

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, July 31, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 3, 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

All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Johann Pachelbel

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalms 49:7–8, 13–14a, 15; antiphon: vv. 1–2

P Hear this, all peoples!

C Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

P both low and high,

C rich and poor together!

P Truly no man can ransom another,

C or give to God the price of his life,

P for the ransom of their life is costly

C and can never suffice.

P This is the path of those who have foolish confidence;

C yet after them people approve of their boasts.

P Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;

C death shall be their shepherd.

P But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,

C for he will receive 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.

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C Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,

P both low and high,

C rich and poor together!

Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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Old Testament Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14; 2:18–26

²Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. . .

¹²I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to the children of man to be busy with. ¹⁴I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after wind. . . . ¹⁸I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, ¹⁹and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my

wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²²What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? ²³For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. ²⁴There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, ²⁵for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? ²⁶For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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 3:1–11**

¹If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. ³For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. ⁵Put to death therefore what is earthly in you: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. ⁶On account of these the wrath of God is coming. ⁷In these you too once walked, when you were living in them. ⁸But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. ⁹Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. ¹¹Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all, and in all.

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Holy Gospel**Luke 12:13–21**

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

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

¹³Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus], "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." ¹⁴But he said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" ¹⁵And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ¹⁶And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, ¹⁷and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' ¹⁸And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' ²⁰But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' ²¹So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed**p. 206****Hymn of the Day****732 All Depends on Our Possessing****Sermon**

**"What Does It Mean To Be Rich Toward God?"
(Luke 12:21) - Pr Skovgaard**

Prayer of the Church**Offering****All Depends on Our Possessing – John A. Behnke**

To give to Elm Grove Lutheran Church, you can scan the QR code (left) to go to our online giving site.

(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

**704 Renew Me, O Eternal Light
782 Gracious God, You Send Great Blessings
771 Be Still, My Soul, before the Lord**

Nunc Dimittis – Benediction

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Closing Hymn

861 Christ Be My Leader

Postlude

Christ Be My Leader – Paul Manz

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 Terry and Linda Hoffmann for blessings received for their anniversary on August 4.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Skovgaard

Assisting Minister

Pastor Teggatz

Organist

Karla Bessert

Elder

6:30 John Wolck, 9:00 Paul Haut

Chancel Assistant

6:30 Doug Grelk, 9:00 Jim Olson

Usher Team on Duty

6:30 Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke,

Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein,

Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox

9:00 Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas,

Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner,

Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner

Altar Guild

6:30 Sherri Bond, Jean Kruse

9:00 Sherri Bond, Diane Olson

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 7 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 10 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

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

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S	9:00 Worship - C 10:30 a.m. Classical Education Presentation 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 5:30 p.m. Summer Math (228 & 229)
M	8:45 a.m. Summer Math (228 & 229) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W	7:00 p.m. TLCHS Board of Directors (228) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
		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 **132** people that attended services last week in person and **80** households streamed the services for a total of **212**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

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. There is no substitute for human blood. Give the ultimate gift. Give blood.



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!

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.

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.

HEY EGL YOUTH! The 2028 LCMS Youth Gathering is July 3-7, 2028! Where will it be? San Antonio, Texas! Planning three years ahead ALREADY?? Youth need to be ages 14-18 or an incoming freshman at the time of the gathering. Look for more information SOON!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX: Thank you to everyone who donated items for the shoeboxes last year. LWML will be packing them in September, but school supplies are on sale now. (Crayons, pencils, pens, spiral notebooks, markers, erasers, etc.) Your donations help fill the shoeboxes that will also have the Gospel storybook and be given to children in need. Thank you!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER: If you would like to receive the TLCHS weekly newsletter, please subscribe using this link. <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/ab8eUNn>. If you have trouble with this link, there is a button on the home page of their website. <https://www.trinitylutheranclassical.org>.

WEDNESDAY MORNING CO-ED BIBLE STUDY is taking a break for August. Join us again beginning September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bartelt Center.

CAR ACCIDENT VICTIMS: Some of you are already aware of this, but for those who only heard a prayer petition on Sunday, former EGL school student Chloe Handrich and a friend were hit by a reckless driver two Sundays ago downtown Milwaukee. Chloe has many miles to go in her recovery, but the family is very hopeful. This situation is reminiscent of an older but also former EGL student Cara Corder's situation, where she too was hit by a car downtown Milwaukee. These are not events that people just bounce back from. There is much healing of the body and mind that must happen. This Thursday and Sunday after worship you'll have an opportunity to express your Christian compassion to them and their families by signing cards for both of these young ladies. The office will make sure the cards then get delivered.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION: Starting Sunday morning, August 17, during the Bible study hour, EGL will begin a new year-long youth confirmation class. If your kids are ready for this period of instruction leading to communicant membership in the church, please plan on attending class that day and getting the details.