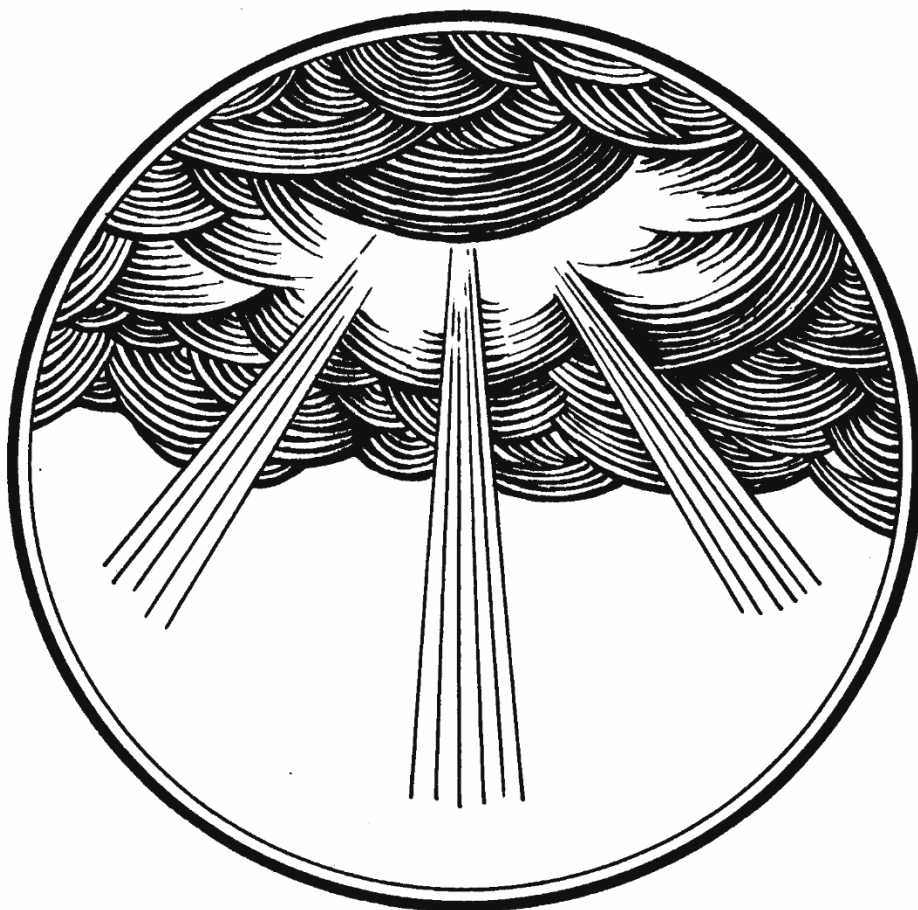


ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
945 Terrace Dr., Elm Grove, WI 53122
Phone (262) 797-2970
Rev. Eric C. Skovgaard, Administrative Pastor

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Sunday, December 1, 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

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates – Jan O. Bender

Hymn of Invocation

341, Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 89:6, 14-16, 18 (Antiphon Zechariah 9:9b)

P Behold your king is coming to you;

C righteous and having salvation.

P Who in the skies can be compared to the LORD?

C Who among the heavenly beings is like the LORD?

P Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

C steadfast love and faithfulness go before you.

P Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,

C who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,

P who exult in your name all the day

C and in your righteousness are exalted.

P For our shield belongs to the LORD,

C our king to the Holy One of Israel.

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 Behold, your king is coming to you;

C righteous and having salvation.

Kyrie

943 Kyrie — I

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise is omitted during Advent)

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'"

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 118:26

P Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion.

C Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.

P Behold, your king is coming to you;

C righteous and having salvation.

P Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

C From the house of the Lord we bless You.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith? ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 21:25–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵[Jesus said:] "There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴"But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

936, Sing Praise to the God of Israel

Sermon

"The LORD Is Our Righteousness" (Jeremiah 33:16)

Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

Sing Praise to the God of Israel – Wilbur Held



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(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

335, O Bride of Christ, Rejoice
350, Come, Thou Precious Ransom, Come
968 My Lord, What a Morning

Refrain



My Lord, what a morn-ing; My Lord, what a
morn-ing; Oh, my Lord, what a morn - ing, When the
stars be-gin to fall, When the stars be-gin to fall.

