

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

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Rev. Eric C. Skovgaard, Administrative Pastor

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, April 9, 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

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation – David M. Cherwien

Hymn of Invocation

909 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 3:3–6; antiphon: v. 8

P Salvation belongs to the LORD;

C your blessing be on your people!

P But you, O LORD, are a shield about me,

C my glory, and the lifter of my head.

P I cried aloud to the LORD,

C and he answered me from his holy hill.

P I lay down and slept;

C I woke again, for the LORD sustained me.

P I will not be afraid of many thousands of people

C who have set themselves against me all around.

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 Salvation belongs to the LORD;

C your blessing be on your people!

Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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(No Hymn of Praise during Lent)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 43:16–21

¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings forth chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

¹⁹Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. ²⁰The wild beasts will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches, for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself that they might declare my praise."

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 3:8–14

⁸Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, ¹¹that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. ¹²Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Lenten Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 20:9–20

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] began to tell the people this parable: "A man planted a vineyard and let it out to tenants and went into another country for a long while. ¹⁰When the time came, he sent a servant to the tenants, so that they would give him some of the fruit of the vineyard. But the tenants beat him and sent him away empty-handed. ¹¹And he sent another servant. But they also beat and treated him shamefully, and sent him away empty-handed. ¹²And he sent yet a third. This one also they wounded and cast out. ¹³Then the owner of the vineyard said, 'What shall I do? I will send my beloved son; perhaps they will respect him.' ¹⁴But when the tenants saw him, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir. Let us kill him, so that the inheritance may be ours.' ¹⁵And they threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. What then will the owner of the vineyard do to them? ¹⁶He will come and destroy those tenants and give the vineyard to others." When they heard this, they said, "Surely not!" ¹⁷But he looked directly at them and said, "What then is this that is written: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone'? ¹⁸Everyone who falls on that stone will be broken to pieces, and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him." ¹⁹The scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him at that very hour, for they perceived that he had told this parable against them, but they feared the people. ²⁰So they watched him and sent spies, who pretended to be sincere, that they might catch him in something he said, so as to deliver him up to the authority and jurisdiction of the governor.

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Rite of Confirmation - pp. 272 ff

Zoe Jacober

Matthew 11:28-29: "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart and you will find rest for your souls."

Prayer of the Church

Offering

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less – Ryan Meyer



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

(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-rase;



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

**430 My Song Is Love Unknown
429 We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died**

Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction

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(Canticle: Nunc Dimittis)

Closing Hymn

912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

Postlude

Christ Is Our Cornerstone – Charles E. Callahan

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 in thanksgiving for how blessed we are at Elm Grove Lutheran to receive God's Word and His blessings enhanced by music at every service. Thank you to all of the individuals that share their time and musical talents.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Organist
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Altar Guild

Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Richard C. Ewert
Rick Wegner
Steve Hipenbecker
Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger,
Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson
Sherri Bond, Jean Kruse

SERVING NEXT WEEK:
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: John Schaefer

USHER TEAM: (Team 2: Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox)

EASTER CHANCEL FLOWERS - 2025

__ Hanging Basket	\$25.00	__ Hyacinth	\$15.00
__ Pansy Bowl	\$25.00	__ Daffodils	\$15.00
__ Azalea	\$25.00	__ Tulips	\$15.00
__ Hydrangea	\$30.00	__ Easter Lily	\$16.00
__ Daisy mum	\$17.00	__ Ivy Basket	\$20.00
__ 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 - C 10:30 a.m. "Pericope Plunge" and Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheephead (BAAC) 5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner (Pizza)
M	9:00 a.m. Wauwatosa PD Training (805) 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)		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) 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)		

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **188** people that attended services last week in person and **87** households streamed the services for a total of **275**. "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!

CIRCUIT VISITOR ELECTION: On Sunday afternoon, March 30, the active pastors and lay delegates to the Circuit 5 Forum gathered to elect a new Circuit Visitor.

On the first ballot retired Pastor David Paape was unanimously elected. Brookfield Lutheran Church's Pr Rob Mrosko will finish out his current term as CV at the South Wisconsin District Convention on June 9-10, when Paape's election will be ratified and he will be installed. We thank Mrosko for his service these past three years. EGL's lay delegate to the Forum was Ben Ewert.

BASKETS OF BLESSINGS 2025: Would you be willing to put some items in a basket (will be provided) that would bring a smile of appreciation from one of our shut-ins? The basket, names, contact information and suggest list of items will be available between services in the upper hall outside the church library/coffee area on Sunday, April 6 and April 13. Please pick out a name, fill the basket and deliver it before Easter with Easter blessings from all of us. If you have questions, please contact Barbara Thompson (262-784-3886) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494).

BAND CONCERT TODAY: The Brookfield Civic Band has their spring concert Sunday, April 6th (today!) at 2 PM in the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center in Brookfield. EGL members Ken Schuppner and Matt Ewert play trumpet in the ensemble. This concert is in conjunction with the Hartland Community Band, so come on out, buy a ticket at the door, and enjoy the wonderful musical selections performed during this 2-for-1 concert!

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/5080A4DA8AD2EA5>

[FD0-55641352-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. We have raised **\$1,642.00** so far. One more time to contribute to this effort. Please join us for pizza on April 9.

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.