

# ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Thursday, January 30, 2025 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 2, 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

**God Has Spoken by His Prophets – Mark Sedio**

### Hymn of Invocation

**583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets**

### Confession and Absolution

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### Introit

**Psalm 10:16-18 (Antiphon Psalm 10:12)**

P Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;

**C forget not the afflicted.**

P The LORD is king forever and ever;

**C the nations perish from his land.**

P O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;

**C you will strengthen their heart;**

P you will incline your ear to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,

**C so that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.**

**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 Arise, O LORD; O God, lift up your hand;

**C forget not the afflicted.**

### Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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*(Hymn of Praise: Gloria in Excelsis)*

### Old Testament Reading

**Jeremiah 1:4–10**

<sup>4</sup>Now the word of the LORD came to me, saying, <sup>5</sup>"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." <sup>6</sup>Then I said, "Ah, Lord GOD! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth." <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD." <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth. And the LORD said to me, "Behold, I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, I have set you this day over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### (6:30) 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 to the LORD the glory due his name:

**C bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

**(9:00) Choral Response**

**The Gift of Love – Hal H. Hopson**

**Epistle**

**1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13**

I will show you a still more excellent way. <sup>1</sup>If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup>And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup>If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing. <sup>4</sup>Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant <sup>5</sup>or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup>it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup>Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. <sup>8</sup>Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. <sup>9</sup>For we know in part and we prophesy in part, <sup>10</sup>but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away. <sup>11</sup>When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. <sup>12</sup>For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup>So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**

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**Holy Gospel**

**Luke 4:31–44**

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>31</sup>[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the Sabbath, <sup>32</sup>and they were astonished at his teaching, for his word possessed authority. <sup>33</sup>And in the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, <sup>34</sup>“Ha! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are—the Holy One of God.” <sup>35</sup>But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in their midst, he came out of him, having done him no harm. <sup>36</sup>And they were all amazed and said to one another, “What is this word? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and they come out!” <sup>37</sup>And reports about him went out into every place in the surrounding region. <sup>38</sup>And he arose and left the synagogue and entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was ill with a high fever, and they appealed to him on her behalf. <sup>39</sup>And he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her, and immediately she rose and began to serve them. <sup>40</sup>Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them. <sup>41</sup>And demons also came out of many,

crying, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ. <sup>42</sup>And when it was day, he departed and went into a desolate place. And the people sought him and came to him, and would have kept him from leaving them, <sup>43</sup>but he said to them, "I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose." <sup>44</sup>And he was preaching in the synagogues of Judea.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day**

**541 "Away from Us!" the Demon Cried**

**Sermon**

**"An Unclean Spirit Submits to Christ" (Luke 4:31-44)**

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**6:30 "Away from Us!" the Demon Cried – Timothy Shaw**  
**9:00 Grazioso – Georg Philipp Telemann/arr. S. Drummond Wolff**



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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**

**885 I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care**  
**731 O God, Forsake Me Not**

**Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction**

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*(Canticle: Nunc Dimittis)*

**Closing Hymn**

**803 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee**

**Postlude**

**Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – Albert L. Travis**

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	Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Handbells	(9:00) Exultate Ringers
Choir	(9:00) Exultate Singers
Elder	(6:30) Doug Grelk, (9:00) Eric Thompson
Chancel Assistant	(6:30) Mark Ewert, (9:00) Steve Hipenbecker
Usher Team on duty	(6:30) Anthony Bagwell, Aaron DeWitt, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek (9:00) Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox
Altar Guild	(6:30) Meg Grelk, Joan Knuteson (9:00) Sharon Boudro, Karen Clark

**SERVING NEXT WEEK:**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6 (6:30 p.m.)**

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 (9:00 a.m.)**

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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

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**Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany**  
**Sunday, February 2, 2025 – Volume 77, Number 2.1**  
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**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (C) 10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC) 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
M	4:30 p.m. Basketball Rental 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees (228) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 4:30 p.m. Basketball Rental 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	T 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC) 6:30 p.m. Worship (C)

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **160** people that attended services last week in person and **74** households streamed the services for a total of **234**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**THANK YOU!** Chuck and the entire Ewert family would like to thank all of you for your prayers and compassion during this difficult time. We are grateful and thankful for the love you have shown Hazel and our whole family. God bless you!

