity!

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT Advent by Candlelight to be held Sunday, December 1, 3:30-5:30 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall will be an afternoon of Advent joy and peace shared by ladies of all ages. Come and join us as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of our Savior, Jesus' birth and enjoy fellowship, music, appetizers, and desserts. Please call Meg Grek (262-309-9861) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494) for reservations by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 25.

COOKIE THANK-YOU: Recently Mrs. Amy Zientek and her cookie crew packed up 20 boxes of cookies for mailing off to our college kids as a reminder that they are loved. Now they have the extra energy for pushing through those final exams and papers before the Thanksgiving break. Thank you to Mrs. Zientek and all the EGL ladies who baked for the project!

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,

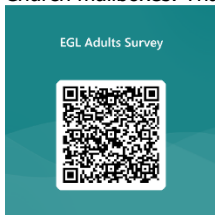
regional Vice Presidents, Circuit Visitors, CUW Board of Regents, District Board of Directors, and District Convention Nomination Committee. Nominations for District President and Vice President must be made by congregational action and the nomination forms available on the convention web page must be 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>

FOOD INGATHERING FOR MILWAUKEE LUTHERAN CHURCH FOOD PANTRIES: EGL will be collecting food and money to support our urban church partner food pantries. Please leave your donated food in the lower level entry or bring to the 6:30 p.m. worship service on Wednesday evening, November 27. Food brought to the service can be placed in the chancel area. Checks can be made to Elm Grove Lutheran Church with a note to "Bread and Fish" in the memo line. Donated food and clothing will be delivered on Friday, November 29.

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!

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!



LWML Today on Sunday, November 24, both soup jars and cookie jars will be sold in the lower entrance of the church. Proceeds of the sale will be used to send two voting delegates and two young representatives to the LWML-SWD Convention in June 2026. Prices for the jars are \$7 for one or 3 for \$20.

LWML CHRISTMAS PARTY: Wednesday, December 4, at 10:00 a.m., the morning group will meet in the BAAC for its Christmas party with the focus being a Christmas devotion with participation for all. The Christmas story will be shared with scripture verses, narration, and singing of favorite Christmas songs. Plan to attend. Each lady is asked to bring 6 cookies and a sandwich.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: We plan to meet on Thursday, December 19, at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC to discuss the book, *The Five Wishes of Mr. Murray McBride* written by Joe Siple.

| This Advent Season the Sunday sermons will focus on the Old Testament Prophets while the Midweek sermons will focus on the "I Am" statements of Jesus. | | |
|---|----------------------------------|--|
| November 28, 6:30 p.m. | Thanksgiving Eve | "Why Is It Important To Give Thanks?" (Phil. 4:6) |
| December 1, 9:00 a.m. | 1 st Sunday in Advent | "The LORD Is Our Righteousness" (Jer. 33:16) |
| December 4, 6:30 p.m. | Midweek Advent | "I Am the Light of the World" (John 8:12) |
| December 8, 9:00 a.m. | 2 nd Sunday in Advent | "Return to the LORD Your God!" (Malachi 3:1-7b) |
| December 11, 6:30 p.m. | Midweek Advent | "I Am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25) |
| December 15, 9:00 a.m. | 3 rd Sunday in Advent | "The LORD Rejoices Over You With Singing" (Zeph. 3:17) |
| December 18, 6:30 p.m. | Midweek Advent | "I Am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11, 14) |
| December 22, 9:00 a.m. | 4 th Sunday in Advent | "He Will Be Their Peace" (Micah 5:5) |
| December 24, 5:00 & 8:00 p.m. | Christmas Eve | "I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6) |