

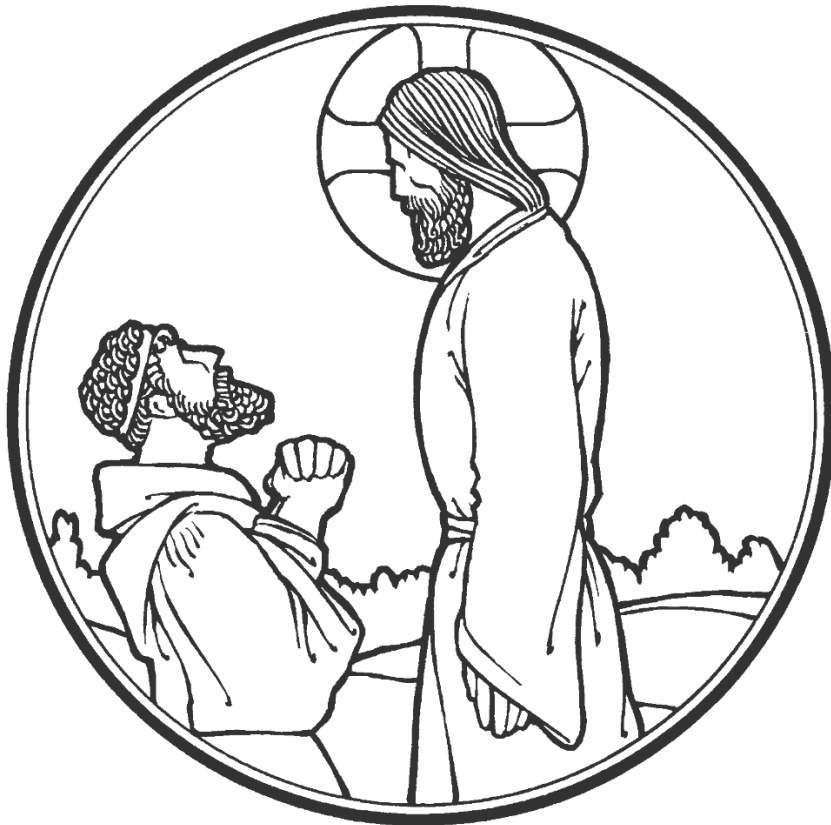
ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY
Sunday, February 16, 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 **If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death— Timothy Shaw**

Hymn of Invocation **486 If Christ Had Not Been Raised from Death**

Confession and Absolution **p. 167**

Introit **Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5 (Antiphon Psalm 119:7)**

P I will praise you with an upright heart,

C when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

P Blessed are those whose way is blameless,

C who walk in the law of the LORD!

P Blessed are those who keep his testimonies,

C who seek him with their whole heart.

P You have commanded your precepts

C to be kept diligently.

P Oh that my ways may be steadfast

C in keeping your statutes!

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 I will praise you with an upright heart,

C when I learn your just and righteous decrees.

Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast)

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 17:5–8

⁵Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. ⁶He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

⁷Blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose trust is the LORD. ⁸He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit."

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 to the LORD the glory due his name:

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Epistle

1 Corinthians 15:1–20

¹Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, ²and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. ³For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. ⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unworthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me was not in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them, though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed. ¹²Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³But if there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁴And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. ¹⁷And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. ¹⁹If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 6:17–26

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁷[Jesus] came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the seacoast of Tyre and Sidon, ¹⁸who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹And all the crowd sought to touch him, for power came out from him and healed them all. ²⁰And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹"Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. "Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. ²²"Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you and revile you and spurn your name as evil, on account of the Son of Man! ²³Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is

great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. ²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

"Blessings & Woes" (Luke 6:17-26)

Apostles' Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

Jesus Sat with His Disciples – Bernard Wayne Sanders



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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

982 Blest Are They



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; Theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; They shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; Mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; They are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, All be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they, full of
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who hun - ger and
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the pure of
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who suf - fer in
 cause of Me. Re - joice and be glad, yours is the



sor - row; They shall be con - soled.
 thirst; They shall have their fill.
 heart; They shall see God!
 faith; The glo - ry of God is theirs.
 king - dom; Shine for all to see.



Refrain
 Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you,



ho - ly are you. Re - joice and be glad! Yours is the



king - dom of God.

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Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction

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(Canticle: Thank the Lord)

Closing Hymn

841 O Son of God, in Galilee

Postlude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern – Anton W. Leupold

ALTAR PARAMENTS: The green paraments of the Epiphany season suggest growth, especially spiritual growth, as we focus on Jesus' earthly ministry and mission to all people of this world.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Organist
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty
Altar Guild

Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Richard C. Ewert
Bruce Bessert
James Drabiszczak
Anthony Bagwell, Aaron DeWitt, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely,
Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek
Helen Moore, Luanne Schaefer

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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, FEBRUARY 23 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Mattias Goldenstein

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: John Schaefer

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

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **149** people that attended services last week in person and **88** households streamed the services for a total of **237**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

REGULAR VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: On March 16 will be our regular quarterly Voters' Assembly.

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

SHORT-TERM MISSION IN BRAZIL: Matt Ewert recently joined Pastor Andy Weden and the mission team from Peace Lutheran Campus Center, the LCMS campus ministry for UW-Stevens Point in order to serve at a church and music school in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from December 31, 2024 – January 9, 2025. On Feb 23 come hear from Matt the details during the adult Bible study hour.

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.

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) 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) to request a date.

LENTEN DINNER: We are planning to have dinner before the midweek Lenten services. If you or a board, group, or committee that you are a part of would like to sponsor a dinner please let Amy (astroh@egl.org/262-797-2970) know. The available dates are March 12, 26, April 2, and 9.

NEW DATE for FAMILY GAME NIGHT: You are invited to Family Game Night on **FEBRUARY 28, 6:30 p.m.** Kids and adults can compete. Is there a friend you would like to bring? Make sure you sign up for an evening of fun and fellowship. The taco dinner (with freewill offering) starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by the dice game Farkle. Will you be a lucky roller? RSVP by

Wednesday, February 26. Email: evangelism@egl.org or Call the church office: 262-797-2970.

EGL Stammtisch! Happy February, EGL Guys! Ohh Baby...it's really cold! But it's warm and cozy here at the EGL Bartelt Center! Come on out and join us at EGL Stammtisch as we comfortably connect with those around us, in a relaxed environment. Join us for our monthly EGL guys' get-together of great conversation and great libation...always lively, always timely, always lots of variety, in a fun atmosphere of Christian fellowship. **Thursday, February 20, from 7:30-9:00ish...**for more info, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430. **Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!!**

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 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. 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.

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	Ezekiel	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 you richly" (Co.. 3:16) in 2025!