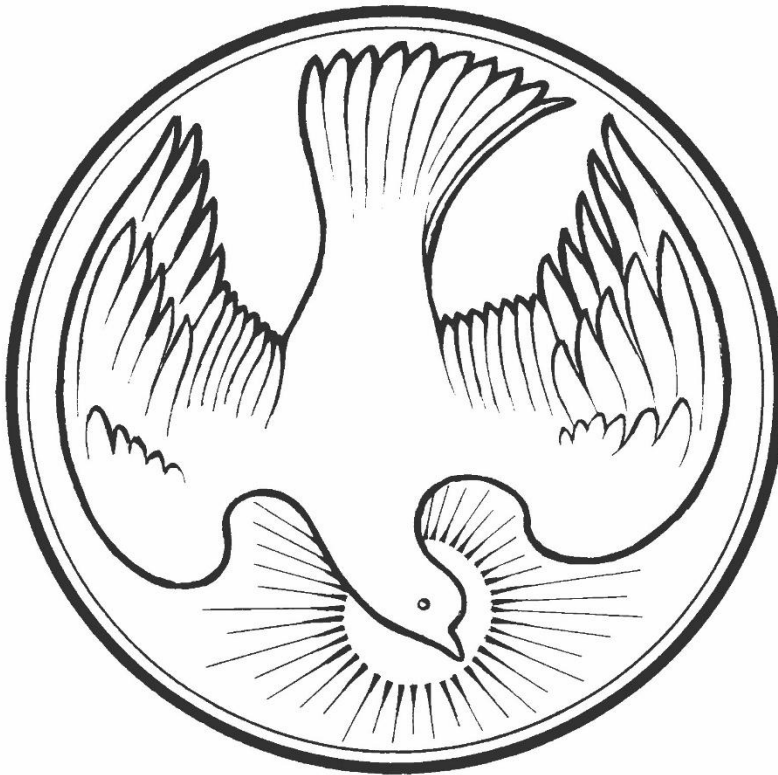


# **ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod  
945 Terrace Dr., Elm Grove, WI 53122  
Phone (262) 797-2970  
Rev. Eric C. Skovgaard, Administrative Pastor**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND  
Sunday, May 25, 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

**Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen – Michael Burkhardt**

### Hymn of Invocation

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### Confession and Absolution

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### Introit

**Psalm 55:4,16-18 (Antiphon Psalm 55:22)**

P Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;

**C he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

P My heart is in anguish within me;

**C the terrors of death have fallen upon me.**

P But I call to God,

**C and the LORD will save me.**

P Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan,

**C and he hears my voice.**

P He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage,

**C for many are arrayed against me.**

**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 Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you;

**C he will never permit the righteous to be moved.**

### Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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*(Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast)*

### First Reading

**Acts 16:9-15**

<sup>9</sup>A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." <sup>10</sup>And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. <sup>11</sup>So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. <sup>13</sup>And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. <sup>14</sup>One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." And she prevailed upon us.

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 21:9–14, 21–27**

<sup>9</sup>Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” <sup>10</sup>And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, <sup>11</sup>having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. <sup>12</sup>It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed—<sup>13</sup>on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. <sup>14</sup>And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. . . . <sup>21</sup>And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, transparent as glass. <sup>22</sup>And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, <sup>25</sup>and its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup>They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **Alleluia and Verse**

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## **Holy Gospel**

**John 16:23–33**

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>23</sup>[Jesus said:] “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. <sup>24</sup>Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. <sup>25</sup>I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. <sup>26</sup>In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; <sup>27</sup>for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. <sup>28</sup>I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” <sup>29</sup>His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! <sup>30</sup>Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you

came from God.” <sup>31</sup>Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? <sup>32</sup>Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. <sup>33</sup>I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day**

**830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord**

**Sermon**

**“Speaking Plainly” (John 16:29)**

**Nicene Creed**

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**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**Spread the Reign of God the Lord – Kermit Moldenhauer**



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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**

**490 Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won  
680 Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise**

**Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction**

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*(Canticle: Thank the Lord)*

## Closing Hymn

## 966 Before You, Lord, We Bow

## Postlude

## Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

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 Harold Panetti in celebration of his and Sherry's 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on May 28.

