

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 29, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Matins



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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Let All Together Praise Our God – Paul O. Manz

Opening Hymn

389, Let All Together Praise Our God

Versicles

pp. 219 – 220

Invitatory (*Spoken*)

P Lo, to us the Christ is born.

C O come, let us worship Him.

Venite (*Sung*)

pp. 220-221

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Psalm

Psalm 111; antiphon: v. 9a, b

P He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

C Holy and awesome is his name!

P Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart,

C in the company of the upright, in the congregation.

P Great are the works of the LORD,

C studied by all who delight in them.

P Full of splendor and majesty is his work,

C and his righteousness endures forever.

P He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered;

C the LORD is gracious and merciful.

P He provides food for those who fear him;

C he remembers his covenant forever.

P He has shown his people the power of his works,

C in giving them the inheritance of the nations.

P The works of his hands are faithful and just;

C all his precepts are trustworthy;

P they are established forever and ever,

C to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

P He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever.

C Holy and awesome is his name!

P The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.

C His praise endures forever!

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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Office Hymn

897, O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly

Reading

Exodus 13:1–3a, 11–15

¹The LORD said to Moses, ²"Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine." ³Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the LORD brought you out from this place. . . . ¹¹"When the LORD brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹²you shall set apart to the LORD all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the LORD'S. ¹³Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the LORD killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the LORD all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.'"

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Colossians 3:12–17

¹²Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, ¹³bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 2:22–40

²²When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³(as it is written in the Law of the Lord, "Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord") ²⁴and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons." ²⁵Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him.

²⁶And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. ²⁷And he came in the Spirit into the temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, ²⁸he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, ²⁹"Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; ³⁰for my eyes have seen your salvation ³¹that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, ³²a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel." ³³And his father and his mother marveled at what was said about him. ³⁴And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, "Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed ³⁵(and a sword will pierce through your own soul also), so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed." ³⁶And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, ³⁷and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. ³⁹And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him.

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C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth

C We have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

C We have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C We have seen His glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

Sermon "Old Man Simeon and the Consolation of Isreal" (Luke 2:22-40)

Canticle p. 223
(*Canticle - Te Deum*)

Offering Coventry Carol – arr. Douglas E. Wagner

Kyrie – Benediction pp. 227-228

Closing Hymn 386, Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Postlude Now Sing We, Now Rejoice BWV 729 – Johann S. Bach

ALTAR PARAMENTS: White paraments adorn the chancel throughout the Christmas season emphasizing God's (white) greatest gift to the world (earth tones), Jesus Christ incarnate.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Organist
Handbell Quintet
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Altar Guild

Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Richard C. Ewert
Karla Bessert, Emily Ewert, Pam Ganswindt, Cathy Tuttrup, Ann Wilcox
Matthew Stroh
Doug Grell
Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke,
Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox
Meg Grell, Joan Knuteson

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

TUESDAY NEW YEAR'S EVE, DECEMBER 31 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

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

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| <p>S 9:00 a.m. Worship (DS2)
 10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Concord)
 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)</p> <p>M 5:00 Board of Finance (229)
 5:30 p.m. Trustees Meeting</p> <p>T 7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study</p> | <p>10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study
 6:30 p.m. New Year’s Eve Service</p> <p>W Office Closed</p> <p>T 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)</p> <p>S 4:00 p.m. Board of Evangelism (FL)</p> |
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IN THE LORD’S HOUSE: There were **492** people that attended services last week in person and **264** households streamed the services for a total of **756**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

SUNDAY SCHOOL: There is no Sunday School today. Sunday School will resume on January 5, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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.

LONG-TERM SUBSTITUTE POSITION: St. Paul’s Lutheran, West Allis, is seeking to fill a middle school teaching position through the end of the current school year. Teaching responsibilities would include 6th grade reading and 6th-8th grade social studies. If you or someone you know may be interested in this opportunity, please contact Danielle Jackson, Interim Principal, at danielle@splcwa.org or 414-541-6251.

STAMMTISCH: Yup, it’s still cold! Come on out and join us at EGL Stammtisch as we comfortable connect with those around us, in a warm and relaxed environment over a few cold ones and "schnecks". Join us for our monthly EGL guys’ get-together of great conversation and great libation. We continue to meet in the Bartelt Center (BAAC) at EGL the 3rd Thursday of each month. Our next get together is January 16, from 7:30-9:00(ish) p.m. This month, bring something "new to you" to share, hot or cold. We like to try new stuff! If you are new to

EGL or Stammtisch, come on out and give it a try! Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!! For more information, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430.

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!

