

# ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Thursday, February 20, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 23, 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**

**O Bless the Lord, My Soul – Edwin T. Childs**

**Hymn of Invocation**

**814 O Bless the Lord, My Soul**

**Confession and Absolution**

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**Introit**

**Psalm 37:1-5 (Antiphon Psalm 37:7a, b)**

**P** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**C** **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

**P** Fret not yourself because of evildoers;

**C** **be not envious of wrong-doers!**

**P** For they will soon fade like the grass

**C** **and wither like the green herb.**

**P** Trust in the LORD, and do good;

**C** **dwelt in the land and befriend faithfulness.**

**P** Delight yourself in the LORD,

**C** **and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

**P** Commit your way to the LORD;

**C** **trust in him, and he will act.**

**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** Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**C** **fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way.**

**Kyrie - Collect of the Day**

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*(Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast)*

**Old Testament Reading**

**Genesis 45:3–15**

<sup>3</sup> Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, for they were dismayed at his presence. <sup>4</sup>So Joseph said to his brothers, "Come near to me, please." And they came near. And he said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. <sup>5</sup>And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. <sup>6</sup>For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are yet five years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. <sup>7</sup>And God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. <sup>8</sup>So it was not you who sent me here, but God. He has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. <sup>9</sup>Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt. Come down to me; do not tarry. <sup>10</sup>You shall dwell in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, and your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. <sup>11</sup>There I will provide for you, for there are yet five years of famine to come, so that you and your

household, and all that you have, do not come to poverty.’<sup>12</sup>And now your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see, that it is my mouth that speaks to you. <sup>13</sup>You must tell my father of all my honor in Egypt, and of all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.”<sup>14</sup>Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, and Benjamin wept upon his neck. <sup>15</sup>And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them. After that his brothers talked with him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **(6:30) Gradual**

**Psalms 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**

**Like As A Father – arr. Austin C. Lovelace**

### **Epistle**

**1 Corinthians 15:21–26, 30–42**

<sup>21</sup>For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. . . . <sup>30</sup>Why am I in danger every hour? <sup>31</sup>I protest, brothers, by my pride in you, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die every day! <sup>32</sup>What do I gain if, humanly speaking, I fought with beasts at Ephesus? If the dead are not raised, “Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die.” <sup>33</sup>Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.” <sup>34</sup>Wake up from your drunken stupor, as is right, and do not go on sinning. For some have no knowledge of God. I say this to your shame. <sup>35</sup>But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” <sup>36</sup>You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup>And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup>But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. <sup>39</sup>For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish. <sup>40</sup>There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another. <sup>41</sup>There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory. <sup>42</sup>So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel**

**Luke 6:27–38**

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

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

<sup>27</sup>[Jesus said:] "But I say to you who hear, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup>bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. <sup>29</sup>To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. <sup>30</sup>Give to everyone who begs from you, and from one who takes away your goods do not demand them back. <sup>31</sup>And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. <sup>32</sup>"If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup>And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup>And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. <sup>35</sup>But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. <sup>36</sup>Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. <sup>37</sup>"Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn of the Day**

**848 Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service**

**Sermon**

**(6:30) "Trust in the Lord" (Jeremiah 17:7-8)**

**(9:00) "Love Your Enemies (Luke 6:27)**

**Apostles' Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**(6:30) Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service – Michael Burkhardt**

**(9:00) Rondeau – Jean-Joseph Mouret/arr. Sandra Eithun**



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(Those who are not communing may place their cards in the offering plate.)

## 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**

**562 All Mankind Fell in Adam's Fall  
820 My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker**

**Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction**

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*(Canticle: Thank the Lord)*

**Closing Hymn**

**692 Praise to You and Adoration**

**Postlude**

**Praise to You and Adoration – Henry Woodward**

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

Pastor Eric Skovgaard

Preacher

(6:30) Pastor Sam Lee

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Handbells

(9:00) Emily Ewert, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox

Choir

Exultate Singers

Piano

Karla Bessert

Elder

(6:30) Matthew Stroh (9:00) Matias Goldenstein

Chancel Assistant

(6:30) Steve Hipenbecker (9:00) John Schaefer

Usher Team on duty

(6:30) Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke,

Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox

(9:00) Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner,

Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner

Altar Guild

(6:30) Meg Grelk, Joan Knuteson (9:00) Julie Leaf, Diane Olson

**SERVING NEXT WEEK:**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 (6:30 p.m.)**

ELDER: Matias Goldenstein

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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

**SUNDAY, March 2 (9:00 a.m.)**

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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

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**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (C) 10:30 a.m. Short-Term Mission in Brazil (MC) 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Blood Drive (FH) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 4:30 p.m. Basketball Rental 6:00 p.m. Board of Stewardship (FL) 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
M	4:30 p.m. Basketball Rental 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T	6:30 p.m. Worship
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 (Nave) 6:30 p.m. Bible Study (BAAC)	F	6:30 p.m. Family Game Night (FH)
		S	9:30 a.m. Chancel Cleaning

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **120** people that attended services last week in person and **82** households streamed the services for a total of **202**. "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 after the Divine Service in the Nave.

**EGL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING:** The EGL Foundation Board will be holding the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Outing, Dinner, and Raffle this spring at Ironwood Golf Course in Sussex. Save the date for Friday, May 9! If you are interested in donating to the event, donation forms are located in the back of the nave. The board is looking for raffle items/baskets, gift cards, and wine bottles for the wine pull. Sign-up forms will be out as soon as golf time and Bunzel's catering menu have been finalized. Proceeds from the event will be going toward the roof repairs needed for the church. Thank you for your support!

**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. Today, come hear from Matt the details during the adult Bible study hour.

**CURIOUS ABOUT SEMINEX?** 2024 was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the walkout at the Concordia St. Louis seminary. The events surrounding and following that event are often called Seminex (seminary in exile) as shorthand. Rev Dr. Larry Rast, recently retired as president of the Fort Wayne seminary, will be at Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church in West Bend on Saturday, March 1, to lead a seminar entitled "The Battle for the Bible: 1974 Walkout." It will run from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please call 262-334-0375 to register.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** We are looking for people to sponsor the altar flowers on Sundays. Please contact Amy ([astroh@egl.org](mailto:astroh@egl.org)/[262-797-2970](tel: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](mailto:astroh@egl.org)/[262-797-2970](tel: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](mailto:evangelism@egl.org) or Call the church office: 262-797-2970.

**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). Each attempting donor will receive a "Heart of Community" t-shirt, free.



**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	Brazil	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!