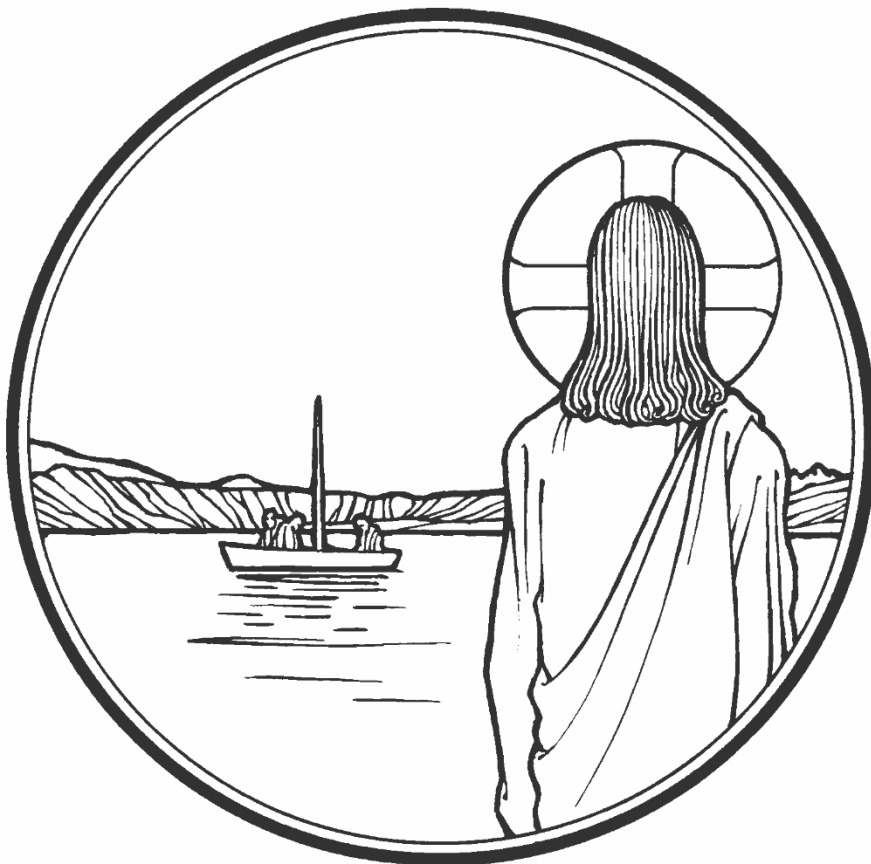


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**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
Thursday, May 1, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, May 4, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

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

Long Before the World Is Waking – Flor Peeters

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

Psalm 145:4-7, 9 (Antiphon Psalm 145:10)

P All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

C and all your saints shall bless you!

P One generation shall commend your works to another,

C and shall declare your mighty acts.

P On the glorious splendor of your majesty,

C and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

P They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,

C and I will declare your greatness.

P They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness

C and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

P The LORD is good to all,

C and his mercy is over all that he has made.

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 All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

C and all your saints shall bless you!

Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast)

First Reading

Acts 9:1–22

¹But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest ²and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. ³Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. ⁴And falling to the ground he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" ⁵And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. ⁶But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." ⁷The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one. ⁸Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. ⁹And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹And the Lord said to him, "Rise and go to the street

called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem. ¹⁴And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel. ¹⁶For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized; ¹⁹and taking food, he was strengthened.

For some days he was with the disciples at Damascus. ²⁰And immediately he proclaimed Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God." ²¹And all who heard him were amazed and said, "Is not this the man who made havoc in Jerusalem of those who called upon this name? And has he not come here for this purpose, to bring them bound before the chief priests?" ²²But Saul increased all the more in strength, and confounded the Jews who lived in Damascus by proving that Jesus was the Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(6:30) Gradual

Adaptation 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.

(9:00) Psalm

Psalm 30

Key: P=Pulpit Side (left/west)

L= Lectern Side (right/east)



You turned my mourn - ing in - to danc - ing; I will give you thanks for - ev - er.



- P ¹ I will exalt you, LORD,
for You lifted me out | of the depths*
and did not let my enemies gloat | over me.
- L ² O LORD my God, I called to | You for help,*
and You | healed me.
- P ³ O You, LORD, brought me up | from the grave;*
You spared me from going down in- | to the pit.

ALL Antiphon

- P ⁴ Sing to the LORD, You | saints of His;*
praise His | holy name.
- L ⁵ For His anger lasts only a moment,
but His favor lasts a | lifetime;*
weeping may remain for the night,
but rejoicing comes in the | morning.

ALL Antiphon

- P ⁶ When I felt se- | cure, I said,*
"I shall never be | shaken."
- L ⁷ O LORD, when You favored me,
You made my mountain | stand firm;*
but when You hid Your face,
I | was dismayed.
- P ⁸ To you, O | LORD, I called;*
to the Lord I cried for | mercy:

L ⁹“What gain is there in my destruction,
if I go down in- | to the pit?*”
Will the dust praise You?
Will it proclaim Your | faithfulness?
P ¹⁰Hear, O LORD, and be merci- | ful to me;*”
O LORD, | be my help.”

ALL *Antiphon*

P ¹¹You turned my wailing into | dancing;*”
you removed my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy,
L ¹²that my heart may sing to You and not be | silent.*
O LORD my God, I will give You thanks for- | ever.

ALL Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

ALL *Antiphon*

Epistle

Revelation 5:1–14

¹Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” ³And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵And one of the elders said to me, “Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

⁶And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, ¹⁰and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth.”

¹¹Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹²saying with a loud voice, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!” ¹³And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth

and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" ¹⁴And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

John 21:1–19

P The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. ²Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. ⁸The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

⁹When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread.

¹⁰Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." ¹¹So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹²Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. ¹⁴This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." ¹⁶He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." ¹⁷He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old,

you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go.” ¹⁹(This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, “Follow me.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

“Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake – Wayne Barlow



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

Offertory

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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.

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(Canticle: Nunc Dimittis)

Closing Hymn

463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia

Postlude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia – Albert L. Travis

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 and Karla Bessert with thanksgiving to God in memory of their mothers, Gertrude Bessert and Eda Kirschenmann.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Rev Dr Jason Soenksen

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Elder

(6:30) Matthew Stroh, (9:00) Bruce Bessert

Chancel Assistant

(6:30) Doug Grelk, (9:00) Jim Olson

Usher Team on duty

(6:30) Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger,

Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson

(9:00) Anthony Bagwell, Aaron DeWitt, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely,

Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek

Altar Guild

(6:30) Joan Knuteson, Diane Olson, (9:00) Karen Clark, Nancy Ewert

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, MAY 8 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: John Schaefer

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

SUNDAY, MAY 11 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

USHER TEAM 3: Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner

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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) 1:00 p.m. Blood Drive (FH)
M	6:00 p.m. Board of Christian Education (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Strategic Planning Meeting (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T	6:30 p.m. Gym Rental 6:30 p.m. Worship
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	F	EGL Foundation Golf Outing

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **132** people that attended services last week in person and **91** households streamed the services for a total of **223**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

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.

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](mailto:BloodDrive@egl.org). Blood fact: 1 out of every 7 hospital patients needs blood. Step up and donate!



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 14** (Seasons was printed before the change of dates for LWML and the Bible class) 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.