

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

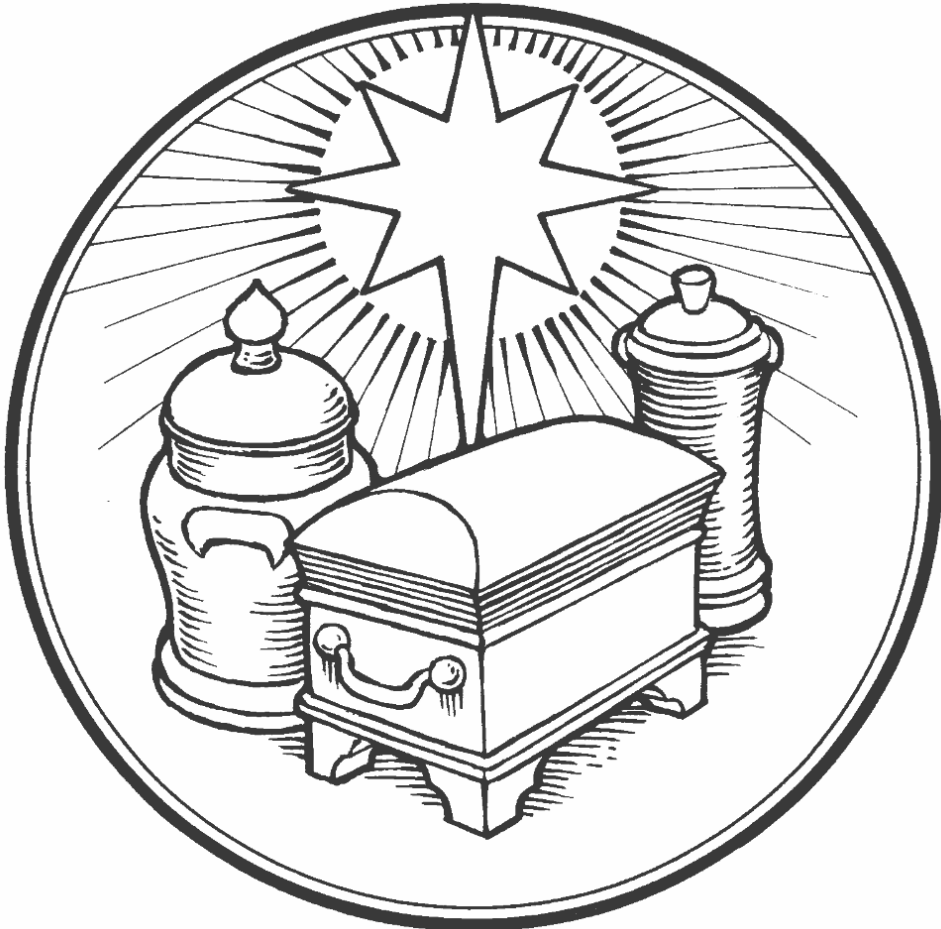
The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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EPIPHANY (Observed)

Sunday, January 12, 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

Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning – John Leavitt

Hymn of Invocation

400, Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 45:6–8a; antiphon: v. 17

P I will cause your name to be remembered in all generations;

C therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

P Your throne, O God, is forever and ever. The scepter of your kingdom is a scepter of uprightness;

C you have loved righteousness and hated wickedness.

P Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions;

C your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia.

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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C therefore nations will praise you forever and ever.

Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 60:1–6

¹Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. ²For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you. ³And nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your rising. ⁴Lift up your eyes all around, and see; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from afar, and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and exult, because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 117:1-2a; 96:8

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Ascribe the LORD the glory due his name:

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

Ephesians 3:1–12

¹For this reason I, Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles— ²assuming that you have heard of the stewardship of God’s grace that was given to me for you, ³how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I have written briefly. ⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the mystery of Christ, ⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit. ⁶This mystery is that the Gentiles are fellow heirs, members of the same body, and partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. ⁷Of this gospel I was made a minister according to the gift of God’s grace, which was given me by the working of his power. ⁸To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, ⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 2:1-12

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, ²saying, “Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” ³When Herod the king heard this, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and assembling all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it is written by the prophet: ⁶“And you, O Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.”” ⁷Then Herod summoned the wise men secretly and ascertained from them what time the star had appeared. ⁸And he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word, that I too may come and worship him.” ⁹After listening to the king, they went on their way. And behold, the star

that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. ¹¹And going into the house they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. ¹²And being warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed to their own country by another way.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

403, O Savior of Our Fallen Race

Sermon

"First Fruits of Faith From the Gentiles" (Matthew 2:1-2)

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

Rejoice with Exceeding Great Joy – arr. Derric Johnson



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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

**397, As With Gladness Men of Old
405, To Jordan's River Came Our Lord**

Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction

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(Canticle: Nunc Dimittis)

Closing Hymn

399, The Proclaims the King Is Here

Postlude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern — 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 EGL in celebration of the 85th anniversary of the organizational meeting of the new congregation.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Eric Skovgaard

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Piano

Karla Bessert

Elder

Paul Haut

Chancel Assistant

Jim Olson

Usher Team on duty

Anthony Bagwell, Aaron DeWitt, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely,
Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matthew Zientek, Mikayla Zientek

Altar Guild

Luanne Schaefer, Shelly Skovgaard

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Doug Grelk

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)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: John Wolck

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

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

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (DS2) 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	W	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC) 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
M	4:30 p.m. HA Basketball Rental 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Church Council (228_		4:30 p.m. HA Basketball Rental 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
T	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH) 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study	T	6:30 p.m. Worship 7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (BAAC)

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **167** people that attended services last week in person and **69** households streamed the services for a total of **236**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

BRING A FRIEND FOR FAMILY GAME NIGHT: Are you ready to compete for the highest score in the dice game Farkle? Farkle can easily be played by anyone 8 or older. Prizes will be given for those lucky rollers. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall for a taco dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 24. RSVP to evangelism@egl.org.

SAVE THE DATE: The EGL Foundation Board will be holding the 2nd Annual Golf Outing, Dinner, and Raffle this spring. Save the date for Friday, May 9! Further details to come later.

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: Reminder! 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.

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EGL MILESTONE: On January 10, 1940, the organizational meeting of the new congregation was held and the following were elected as the first officers: president, Tom Elleman; secretary, Ralph Winkler; treasurer, Henry Osterkamp; trustees, Robert Schomann and Helmut Summ; elders, Arthur Ulichny and Ralph Winkler. These men and their families, plus Mrs. Milton Race, Mrs. Olga Summ (Helmut's mother), Mr. & Mrs. Erv Steidel and the Elmer Strehlow family, constituted the charter membership of the congregation. They chose Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church as the official name and adopted the first constitution on January 16, 1940. A little "blast" from the past!

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.

COVER ART: On a regular basis we make use of artwork by Edward Riojas, an LCMS artist, from Michigan, for the front cover. Riojas makes these available free of charge for churches to use. The

individual pieces are tied to the 3-year lectionary cycle, especially the assigned Gospel reading for that Sunday, that EGL and most LCMS congregations use for a full exposure to the treasure of God’s Word on a yearly schedule.

WINTER YOUTH NIGHT: Calling all 6th-12th grade youth! Join us for an unforgettable Winter Youth Night on **Sunday, January 26, at 6:30 p.m.** in the Youth Center. Enjoy fun games, hot chocolate, and warm fellowship as we celebrate the season together. Don’t forget to **bring a friend**—the more, the merrier! We can’t wait to see you there!

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	Lutheran vs. Roman Catholic Theology	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!				

