

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
945 Terrace Dr., Elm Grove, WI 53122
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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, April 27, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service 3



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

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Prelude on Easter Hymns – Charles Callahan

Hymn of Invocation

487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 105:1-5, 8 (Antiphon 1 Peter 2:2-3)

P Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up to salvation—

C if indeed you have tasted that the LORD is good.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;

C make known his deeds among the peoples!

P Sing to him, sing praises to him;

C tell of all his wondrous works!

P Glory in his holy name;

C let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

P Seek the LORD and his strength;

C seek his presence continually!

P Remember the wondrous works that he has done,

C his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

P He remembers his covenant forever,

C the word he commanded, for a thousand generations,

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.

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C if indeed you have tasted that the LORD is good.

Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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Old Testament Reading

Acts 5:12–20

¹²Now many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. ¹⁴And more than ever believers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. ¹⁶The people also gathered from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.

¹⁷But the high priest rose up, and all who were with him (that is, the party of the Sadducees), and filled with jealousy ¹⁸they arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. ¹⁹But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said,

²⁰“Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life.” ²¹And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Adapted from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead,

C God the Father has crowned him with glory and honor.

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

Revelation 1:4–18

⁴John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.” ⁹I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹saying, “Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea.”

¹²Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴The hairs of his head were white like wool, as white as snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel**John 20:19–31**

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



¹⁹On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ²⁰When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." ²²And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of anyone, they are forgiven; if you withhold forgiveness from anyone, it is withheld."

²⁴Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; ³¹but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Nicene Creed****p 191****Hymn of the Day****470 O Sons and Daughters of the King**

Sermon

"An 'As' on Steroids Packs a Punch" (John 20:19-22)

Offertory

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Offering

All Depends on Our Possessing – Kevin Hildebrand



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

Prayer of the Church

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

**472 These Things Did Thomas Count as Real
534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor**

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction

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Closing Hymn

488 He Is Arisen! Glorious Word

Postlude

He Is Arisen! Glorious Word – Georg Philipp Telemann

ALTAR PARAMENTS: White, the color of light and joy, adorns our chancel today. Christ, the Lamb of God, is victorious over sin, death, and the devil and so we rejoice!

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Gary and Kathy will in celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary on April 26.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Organist
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Altar Guild

Rev Martinho Sander
Sandra Beermann
Paul Haut
Mark Ewert
Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert,
Matthew Ewert, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch
Sharon Boudro, Shelly Skovgaard

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, MAY 1 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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

SUNDAY, MAY 4 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Worship – C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental
M	5:30 p.m. Board of Trustees (228) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T	6:30 p.m. Worship - C
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 **535** people that attended services last week in person and **261** households streamed the services for a total of **796**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

THANK YOU: A very big thank you for all of the help and food donation for Easter Breakfast!

NEW ASSOCIATE PASTOR: Join the EGL community next Wednesday evening, April 30, in the fellowship hall as we watch the Call Day service from Concordia Seminary St Louis. On this night we will hear which 4th year seminarian has been assigned to Elm Grove Lutheran Church as our next Associate Pastor. The live-streamed service will start at 7:00 p.m. but the doors will be open from 6:30 p.m., with snacks and drinks available.

EGL's 85th ANNIVERSARY year celebration continues on Mother's Day, May 11, with a showing of a special video during the adult Sunday school hour. Former member Arthur Fenske had the foresight to anticipate that, many years after the fact, future EGL members would love to see some of the excitement of those early years. Included in this DVD video are segments from the march up Watertown Planck Road after the formal closing of the congregation's first building -- now the Elm Grove Women's Club -- various milestones in the construction of the new church building, and the dedication of the 945 Terrace Drive property. This video is definitely worth watching to gain an appreciation of our history.

BASEKETS OF BLESSINGS: Thank you to all of you who took an Easter basket, filled it with thoughtful items and special treats, and delivered it to one of our 23

homebound members. Some of you even took two! The special visit to share Easter blessings was appreciated. We have heard heartwarming stories of homemade baked goods, children's cards, favorite treats, and stories shared. Many blessings were given and received.

