

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT
Sunday, March 30, 2024 - 9:00 a.m.

Matins

EGL WHY Statement: "God has established EGL to proclaim Christ, receiving and sharing His gifts in Word and Sacrament."

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Jesus Sinners Doth Receive – Jan O. Bender

Opening Hymn

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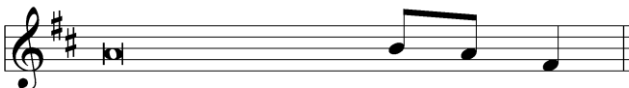
(1 All, 2 Lectern Side (east), 3 Pulpit Side (west), 4 All, 5 Women, 6 Men, 7 All)

Versicles

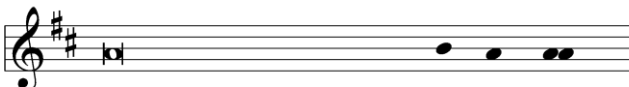
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;

as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.

Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.

Antiphon (Lent)

L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.

C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite (*Sung*)

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L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.

C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm

Psalm 32

P Blessèd is the one whose transgression is forgiven,

C whose sin is covered.

P Blessèd is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,

C and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

P For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away

C through my groaning all day long.

P For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;

C my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

P I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;

C I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

P Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found;

C surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.

P You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;

C you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

P I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

C I will counsel you with my eye upon you.

P Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,

C which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.

P Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

C but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.

P Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,

C and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

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.

Office Hymn

612 As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered

Reading

Isaiah 12

¹You will say in that day: "I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me. ²"Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation." ³With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation. ⁴And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted. ⁵"Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16–21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32

¹Now the tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, "This man receives sinners and eats with them." ³So he told them this parable: . . . "There was a man who had two sons. ¹²And the younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me.' And he divided his property between them. ¹³Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. ¹⁴And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. ¹⁶And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything.

¹⁷But when he came to himself, he said, 'How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! ¹⁸I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants.'" ²⁰And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. ²¹And the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his servants, 'Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. ²³And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found.' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. ²⁷And he said to him, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound.' ²⁸But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, ²⁹but he answered his father, 'Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!' ³¹And he said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found.'"

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory (Lent)

Verse *To Refrain*



- L 1 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.
2 Blessed is he whose
transgression is for - giv - en and whose sin is put a - way.
3 We have an advocate with the Fa-ther; Jesus is the propitiation for our sins.

Refrain



- C He was delivered up to death; He was delivered
for the sins of the peo-ple.

Sermon

"Yes, But" (Luke 15:11-32)

Canticle

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(Canticle – Te Deum)

Offering

As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered – Paul Grime



To give to Elm Grove Lutheran Church, you can scan the QR code (left) to go to our online giving site.

Kyrie – Benediction

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Closing Hymn

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Postlude

Jesus, Refuge of the Weary – Keith Kolander

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 Tom and Joan Knuteson for blessings received.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Organist
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Richard C. Ewert
Eric Thompson
Kirk Midtbo
Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner,
Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner

**SERVING NEXT WEEK:
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 (6:30 p.m.)**

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 6 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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

EASTER CHANCEL FLOWERS - 2025

<input type="checkbox"/> Hanging Basket	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Hyacinth	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Pansy Bowl	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Daffodils	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Azalea	\$25.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Tulips	\$15.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Hydrangea	\$30.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Easter Lily	\$16.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Daisy mum	\$17.00	<input type="checkbox"/> Ivy Basket	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Garden		\$7.00	

Please note plant selection and quantity desired.

You may reserve your plants in memory of, in honor of, and/or for blessings received, by calling Linda Haut (262-782-7356 or 414-254-2918), or by sending your form to the church office.

******* NEW DEADLINE DATE for orders is Wednesday, April 9**

(Please....no late orders)

Checks should be made payable to Elm Grove Lutheran Church, and mailed to: Easter Flowers, c/o Elm Grove Lutheran Church, 945 Terrace Dr., Elm Grove, WI 53122 or dropped off at the office.

Payment should be received with order. Thank You.

Name: _____

In Memory of: _____

Honoring: _____

Blessings received []

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Flowers need to be picked up after the 10:00 service on Easter Sunday. (Other pick-up times available ONLY by special request - see Linda Haut for details.)

Sorry, but no guarantees on flower colors. Our florist does his best to supply us with the flowers we ordered. On rare occasions substitutions may need to be made.

