

# **ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod**

**945 Terrace Dr., Elm Grove, WI 53122**

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**Rev. Eric C. Skovgaard, Administrative Pastor**

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, March 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**

**Jerusalem, My Happy Home – Wilbur Held**

**Hymn of Invocation**

**673 Jerusalem, My Happy Home**

**Confession and Absolution**

**p. 167**

**Introit**

**Psalm 74:1-3 (Antiphon Psalm 69:9)**

P For zeal for your house has consumed me,

**C and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

P O God, why do you cast us off forever?

**C Why does your anger smoke against the sheep of your pasture?**

P Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old, which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!

**C Remember Mount Zion, where you have dwelt.**

P Direct your steps to the perpetual ruins;

**C the enemy has destroyed everything in the sanctuary!**

**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 For zeal for your house has consumed me,

**C and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.**

**Kyrie - Collect of the Day**

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*(No Hymn of Praise during Lent)*

**Old Testament Reading**

**Jeremiah 26:8–15**

<sup>8</sup>When Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the LORD had commanded him to speak to all the people, then the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold of him, saying, "You shall die! <sup>9</sup>Why have you prophesied in the name of the LORD, saying, 'This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant?'" And all the people gathered around Jeremiah in the house of the LORD. <sup>10</sup>When the officials of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house to the house of the LORD and took their seat in the entry of the New Gate of the house of the LORD. <sup>11</sup>Then the priests and the prophets said to the officials and to all the people, "This man deserves the sentence of death, because he has prophesied against this city, as you have heard with your own ears." <sup>12</sup>Then Jeremiah spoke to all the officials and all the people, saying, "The LORD sent me to prophesy against this house and this city all the words you have heard. <sup>13</sup>Now therefore mend your ways and your deeds, and obey the voice of the LORD your God, and the LORD will relent of the disaster that he has pronounced against you. <sup>14</sup>But as for me, behold, I am in your hands. Do with me as seems good and right to you. <sup>15</sup>Only know for certain that if you put me to death, you will bring innocent blood upon yourselves and upon this city and its inhabitants, for in truth the LORD sent me to you to speak all these words in your ears."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual****Hebrews 12:2**

P O come, let us fix our eyes on Jesus,

**C the founder and perfecter of our faith,**

P who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

**C and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.**

**Epistle****Philippians 3:17—4:1**

<sup>17</sup>Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup>For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. <sup>19</sup>Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself. <sup>1</sup>Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Lenten Verse****p. 173****Holy Gospel****Luke 13:31–35**

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

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

<sup>31</sup>At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to [Jesus], "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you." <sup>32</sup>And he said to them, "Go and tell that fox, 'Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I finish my course. <sup>33</sup>Nevertheless, I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following, for it cannot be that a prophet should perish away from Jerusalem.' <sup>34</sup>O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you would not! <sup>35</sup>Behold, your house is forsaken. And I tell you, you will not see me until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Hymn of the Day****674 Jerusalem, O City, Fair and High****Sermon****"Citizenship Has Its Privileges" (Philippians 3:19-20)****Apostles' Creed****p. 175****Prayer of the Church****Offering****Jerusalem, O City, Fair and High – Wayne L. Wold**



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

## Offertory

## 422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image



On my heart im - print Your im - age, Bless - ed Je - sus, King of grace,



That life's rich-es, cares, and plea-sures Nev-er may Your work e-raise;



Let the clear in - scrip-tion be: Je - sus, cru - ci - fied for me,



Is my life, my hope's foun - da - tion, And my glo - ry and sal - va - tion!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt.  
Tune: Johann Balthasar König, 1691–1758  
Text and tune: Public domain

*This hymn is the center stanza of a twenty-nine-stanza Passion hymn, "Bryder frame, I hule Sukke," by Danish hymn writer Thomas Kingo (1634-1703). Only this stanza of the hymn has found continued usage in English, but some of the other stanzas from Kingo's Passion hymns were used among Danish and Norwegian Lutherans in America in translation. The hymn invites people to ponder Christ's suffering for the sin of the world, to follow on the way to the cross, to see "God's unspotted Lamb lifted on the cursed tree."*

