

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, July 27, 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

Lord Jesus Christ, the Church's Head
Benjamin M. Culli

Hymn of Invocation 647 Lord Jesus Christ, The Church's Head

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 119:145–149; antiphon: Psalm 50:15

P Call upon me in the day of trouble;

C I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.

P With my whole heart I cry; answer me, O LORD!

C I will keep your statutes.

P I call to you; save me,

C that I may observe your testimonies.

P I rise before dawn and cry for help;

C I hope in your words.

P My eyes are awake before the watches of the night,

C that I may meditate on your promise.

P Hear my voice according to your steadfast love;

C O LORD, according to your justice give me life.

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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Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 18:20–33

²⁰Then the LORD said, "Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, ²¹I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know." ²²So the men turned from there and went toward Sodom, but Abraham still stood before the LORD. ²³Then Abraham drew near and said, "Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? ²⁴Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city. Will you then sweep away the place and not spare it for the fifty righteous who are in it? ²⁵Far be it from you to do such a thing, to put the righteous to death with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?" ²⁶And the LORD said, "If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will spare the whole place for their sake."

²⁷Abraham answered and said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. ²⁸Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking. Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?" And he said, "I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there." ²⁹Again he spoke to him and said, "Suppose forty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of forty I will not do it." ³⁰Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak. Suppose thirty are found there." He answered, "I will not do it, if I find thirty there." ³¹He said, "Behold, I have undertaken to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there." He answered, "For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it." ³²Then he said, "Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there." He answered, "For the sake of ten I will not destroy it." ³³And the LORD went his way, when he had finished speaking to Abraham, and Abraham returned to his place.

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 2:6–19

⁶Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,

⁷rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

⁸See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹²having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. ¹³And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, ¹⁴by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. ¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God.

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Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 11:1–13

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples." ²And he said to them, "When you pray, say: "Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. ³Give us each day our daily bread, ⁴and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation."

⁵And he said to them, "Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves, ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived on a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'; ⁷and he will answer from within, 'Do not bother me; the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed. I cannot get up and give you anything?' ⁸I tell you, though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his impudence he will rise and give him whatever he needs. ⁹And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. ¹¹What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; ¹²or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

773 Hear Us, Father, When We Pray

Sermon

“Ear Drumming” (Luke 11:1-13) - Pr Tegatz

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Here Us, Father, We Pray – Flor Peeters



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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface – Agnus Dei

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Hymns During Distribution

766 Our Father, Who from Heaven Above

779 Come, My Soul, with Every Care

Nunc Dimittis – Benediction

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Closing Hymn

770 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Postlude

What a Friend We Have in Jesus – Charles W. Ore

ALTAR PARAMETERS: 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 Jim and Diane Olson in celebration of their 47th wedding anniversary on July 29.

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 31 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: John Wolck

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 3 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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

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S	9:00 Worship - C	5:30 p.m. Summer Math (228 & 229)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	7:00 p.m. TLCHS Board of Directors (228)
M	8:45 a.m. Summer Math (228 & 229)	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
	4:00 – 8:00 p.m. Panera Fundraiser	5:30 p.m. Gym Rental
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	T 6:30 p.m. Worship - C
		F Office Closed

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **144** people that attended services last week in person and **103** households streamed the services for a total of **247**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

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@eql.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/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!

SHE SHED BEER GARDEN TRIVIA NIGHT WEDNESDAY, JULY 30: We got rained out on July 16, so we will try again on the 30th. All ladies are invited to enjoy an evening of food, drink, fellowship and trivia at The Landing at Hoyt Park, 1800 N. Swan Blvd., Wauwatosa. The beer garden opens at 3 p.m. with trivia from 7 - 9 p.m. Sue Wilcox is planning to get there before 5 p.m. to grab a table. Contact her a suew14237@gmail.com with any questions. If it rains, the event is cancelled. Let's hope we have better weather this time.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The EGL Book Discussion Group will meet on Thursday, August 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC to discuss the book, *The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules* by Catherina Ingelman-Sundberg.

CATHOLIC LIGHT? Have you ever heard that accusation leveled against Lutherans from fellow Protestants? The implication being, that we did not have the courage to go "all the way" with our Reformation. Pr Bryan Wolfmueller makes a great case for why that accusation is way off the mark. Check out the Issues Etc podcast (issuesetc.org) for Monday, July 21, under the interview entitled, "Myths About Lutheranism." You can and ought to have complete confidence that what we officially confess to be the truth holds up to every investigation. All of the great descriptions of the church apply to our faith -- historic, catholic, orthodox, evangelical, missional, confessional. Rightly understood, we embrace them all.

CLASSICAL EDUCATION? EGL has bravely embarked on a new adventure of supporting a young Classical Lutheran High School. Thanks to many hands and willing hearts, all the needed puzzle pieces have fallen into place for them to start on schedule. It's truly remarkable how things have come together; thanks be to God! Because this is a new educational model for most of us at EGL, Headmaster Jason Eggold has offered to give us all a primer on what it means to teach and learn under a Classical Lutheran model on Sunday, August 3, during the adult Bible study time. Come for the Divine Service at 9:00, grab a snack afterwards, and learn more clearly what's going on. It will be video recorded.

TRINITY LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL: The "Big Move" of Trinity Lutheran Classical High School to EGL is underway...help is needed! Jason and Andrew (the two full-time teachers) have already been busy moving books, materials, and some furniture to our campus, but there is a lot more to be done! We are bringing a significant amount of furniture and exercise equipment from their old campus. They have secured a large rental truck, so we are planning an EGL work day on Saturday, August 2, to help get everything on campus here. Please meet at 9:30 a.m. at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church (2500 S 68th St, West Allis). Contact Bruce Bessert with additional questions at 414-526-8430.