"BETTER LATE THAN NEVER" is on June 28 at 5:30 p.m. Please join us as we thank EGL Called teachers (end of the 2023-2024 school year) Amy Weymier, Laura Patterson, Kenzie (Peters) Peterson. We will celebrate these ladies with a heavy appetizer reception at the New Berlin Hills Golf Course Clubhouse (13175 W. Graham St., New Berlin, WI 53151). Reservations will be necessary and can be made by contacting the EGL Church Office (262-797-2970 or astroh@egl.org) Deadline for reservations is June 15, 2025. We would be grateful to have you join us as we thank and honor these dedicated teachers for their service to EGLs. Questions? Contact Paul & Linda Haut (414-254-2918), Bob & Laurie Radewahn (262-860-0527), Matt & Amy Stroh (797-2970), or John & Nancy Wolck (262-844-4983).

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!

EGL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING DONATIONS:

The EGL Foundation is looking for donations of wine and raffle items. If you are unsure what to purchase for raffle items and would like to donate to the raffle, please feel free to donate money specifically for the raffle and a Foundation member will use the money to purchase raffle items. There is a box in the church library for donations.

DID YOU KNOW? April has been designated for showing appreciation to our Director of Church Music. On April 28, 2025, we continue our year of church worker appreciation observances by thanking God for directors of parish music, one of the seven commissioned (auxiliary) offices that support the work of the Holy Ministry. The Evangelism Board encourages you to give a BIG Thank You to Rick Ewert for his contribution to helping us sing God's word, directing our choirs, and assisting with worship planning to include beautiful music for our congregation and its members. Continue to pray for him throughout the year but this month be sure to show your appreciation.

APOR LIFE WALK 2025: A Place of Refuge Ministries of South WI, Inc. is pleased to announce the Annual Life Walk 2025. The event is hosted by Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 21, 2025. It is located at 945 Terrace Drive, Elm Grove, WI 53122. The event is one of our major fundraisers. Registration starts at 9:00 a.m. with a light breakfast. The event agenda follows with the Welcome, Opening Prayer Service, and Walk. The day will end with prizes, music, and lunch. Get friends and family to sponsor your Walk! Children are welcome and encouraged to walk. School groups may also want to participate. Prizes will be given for most money raised and most sponsors. **Registration opens May 1, 2025. Please go to aplaceofrefuge.org to register.** Join us for a fun filled event showing your love for sanctity of life. Questions? *For details contact Susan 414-313-3888.* But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 19:14)

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, May 7, 2:00 - 6:30 p.m. Schedule your



appointment online using the QR below or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333 /BloodDrive@egl.org. Blood fact: 1 out of every 7 hospital patients needs blood. Step up and donate!

THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents their spring concert, "My Song Is Love Unknown," Friday, April 25, 7:30 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 12700 W. Howard Ave., New Berlin and Sunday, April 27, 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W. Center St. Milwaukee. Tickets are \$20 General Admission. Students are free with student ID. Tickets can be purchased at <https://lutheranacappella.org/> or talk to Rick Ewert. The program features a varied selection of Lenten/Easter anthems by Alice Parker, John Rutter, Gil Martin, Elaine Hagenburg, and more!

FIDDLER ON THE ROOF presented by Falls Patio Players April 25-27 and May 2-4. EGL's Mark Ewert is a member of the cast. Benjamin Ewert is a member of the build and run crew. Tickets may be purchased at www.fallspatioplayers.com.

LWML: The evening group of LWML will meet on Monday, May 5 in the Friendship Library at 6:30 p.m. The emphasis at this meeting will be to plan for the **Place of Refuge Life Walk** to be held on Jun 21 at our church.

LWML: The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, May 7 in the BAAC at 10:00 a.m. The Bible study found on pages 18-19 of the spring edition of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly* is titled **"Diving Times."** This study will dwell on the special times in the life of Jesus.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Our meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC. The book to be discussed is the ***The Postmistress of Paris*** by Mary Jane Gold-Clayton and Meg Clayton. Plan to attend.