### Participants

Presiding Minister  
Organist  
Elder  
Chancel Assistant  
Usher Team on duty

Altar Guild

Pastor Eric Skovgaard  
Richard C. Ewert  
Mattias Goldenstein  
Jim Olson  
Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke,  
Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox  
Carol Ewert, Sue Schmalzer

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK: THURSDAY, MAY 29 (6:30 p.m.)**

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

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

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 1 (9:00 a.m.)**

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

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

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**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 a.m. Worship – C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA Mtg (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
M	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)	S	12:00 p.m. Palmer Memorial Service

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **136** people that attended services last week in person and **67** households streamed the services for a total of **203**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**NEW DOORS AND LOCKS:** If you came in the lower level doors you probably noticed some building materials in the lobby. Those are the long awaited new doors. Depending on weather the company is planning to begin installation on Tuesday (May 20). We should also anticipate the new locks to be installed in the next couple of weeks. I hope to have a date on this soon.

**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.

**OAK HILL MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY:** Again this year our Brookfield community will remember and give thanks for those who served our nation in the Armed Forces, paying the ultimate price for the freedoms we currently enjoy. There will be a Memorial Day ceremony at Oak Hill Cemetery, just north of Brookfield Academy on Brookfield Road, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, May 26. Speakers, prayers, honor guards, and refreshments will be enjoyed by all.

**"BETTER LATE THAN NEVER"** is on June 28 at 5:30 p.m. Please join us as we thank EGL Called teacher (end of the 2023-2024 school year) Amy Weymier. We will celebrate Amy 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](mailto:astroh@egl.org)) Deadline for reservations is June 15. We would be grateful to have you join us as we thank and honor Amy 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](http://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)

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** Thursday, June 19 at 9:30 a.m. is the date and time for our meeting in which our group we will vote for books to be read and discussed in 2025-2026. Instead of a discussion of a book, we will have enjoyment and fellowship with having a delicious brunch.

## **A message from President Drabiszczak**

Good day everyone,

There were a few important business items that were addressed in the Voters Assembly this past Sunday.

1. The Board of Trustees presented a motion to sell the 755-805 properties.  
Per the constitution:

A. The voting members present at a Voters' Assembly shall constitute a quorum. However, a majority of all voting members shall be required for a quorum in order to:

1. amend the Constitution or Bylaws of the congregation;
2. pass resolutions pertaining to the discipline or dismissal of a called Minister of Religion - Ordained;
3. buy, sell, lease or mortgage congregation real estate.

In the absence of a majority of all voting members, the President shall call a new meeting and the voting members present at that meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Since we did not have a majority of voting members present, I am calling a Special Voters Assembly on Sunday, June 1st after the service to address this.

2. The motion presented by Mr. Harmeyer regarding Trinity Lutheran Classical High School was passed unanimously. I have attached it in case you did not get a chance to see it. The Building Strategic Planning

Committee has been meeting with Trinity and we are very excited about this opportunity to bring a school back to EGL. I would encourage you to read the following article regarding the rise of Classical Christian Education in the United States. [The \\$10 Billion Rise Of Classical Christian Education](#)

3. I am looking for volunteers to form a welcoming committee for Pr. Teggatz and family. Please contact me if you would like to serve.

Elm Grove Lutheran Church Voters' Assembly  
May 18, 2025

Motion by Ron Harmeyer

Moved that the Elm Grove Lutheran Church Council take all actions necessary to:

- Appoint an incorporator, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §181.0201, to create and file articles of incorporation, with such articles:
- Providing that the sole purpose of the new corporation being to own and operate Trinity Lutheran Classical High School;
- Conforming to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code;
- Providing for five initial directors, as appointed by the Church Council; and
- Providing that the name of the corporation shall be "Trinity Lutheran Classical High School, Inc."
- Ensure that, pursuant to Wis. Stat. §181.0205, the initial directors promptly meet to complete the organization of the corporation by appointing officers, adopting bylaws and carrying on any other business brought before the meeting, including but not limited to:
- Obtaining an Employer Identification Number from the Internal Revenue Service;
- Opening a separate checking account for the new corporation;
- Soliciting quotes for all necessary and appropriate insurance for the new corporation;
- Appointing a registered agent; and
- Securing a campus for Trinity Lutheran Classical High School.
- Provide that the new corporation may maintain its registered office, as required by Wis. Stat. §181.0501, at 945 Terrace Dr, Elm Grove, Wisconsin.

Further moved that:

- The Council negotiate with the new corporation for the lease of space to be used as the campus of Trinity Lutheran Classical High School; and
- This motion does not provide or approve any funding for the new corporation or its operations.

Thank you.

In His Service,  
James A. Drabiszczak  
EGL President