## 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**

**945 Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved  
825 Rise, Shine, You People  
873 Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies**

**Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction**

**pp.181-183**

*(Canticle: Nunc Dimittis)*

**Closing Hymn**

**748 I'm But a Stranger Here**

**Postlude**

**I'm But a Stranger Here – Franklin D. Ashdown**

ALTAR PARAMENTS: Purple paraments suggest the somber, solemn mood of this penitential season while the symbols of torture bring to mind Christ's suffering and death to save us.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Bruce & Karla Bessert with thanksgiving to God in memory of Erwin and Rick Kirschenmann, Karla's father and brother.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Eric Skovgaard

Preacher

Rev Martinho Sander

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Cantor

Bruce Bessert

Elder

Matthew Stroh

Chancel Assistant

John Schaefer

Usher Team on duty

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

Altar Guild

Joan Knuteson, Luanne Schaefer

**SERVING NEXT WEEK:**

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19 (6:30 p.m.)**

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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

**SUNDAY, MARCH 23 (9:00 a.m.)**

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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

*Under the assumption that there are many reasons for attending worship, here are good 27 reasons for being in church, in no particular order. Perhaps you can add a few of your own ideas? As you think about it, you'll quickly realize that gathering around God's Word and Sacrament is the center of our Christian lives, and rightly so.*

1. To receive the gifts of God that flow freely and lavishly from His grace.
2. Because you love the habitation of the Lord's house, the place where His glory dwells.
3. For the sake of evangelism, to bear witness to your family and neighbors that regular worship of the Triune God is important, even when you'd rather sleep in!
4. Because you want to instill in your kids the habit of regular worship attendance.
5. Because you want your children and family members to know that your Pastors love them. (It's true!)
6. To joyfully give your first fruits offering in person.
7. To get a hug from someone who loves you in Christ when you're grieving the death of a loved one.
8. To thank God for another year of married life to your favorite person.
9. To find hope in the midst of a troubled marriage or relationship.
10. To sing the songs of the Church that proclaim Christ and Him crucified.
11. To hear the unique gift of Mr Ewert's virtuosity on the organ.
12. Because you desire to listen attentively to God's Word for direction in life.
13. To learn by word and example from older Christian men and women what it means to be a godly adult.
14. To look for ways to build up of the Kingdom of God in this place.
15. To thank God for a new job or a successful year at college.
16. Because God's expects you not to forsake the gathering of the baptized on a weekly basis, and you can't imagine disobeying God.
17. Because you want to intentionally be an ambassador of reconciliation in a world of conflict, knowing that God has richly forgiven you so that you might forgive others.
18. Because your heart aches for loved ones who have wandered from the Church and you want to lay their names down before God's throne of grace.
19. To join the young and old in confessing the ancient creeds of the Christian faith.
20. To receive the Body and Blood of the Lord again on your lips for the assurance that the Lord is always with you.
21. To hear the words of absolution spoken into your ears when there's a sin that troubles you.
22. Because you understand that worship allows you to join angels, archangels, and the whole host of heaven in God's presence, including the faithful who have gone before us.
23. To sit next to that elderly Christian who is all alone and needs your encouragement.
24. To see young children giggling and squirming in church because it's a reminder that a new generation will grow up to grasp the baton of faith from you.
25. Because you want to be around people who share the same Biblical values at a time when so much seems up for grabs in society.
26. To thank God with a special offering because He answered an extraordinary prayer request or blessed you financially in a way you didn't anticipate.
27. Because you know that it encourages your Pastor to see you in worship. :0)

*(This partial list of reasons to attend worship is reprinted in part from the July 2022 issue of Seasons.)*

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**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 a.m. Worship (C)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
	10:30 a.m. Voters' Assembly	5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner (Baked Potato Bar)
	10:30 a.m. Sunday School	6:30 p.m. Worship
	7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	6:30 p.m. Gym Rental
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	7:30 p.m. Stammtisch
	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	S 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting (228)
	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (Nave)	
W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)	

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **212** people that attended services last week in person and **86** households streamed the services for a total of **298**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES** are extended to the family and friends of Judy Hogan. Judy died on March 6. Judy's funeral will be held here on Friday, March 21, at 11:00 a.m. with a visitation from 9:00-11:00 a.m. "I know that My Redeemer lives..."

