

# **ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**

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**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Thursday, July 17, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, July 20, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.**

## **Divine Service 4**



### **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.

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

### **Children in Worship**

"Let the little children come to me." Jesus delights in faithful parents bringing their children to hear His Word. EGL gladly joins Christ in that joy! Thank you for bringing your children with you to worship! You are welcome to sit wherever you want. While some find it best to sit in the back with their children, for easy access to the cry room, others find their children are better behaved when sitting near the front so that they can see what is happening in the chancel. If your child needs a moment to settle down, ask an usher to point you to the nursery or cry room. But please bring your child back soon so that he or she can be with us as we receive Christ's gifts and as we collectively raise our voice in prayer and song. Be sure to sing the hymns and join the liturgy's responses so that your child learns from you what should be done in church. If you are without children, encourage parents with little ones and offer assistance as needed.

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

**6:30 Praise Be to Christ – Karl Haase**  
**9:00 Praise Be to Christ – Charles W. Ore**

### Hymn of Invocation

**538 Praise Be to Christ**

### Confession and Absolution

**p. 203**

### Introit

**Psalm 119:57–60, 64; antiphon: v. 105**

P Your word is a lamp to my feet

**C and a light to my path.**

P The LORD is my portion;

**C I promise to keep your words.**

P I entreat your favor with all my heart;

**C be gracious to me according to your promise.**

P When I think on my ways,

**C I turn my feet to your testimonies;**

P I hasten and do not delay

**C to keep your commandments.**

P The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;

**C teach me your statutes!**

**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 and a light to my path.**

### Kyrie – Collect of the Day

**pp. 204-205**

### Old Testament Reading

**Genesis 18:1–14**

<sup>1</sup> The LORD appeared to [Abraham] by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. <sup>2</sup>He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth <sup>3</sup>and said, "O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. <sup>4</sup>Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, <sup>5</sup>while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." <sup>6</sup>And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, "Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes." <sup>7</sup>And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. <sup>8</sup>Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he

had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate. <sup>9</sup>They said to him, "Where is Sarah your wife?" And he said, "She is in the tent." <sup>10</sup>The LORD said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. <sup>11</sup>Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. <sup>12</sup>So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?" <sup>13</sup>The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' <sup>14</sup>Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

**Romans 10:15b, 18b; Isaiah 52:7b, alt.**

P How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

**C who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.**

P Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

**C and their words to the ends of the world.**

### **Epistle**

**Colossians 1:21–29**

<sup>21</sup>You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,

<sup>22</sup>he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, <sup>23</sup>if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul, became a minister. <sup>24</sup>Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church, <sup>25</sup>of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, <sup>26</sup>the mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. <sup>27</sup>To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. <sup>28</sup>Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. <sup>29</sup>For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Holy Gospel****Luke 10:38–42**

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

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

<sup>38</sup>Now as they went on their way, Jesus entered a village. And a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. <sup>39</sup>And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. <sup>40</sup>But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me." <sup>41</sup>But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, <sup>42</sup>but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her."

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

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

**Nicene Creed****p. 206****Hymn of the Day****536 One Thing's Needful****Sermon****"The Better Choice" (Luke 10:41-42)****Prayer of the Church****Offering****6:30 One Thing's Needful – Max Reger****9:00 One Thing's Needful – Albert Beck**

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

**Service of the Sacrament****Preface – Agnus Dei****pp. 208 – 210****Hymns During Distribution****855 For All the Faithful Women  
(stz 1, 9-Mary & Martha, 3, 4)  
723 The Lord Is My Light**

## **973 Thy Word Is a Lamp**

ref Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path.  
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1 When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,  
Still You're there right beside me.  
And nothing will I fear as long as You are near.  
Please be near me to the end. Refrain

2 I will not forget Your love for me, and yet  
My heart forever is wandering.  
Jesus, be my guide and hold me to Your side;  
And I will love You to the end. Refrain

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**Nunc Dimittis – Benediction**

**pp. 211 – 212**

**Closing Hymn**

**933 My Soul Rejoices**

**Postlude**

**6:30 My Soul Rejoices – Charles W. Ore**

**9:00 Toccata in F (from Organ Symphony #5, Movement V)**

**Charles-Marie Widor**

ALTAR PARAMENTS: The green paraments of the Pentecost season prompt us to remember that our life in Christ is one of growth, as branches connected to the Vine produce good fruit.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Kevan and Julie Leaf in celebration of their 37<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary on July 16.