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Worship 10:30 a.m. "Pericope Plunge" and Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 5:00 p.m. Board of Finance 5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner (Tacos) 6:30 p.m. Worship 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)	

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **174** people that attended services last week in person and **65** households streamed the services for a total of **239**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

EASTER FLOWERS: Orders can be placed for Easter chancel flowers. You may reserve your plants *in memory of, in honor of, and/or for blessings received* by filling out the order form (payment included, please), which can be found in the March SEASONS. ALL orders need to be in no later than **Wed, April 9**. Orders and payment can be sent to the church office or put in Paul/Linda Haut's church mailbox. Questions? please contact Linda Haut (414-254-2918 or 262-782-7356 or lhaut@egl.org).

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!

VOTE APRIL 1: Early voting has already started but the actual spring election day is Tuesday, April 1. You can go to this link and find out what's on your local

ballot: <https://myvote.wi.gov/en-us/Whats-On-My-Ballot>. Romans 13 mentions our obligation to submit to the government in our land. Here in the United States that means being informed and participating in the election of a Wisconsin State Supreme Court justice, local school board members for the public schools, the superintendent for the Department of Public Instruction, a referendum on taxes in the Brookfield area, etc.

BASKETS OF BLESSINGS 2025: Would you like to bring some cheer and Easter blessings to a fellow EGL member who finds it difficult to get to church? We will again provide the baskets for you to pick up with the name and contact information, and suggested list of small items on Sunday, April 6 and 13. (Note the new pick-up location: Upper level, outside the coffee fellowship area) Please fill them and deliver them before Easter with blessings from all of us. Questions? Please call Barb Thompson (262-784-3886) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494).

RAMADAN: This year, as we Christians make our Lenten journey to Easter, the Muslim world, even here in Brookfield, is marking their season of Ramadan. If you'd like to know more about their season of fasting and focusing on the false doctrines of Muhammad, listen to the Issues Etc interview with Pr Hesham Shehab of Peace Lutheran Church in Lombard, IL, on February 28. Ramadan ends on March 30. Of course, this is a great time for us who have our Baptismal identity rooted in Jesus Christ, the Messiah, to pray for them, that our gracious God would open their eyes in repentance to the person and work of the Son of God for our salvation.

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/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-55641352-easter>. There is also a paper sign-up sheet available in the back of the church.

EASTER BRUNCH: Make plans to join us for brunch on Easter Sunday. We will have an assortment of fantastic food items and will be serving in the Fellowship Hall from 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

NEW THIS YEAR! CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG GARDEN: Children and grandchildren are invited to visit the Easter Egg Garden to find some special treats. (Bags will be provided.) The garden is located in the West Fellowship Hall from 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. You may also stay to enjoy the Easter Brunch.

SAVE THE DATE for a “Better Late Than Never” evening to celebrate and thank EGLS’ formally 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.

2025 LCMS YOUTH GATHERING UPDATE: EGL’s Youth Ministry thanks you for all of your support. Unfortunately, we will not be taking our youth group down to New Orleans in July. Fortunately, there is still an opportunity to volunteer for anyone 18+. Team Flex applications are open until April 30th (<https://www.lcmsgathering.com/volunteer/#TeamFlex>). We are looking to take a group of volunteers on a “Mission Trip” to help with the Youth Gathering. Dates would be Friday, July 18, to Monday, July 21 or Tuesday, July 22. Contact Ben Ewert for More information.

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

WOMEN'S EVENING BIBLE STUDY: All women are invited to join us (She Shed gals) in studying “Promised Rest: Finding Peace in God’s Presence,” by Michelle Diercks. We will meet **every** Wednesday evening starting April 23, 5:30-6:45 p.m. in the BAAC for eight weeks through June 11. We will be flexible to include those who cannot join every week, of course. Each weekly lesson has 5 daily readings. The study is available through CPH or Amazon. Please join us around God’s Word, seeking His Peace in Christ together! Ask Nancy Wolck if you have any questions.

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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thursday, April 17 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC is our next meeting. The book to be discussed is *The Aviator’s Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. It is historical fiction about Anne Morrow Lindbergh. If you like to read, please join us.

LWML: The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, April 2 at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. The Bible study, “*Confessing What We Believe*” is found on pages 14-15 in the Spring issue of *Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly*. The study will feature Romans 5:1-11, Where the emphasis is on key doctrines of the Christian faith. It should be an inspiring look into these key doctrines and provide an interesting discussion.