

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

Sunday, January 5, 2025 - 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

All My Heart Again Rejoices – David M. Cherwien

Hymn of Invocation

360, All My Heart Again Rejoices

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 147:1, 5, 11–12; antiphon: John 1:14

P The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory,

C glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

P Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

C for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

P Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

C his understanding is beyond measure.

P But the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

C in those who hope in his steadfast love.

P Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem!

C Praise your God, O Zion!

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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Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis)

Old Testament Reading

1 Kings 3:4–15

⁴ The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the great high place. Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. ⁵At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, "Ask what I shall give you." ⁶And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant David my father, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you. And you have kept for him this great and steadfast love and have given him a son to sit on his throne this day. ⁷And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. ⁸And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. ⁹Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" ¹⁰It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. ¹¹And God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, ¹²behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you. ¹³I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and

honor, so that no other king shall compare with you, all your days. ¹⁴And if you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days.” ¹⁵And Solomon awoke, and behold, it was a dream. Then he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the LORD, and offered up burnt offerings and peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 90:12,14

P To us a child is born, to us a son is given;

C and the government shall be upon his shoulder.

P And his name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

C Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

P Sing to the Lord a new song,

C for he has done marvelous things!

Epistle

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵he predestined us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹²so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 2:40–52

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁰The child [Jesus] grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favor of God was upon him. ⁴¹Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover. ⁴²And when

he was twelve years old, they went up according to custom. ⁴³And when the feast was ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it, ⁴⁴but supposing him to be in the group they went a day's journey, but then they began to search for him among their relatives and acquaintances, ⁴⁵and when they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸And when his parents saw him, they were astonished. And his mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us so? Behold, your father and I have been searching for you in great distress." ⁴⁹And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. ⁵¹And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was submissive to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

410, Within the Father's House

Sermon

"I Had To Be in My Father's House" (Luke 2:49)

Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

Within the Father's House – Flor Peeters



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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

**369, Where Shepherds Lately Knelt
383, A Great and Mighty Wonder
381, Let Our Gladness Have No End**

Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction

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(Canticle: Nunc Dimittis)

Closing Hymn

385, From East to West

Postlude

From East to West (Vom Himmel hoch) – Johann Pachelbel

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.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by the Richard & Nancy Ewert family, in memory of beloved son/brother Daniel Ewert's birthday on January 4.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Eric Skovgaard

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Elder

Rick Wegner

Chancel Assistant

Mark Ewert

Usher Team on duty

Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert,
Sam Ewert, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch

Altar Guild

Karen Clark, Carol Ewert

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Mattias Goldenstein

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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

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<p>S 9:00 a.m. Worship (DS2) 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study (Concord) 6:30 p.m. LWML (FL) 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)</p> <p>M 4:30 p.m. HA Basketball Rental 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)</p> <p>T 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study</p>	<p>5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC) W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 4:30 p.m. HA Basketball Rental 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)</p> <p>T 6:30 p.m. Worship</p>
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IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **157** people that attended services last week in person and **89** households streamed the services for a total of **246**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

SAVE-THE-DATE for Family Game Night! Plan on joining us to play the fun dice game Farkle. The evening begins in the Fellowship Hall with a taco dinner at 6:30 p.m. on January 24. Yes, you may bring a friend along. RSVP to evangelism@egl.org.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: We will meet in the BAAC on Thursday, January 16 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the book, *Cottage by the Sea* by Debbie Macomber. Interesting book! We should have a good discussion. Like to read? Join us. Questions? Call Barb Kurth 262-345-5083.

LWML: The evening group of LWML will meet on Monday, January 6 in the Friendship Library at 6:30 p.m. The mission project will be crocheting soap bags to be filled with small left-over soap to be used by needy people. These soap bags will be given to Hope House in central Wisconsin. Note that the deadline for registering for the **LWML SWD Winter Getaway** is January 17. Check the LWML bulletin board for details.

HELP REQUESTED to take down the EGL Christmas trees on January 12 after service and Bible Study.

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 comfortably 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.

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
<p>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!</p>				