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK**

#### **THURSDAY, JULY 24 (6:30 P.M.)**

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

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

#### **SUNDAY, JULY 27 (9:00 A.M.)**

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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

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**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

S	9:00 Worship C 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	7:00 p.m. TLCHS Board of Directors (228)
M	8:45 a.m. Summer Math (228 & 229) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 5:30 p.m. Gym Rental
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 5:30 p.m. Summer Math (228 & 229)	T 6:30 p.m. Worship F Office Closed LWML Board Meeting (BAAC)

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **144** people that attended services last week in person and **102** households streamed the services for a total of **246**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**TRINITY LUTHERAN CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL DONATIONS:** Trinity is requesting donations to help them get started here at EGL. If you are able to contribute to the high school please donate via Vanco (found under the "give" section at [egl.org](http://egl.org)) or by writing a check to **Trinity Lutheran Classical High School**.

**STAMMTISCH** will not be held in July and August. Watch Seasons and the newsletter for information on starting back up in September!

**TOUR THE HOLY LAND IN EASTERTIDE OF 2026!** There is something special about meditating on the Scriptures in the very places where the events occurred. Pastor Aaron Koch of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Greenfield will be leading a tour back to the Holy Land next April. Destinations include Bethlehem, Nazareth, Capernaum, the Mount of Beatitudes, Mt. Carmel, Caesarea Philippi, Qumran, Masada, and of course the temple mount, Gethsemane, and the places of Jesus's trial, death, and resurrection in Jerusalem. We will visit the site of Jesus' baptism at the Jordan River, take a boat trip on the Sea of Galilee, and take a swim in the buoyant Dead Sea. PLUS there is an optional trip extension to Egypt to ascend the Mountain of Moses in Sinai, and see the Sphinx and the Great Pyramids of Egypt. It

only takes a \$500 registration to hold your spot for this tour. Spaces are limited so you are encouraged to sign up soon. (There are discounts if you register early.) Pick up a brochure in the narthex or go to [registernow.ittworld.com](http://registernow.ittworld.com) and put in the tour code **Koch26** to get a downloadable brochure with all the information you need. And if you have any questions, feel free to call Pastor Koch at 414-795-9005. We hope you'll be able to take part in this great experience!

**DVD OF EGL BUILDING PROGRAM:** Due to popular demand, a number of DVD copies were made of the Elm Grove Lutheran Church building program 1954-1955. You may recall that this silent video of the construction of our church and school and the march up Watertown Plank Road was shown during the adult Bible study hour on Mother's Day, May 11. Ask Pr Skovgaard or Mrs Stroh if you're interested in a copy.

**LIVESTREAM HELP NEEDED – PRODUCER/CAMERA OPERATOR:** Contact Mark Ewert or Pam Ganswindt if you are interested in the producing/camera operator role of our livestream ministry. Having a good knowledge of our service flow is a plus.

**VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE** at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, August 13, from 2:00 - 06:30 p.m. Schedule your appointment online using the QR below or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333 /[BloodDrive@egl.org](mailto:BloodDrive@egl.org). There is no substitute for human blood. Give the ultimate gift. Give blood.



**PANERA FUNDRAISING NIGHT:** Join us on July 28 ( between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.) at Panera (Ruby Isle – 2095 N Calhoun Rd, Brookfield). 30% (Sic!) of your purchase will benefit Trinity Lutheran Classical High School when you show the flyer to the cashier. Copies of the flyer are available at the back of church.

**THE TEGGATZ “MEAL TRAIN”:** Please sign up for a wonderful opportunity to meet and help our new Pastor and his family settle into life here in Wisconsin and as part of our Church. Please check your email and sign up to drop a dinner meal off for the Teggatz’s on Sundays, Tuesdays, or Wednesdays from July 20 – September 17 between 5:30-6:00 p.m. If you don’t want to sign up online, please contact Amy Stroh at the church office ([astroh@egl.org](mailto:astroh@egl.org)/262-797-2970) for help finding a date to drop off a meal! Other questions? Please reach out to Amy Stroh or Shelly Skovgaard. Thank you!