

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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Rev. Eric C. Skovgaard, Administrative Pastor

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT
Sunday, December 22, 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

Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending – Alan Ridout

Hymn of Invocation

336, Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

1 Samuel 2:1b, 2, 5b, 6-7 (Antiphon Luke 46b-47)

P My soul magnifies the Lord,

C and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

P My mouth derides my enemies,

C because I rejoice in your salvation.

P There is none holy like the LORD;

C there is none besides you; there is no rock like our God.

P The barren has borne seven,

C but she who has many children is forlorn.

P The LORD kills and brings to life;

C he brings down to Sheol and raises up.

P The LORD makes poor and makes rich;

C he brings low and he exalts.

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 My soul magnifies the LORD,

C and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior.

Kyrie

943 Kyrie — I

Salutation and Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise is omitted during Advent)

Old Testament Reading

Micah 5:2–5a

² But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, who are too little to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. ³Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has given birth; then the rest of his brothers shall return to the people of Israel. ⁴And he shall stand and shepherd his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall dwell secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth. ⁵And he shall be their peace.

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

Hebrews 10:5–10

⁵When Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷Then I said, "Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book." ⁸When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 1:39–45

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁹In those days Mary arose and went with haste into the hill country, to a town in Judah, ⁴⁰and she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹And when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, the baby leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit, ⁴²and she exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb! ⁴³And why is this granted to me that the mother of my Lord should come to me? ⁴⁴For behold, when the sound of your greeting came to my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her from the Lord."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

332, Savior of the Nations, Come

Sermon

"He Will Be Their Peace" (Micah 5:5)

Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering



The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came – Elaine S. Dykstra

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

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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

356, The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came

934, My Soul Now Magnifies the Lord

361, O Little Town of Bethlehem (Tune: Forest Green)

Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction

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(Post-Communion Canticle: 933, My Soul Rejoices)

Closing Hymn

342, What Hope! An Eden Prophesied

Postlude

What Hope! An Eden Prophesied – Michael Burkhardt

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 John and Luanne Schaefer in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary on December 23.

CREDENCE TABLE FLOWERS: Placed by the Leaf and Ewert Families in celebration of Chuck Ewert's 90th birthday on December 22.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Organist
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Altar Guild

Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Richard C. Ewert
Bruce Bessert
John Schaefer
Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner,
Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner
Nancy Ewert, Shelly Skovgaard

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 (5:00 p.m.)

ELDER: Mattias Goldenstein

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

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

CHRISTMAS EVE TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 (8:00 p.m.)

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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

CHRISTMAS DAY WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 (10:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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

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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. Sunday School/Bible Study (Concord)
 12:00 p.m. Gym Rental
 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)</p> <p>M 4:30 p.m. Exultate Ringers and Singers and Intrada Ringers (Church)</p> <p>T 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (Romans) (228)
 10:00 a.m. Women's Study (Romans) (BAAC)</p> | <p>5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship
 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship</p> <p>W Office Closed
 10:00 a.m. Christmas Day Worship ©</p> <p>T Office Closed</p> |
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IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **176** people that attended services last week in person and **64** households streamed the services for a total of **240**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

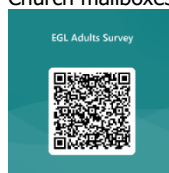
CHRISTMAS DAY OFFERINGS collected are designated to support a Place of Refuge. This mission is helping women choose life for their babies and is guiding them toward a life in Christ. Please be generous in your support of this wonderful mission outreach.

EGL YOUTH BAKE SALE: EGL Youth Ministry is holding a bake sale this Sunday (December 22) after church in the Friendship Library. Stop by to pick up some sweets and baked goods. All proceeds will support the participants attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in July 2025.

LWML RETREAT: If you are planning to attend the LWML SWD Winter Getaway, please note that the deadline for reserving rooms at the Cranberry Country Lodge for the LWML room rate is December 31, and the deadline for registering for this retreat is January 17. Check the LWML bulletin board in the lower entrance of the church for details.

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!



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!

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.		
<i>December 24, 5:00 & 8:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Christmas Eve</i>	<i>"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life" (John 14:6)</i>
<i>December 25, 10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Christmas Day</i>	<i>"The Piling Up of Goodness and Mercy" (John 1:16)</i>