1 You'll hear the trum - pet sound, To wake the
 2 You'll hear the sin - ner cry, To wake the
 3 You'll hear the Chris - tian shout, To wake the

na - tions un - der - ground, Look - ing to my God's right
 na - tions un - der - ground, Look - ing to my God's right
 na - tions un - der - ground, Look - ing to my God's right

Refrain

hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.
 hand, When the stars be - gin to fall.
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Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction

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Closing Hymn

333, Once He Came in Blessing

Postlude

Once He Came in Blessing – Paul O. Manz

ALTAR PARAMENTS: The blue paraments announce a new church year and hope with the coming of the King of Kings – as Baby in Bethlehem, as Savior in Word and Sacrament, and as Judge of all.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Linda Hoffmann in memory of John and Lenore Baker

Participants

Presiding Minister
 Organist
 Elder
 Chancel Assistant
 Usher Team on duty

Pastor Eric Skovgaard
 Richard C. Ewert
 Doug Grek
 Jim Olson

Altar Guild

Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke,
 Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox
 Carol Ewert, Julie Leaf

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

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| S | 9:00 a.m. Worship (DS2) | 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC) |
| | 10:30 a.m. Bible Study | W 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC) |
| | 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH) | 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead Players (BAAC) |
| M | 5:00 p.m. HA Gym Rental | 5:00 p.m. HA Gym Rental |
| | 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) | 6:30 p.m. Worship |
| | 6:30 p.m. Property/BOCE Meeting (BAAC) | 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental |
| | 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH) | 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC) |
| T | 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Romans) (228) | |
| | 10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC) | |

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **156** people that attended services last week in person and **65** 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."

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT: Join us for pizza dinner, drinks, and popcorn with the movie. Friday, December 20, 6:30 p.m. in the CLC. The cost is a free-will offering. We will watch a live-action Christmas musical adventure that combines classic Christmas melodies with humor, faith, and pop songs in a retelling of Mary and Joseph and the birth of Jesus. Feel free to bring a comfy movie chair. RSVP by December 18 to evangelism@egl.org

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>

SEAMSTRESS SOUGHT: We are looking for someone to craft new children's book bags for our little ones to use during Church. If you are interested in helping with this please contact Amy in the Church office or email her at astroh@eg.org. Thank you!!

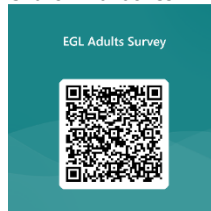
THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents their Christmas concert, *"...and night shall be no more,"* Friday, December 6, 7:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 121 W. Wisconsin Ave., Waukesha and Sunday, December 8, 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St., Milwaukee. 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!

EGL YOUTH GROUP is having a Christmas Party on Friday, December 13, 6-8 p.m. in the Youth Room and Gym. Enjoy playing in a Mario Kart tournament, beach ball volleyball and minute-to-win-it games. Food will be provided. Please plan to attend!

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.

GROW IN GOD'S WORD IN 2025 – Join an EGL Bible Study!				
Day & Time	Location	Topic	Open To	Pastor Leader
Sun 10:30-11:30	Sanctuary	Formula of Concord	All	Skovgaard
Tues 7-8 a.m.	Rm 228	Romans	Men	Skovgaard
Tues 10-11 a.m.	BAAC	Romans	Women	Hipenbecker
Wed 10-11 a.m. (except 1 st Wed. of Month)	BAAC	Acts	All	Skovgaard
ALSO CALLING ALL HOME BIBLE STUDY GROUPS: If you are willing to invite new members, contact the BOCE so we can promote it and encourage EVERYONE in our EGL family to "let the Word of Christ dwell in ypu richly" (Co.. 3:16) in 2025!				

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!



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.		
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)