

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**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Sunday, May 11, 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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is – Robert A. Hobby

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 78:70-72; 79:13 (Antiphon John 10:14, 15b)

P I am the good shepherd.

C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

P He chose David his servant and took him from the sheepfolds;

C from following the nursing ewes he brought him to shepherd Jacob his people, Israel his inheritance.

P With upright heart he shepherded them

C and guided them with his skillful hand.

P But we your people, the sheep of your pasture, will give thanks to you forever;

C from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

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 I am the good shepherd.

C I know my own and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep.

Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast)

First Reading

Acts 20:17–35

¹⁷Now from Miletus [Paul] sent to Ephesus and called the elders of the church to come to him.

¹⁸And when they came to him, he said to them: "You yourselves know how I lived among you the whole time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹serving the Lord with all humility and with tears and with trials that happened to me through the plots of the Jews; ²⁰how I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house, ²¹testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ. ²²And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. ²⁴But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God. ²⁵And now, behold, I know that none of you among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom will see my face again.

²⁶Therefore I testify to you this day that I am innocent of the blood of all of you, ²⁷for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. ²⁸Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood. ²⁹I know that after my departure fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock; ³⁰and from among your own selves will arise men speaking

twisted things, to draw away the disciples after them. ³¹Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to admonish everyone with tears. ³²And now I commend you to God and to the word of his grace, which is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all those who are sanctified. ³³I coveted no one's silver or gold or apparel. ³⁴You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my necessities and to those who were with me. ³⁵In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

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.

Epistle

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

John 10:22–30

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock.

²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

862 Oh, Blest the House

Sermon

"Forsake Not Your Mother's Teaching" (Proverbs 1:8-9)

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering

Bless This House – Kenneth Walton



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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.

Preface – Agnus Dei

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Hymns During Distribution

**467 Awake, My Heart, With Gladness
733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past**

Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction

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(Canticle: Thank the Lord)

Closing Hymn

469 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Postlude

Awake, My Heart, With Gladness – Jacob B. Weber

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 anonymously.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Eric Skovgaard

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Elder

Doug Grelk

Chancel Assistant

James Drabiszczak

Usher Team on duty

Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner,
Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner

Altar Guild

Sherri Bond, Jean Kruse

SERVING NEXT WEEK:

THURSDAY, MAY 15 (6:30 p.m.)

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

USHER TEAM 4: Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner,
Duane Wunsch

SUNDAY, MAY 18 (9:00 a.m.)

ELDER: Mattias Goldenstein

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: John Schaefer

USHER TEAM 3: Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger, Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam
Thompson

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S	9:00 a.m. Worship – C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study and Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	5:30 p.m. Women’s Bible Study (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Gym Rental
M	7:00 p.m. Church Council (228) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Worship – C 7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (BAAC)
T	7:00 a.m. Men’s Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women’s Bible Study (BAAC)	F 11:45 a.m. Lunch Bunch (Park Side 23)
W	10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)	

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **127** people that attended services last week in person and **84** households streamed the services for a total of **211**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

PASTOR-ELECT TEGGATZ & FAMILY: On Wednesday, April 30, Pastor-elect Joshua Teggatz was formally assigned to Elm Grove Lutheran Church to be our new Associate Pastor. At least 40 EGLers were on hand in the fellowship hall watching the call day worship service. Joshua and his wife Rachel have a 2-year-old daughter named Lilly. Another baby is due any day now! Sunday afternoon, July 6, at 3:00 p.m., we will have the joy of ordaining and installing Joshua as the next Pastor in a long line of faithful Lutheran Pastors called to serve God's flock here at Elm Grove. Mark this day and time on your calendars now!

PALMER MEMORIAL SERVICE: On Saturday, May 31, EGL is hosting a memorial service for both Gerhard and Betty Palmer, who died a month apart from each other earlier this year. The Palmers as well as their children and grandchildren had close ties to Elm Grove Lutheran Church. The service itself will begin at noon, with a brief visitation starting at 11:30. A catered light lunch and fellowship will follow the service in the fellowship hall.

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.

"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).

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)

SUNDAY SCHOOL: God's Word in Sunday School has gone from Creation to Pentecost through movement, song, and crafts. Our hearts were moved by the Holy Spirit, as God's Word taught us, for eternity! We have our last session May 18. God has richly blessed all of us. To God be the glory!

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on Friday, May 16 at 11:45 a.m. This will be at Park Side 23. Call Linda at 262-786-1203 by May 14 to reserve your seat!

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 "**Divine Times.**" This study will dwell on the special times in the life of Jesus.

LWML: St. John's Lutheran Church in Glendale is hosting "**Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations Event**" on Saturday, May 17 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the theme being "United in Christ – Celebrating Our Stories." Plan to attend.

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. Please bring your suggestions for a fiction book and a non-fiction/historical fiction book – with the title of the book and the author. We will be voting on these books at our June meeting.