**EGL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING:** The EGL Foundation Board will be holding their 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing, Dinner, and Raffle this spring. Save the date for Friday, May 9! Further details to be announced later.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** We will meet in the BAAC on Thursday, February 20 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the book, *The Eighty-Dollar Champion: Snowman, The Horse That Inspired a Nation*, by Elizabeth Letts. Like to read? Join us. Questions? Call Barb Kurth 262-234-5083.

**LWML:** The morning group of LWML is scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 5 at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. The Bible study is found on page 17 of the winter issue of Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, is titled, **The Third Article – Steadfast in Christ: Gift of the Holy Spirit**

**Through Word and Sacrament.** Here we find the truth of God's great love in His Holy Word and Sacrament.

**EMERGENCY CONTACTS:** Do you have a family member or friend, whose contact information you'd like the Church Office to have in cases of emergency? Please email ([astroh@egl.org](mailto:astroh@egl.org)) or call (262-797-2970) Amy in the office and give her this information. This is not for the general public, only for the Church Office staff.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** We are looking for people to sponsor the altar flowers on Sundays. Please contact Amy ([astroh@egl.org/262-797-2970](mailto:astroh@egl.org/262-797-2970)) to request a date.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS** are completed and in your Church mailboxes. Please let Amy know if you have any questions or concerns regarding your statement ([astroh@egl.org/262-797-2970](mailto:astroh@egl.org/262-797-2970)).

**SUPER BOWL PARTY!** Lutheran Young Adults League invites young adults (ages 21-35) to a Super Bowl Party right here at EGL on Sunday, February 9, starting at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Center! Join us for food, drinks, games, activities, and a fun craft! Whether you're in it for the touchdowns or the commercials, there's something for everyone!

**THROUGH THE BIBLE IN TWO HOURS:** We are pleased to announce a partnership with an LCMS Michigan non-profit, THROUGH THE BIBLE IN TWO HOURS. We aim to "Cast the Gospel Net on the Facebook Net," specifically via Facebook [FB] Ads. These FB Ads' objective is to register people for a 2-hour presentation at our congregation in Elm Grove. The topic is the Bible's Unifying Central Theme. The presentation traces this theme throughout each of the Bible's 66 books. Pray that the Holy Spirit would bless many who want to understand the Bible's message. Our focus is on the "unchurched" and "dechurched," not LCMS members. Please contact the Church Office if you or your LCMS friends want to learn this Biblical Central Theme. Do not use the Registration Portal. Instead, express your interest in seeing the presentation so one can be scheduled. See the website: [www.BibleInTwo.org](http://www.BibleInTwo.org) and the Facebook Page: BibleInTwo. You are encouraged there to "Like" and "Follow."

**VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE** at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, February 26, 2:00 - 6:30 p.m. Schedule your appointment online using the QR below or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333/[BloodDrive@egl.org](mailto:BloodDrive@egl.org). You are a Beacon of Hope whose kindness saves lives, including those with cancer or sickle cell disease. These fighters and their families are counting on you.



**SOUTH WISCONSIN DISTRICT FINANCIAL AID** applications are **due May 15**. Anyone attending a Concordia University or Seminary, is a member of an LCMS congregation in the SWD, and is preparing to be a full-time church worker (pastor, teacher, deaconess, DCE/DCO, DFLM, DPM, lay minister) is encouraged to apply. There are two applications required (District Financial Aid Application and Personal Aid Application). Both are available on the SWD website – [www.swd.lcms.org/AID](http://www.swd.lcms.org/AID).

<b>GROW IN GOD'S WORD IN 2025 – Join an EGL Bible Study!</b>				
<b>Day &amp; Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Open To</b>	<b>Pastor Leader</b>
Sun 10:30-11:30	Sanctuary	Lutheran vs. Roman Catholic Theology	All	Skovgaard
Tues 7-8 a.m.	Rm 228	Ezekiel	Men	Skovgaard
Tues 10-11 a.m.	BAAC	Romans	Women	Hipenbecker
Wed 10-11 a.m. (except 1 <sup>st</sup> 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 you richly" (Co.. 3:16) in 2025!				