John Berry died suddenly in Sarasota, Florida, on Friday, March 7. Linda Berry called to inform us and announce that there will be a private graveside ceremony next week. Linda has requested prayers for the family. "The Lord gives and the Lord takes away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

**EGL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING:** The EGL golf outing is back! Sponsored once again by the EGL Foundation. This year's *Drive to Thrive* Golf Outing and Dinner will be held on Friday, May 9. We will once again be holding a raffle instead of an auction as well as many other familiar things from years past. Along with various raffle items supplied by generous donors, there will be a wine pull, a chance to win a new iPad, heads and tails,

and a dinner catered by Bunzels. If you aren't a golfer, please still join us for the evening festivities, including an amazing dinner! All money raised this year will go toward the roof repairs needed for Elm Grove Lutheran Church. If you are paying by check, please make them payable to the Elm Grove Lutheran Foundation. Sign up today! We look forward to seeing you on May 9!

**EASTER BRUNCH FOOD SIGN UP:** Following the 7:00 a.m. Easter morning service, we will be providing an Easter Brunch. If you are able to contribute some of the needed food items or if you are able to help with clean-up after the breakfast, please sign up using this SignUpGenius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EAFD0-55641352-easter> . There is also a paper sig-up sheet available in the back of the church.

**SAVE THE DATE** for a "Better Late Than Never" evening to celebrate and thank EGLS' called teachers (ending in June 2024 school year), Amy Weymier, Laura Patterson, and Kenzie (Peters) Peterson. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, June 28 at New Berlin Hills Golf Course. Watch SEASONS and the weekly newsletters for more details.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** will not meet on April 20, Easter. Let's celebrate the Lord's resurrection in Church with your family!

**DID YOU KNOW?** We are continuing to celebrate EGL's 85th Anniversary Year! On March 19, 1940, we took another major step as a congregation. A Certificate of Incorporation with the Register of Deeds of Waukesha County was filed. Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church would soon be formally accepted as a member of the Missouri Synod. You can join in this celebration! An 85th Anniversary cake will be served at the Lenten dinner on March 19 and also after church on March 23.

**LENTEN FREE-WILL OFFERINGS:** Thank you so much to the various volunteer groups who are preparing hearty meals for everyone on Wednesday evenings before the services! The free-will offerings received at the meals this year are being collected on behalf of two men in Africa that you've heard mentioned in prayers recently: Bienfait Romero and Jonah Khalid. Bienfait has finished his studies at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Pretoria, South Africa, and his vicarage, and is now back in his home country of the Democratic Republic of Congo, where he is seeking a way to the US where he plans to study at the LCMS seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Jonah is a Sudanese Lutheran Pastor seeking to build a congregation and a school in the Nuba mountain region of Sudan. These two men have great potential in their service to church and God and we have an opportunity to help.

**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](mailto:astroh@egl.org/262-797-2970)) know. The available dates are April 2, and 9.

**LUNCH BUNCH:** It's time to get together again. Let's meet at North Star Bistro, 19115 West Capitol Drive, Brookfield, on March 20, 11:45 a.m. Let Carole Braun (262-781-1494) know you can join us for good food and fellowship.

**LWML:** During the month of March, the LWML women of EGL are celebrating our congregation's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday by sponsoring "Birthday Bag Kits". We are asking for the congregation to help with this project by purchasing cake mixes, frosting, and birthday candles. There is a plastic tote near the LWML bulletin board (wall across from the lower Parking lot doors) for you to place your donations. If you happen to have leftover birthday napkins, plates, sprinkles, streamers, etc. taking up space in a closet, we will include those in some of the kits as well. Please place them in the plastic tote along with your other donations.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** March 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC is the date, time, and place for our next meeting. The book to be discussed is *The Keeper of Hidden Books* by Madeline Martin. The setting for this book takes place in Warsaw, Poland during World War II with an underground library as resistance to the Nazi occupation of Poland. We welcome new members. Questions? Contact Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.