

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, August 7, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 10, 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

Festive Introduction to FOUNDATION Jason D. Payne

Hymn of Invocation

728 How Firm a Foundation

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 147:8–11; antiphon: v. 7

P Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

C make melody to our God on the lyre!

P He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;

C he makes grass grow on the hills.

P He gives to the beasts their food,

C and to the young ravens that cry.

P His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

C nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

P but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

C in those who hope in his steadfast love.

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 15:1–6

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision:

"Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."

²But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir." ⁴And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: "This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir." ⁵And he brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your offspring be." ⁶And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

P Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C for those who fear him lack nothing!

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Hebrews 11:1–16

¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks. ⁵By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. ¹²Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

¹³These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶But as it is, they desire a

better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 12:22–34

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat, nor about your body, what you will put on. ²³For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing.

²⁴Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁶If then you are not able to do as small a thing as that, why are you anxious about the rest? ²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass, which is alive in the field today, and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you, O you of little faith! ²⁹And do not seek what you are to eat and what you are to drink, nor be worried.

³⁰For all the nations of the world seek after these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, seek his kingdom, and these things will be added to you.

³²"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. ³⁴For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

Sermon

"Anxious Days" (Luke 12:22-34) - Pr Teggatz

Prayer of the Church

Offering

**Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten BWV 647
J.S. Bach**



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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

**750 If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee
736 Consider How the Birds Above
558 Not unto Us**

Nunc Dimittis – Benediction

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Closing Hymn

726 Evening and Morning

Postlude

Fugue in F Major BWV 540 – J.S. Bach

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: Anonymous

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

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

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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)	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. Board of Directors 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W	1:00 p.m. Blood Drive (FH) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
		T	6:30 p.m. Worship
		F	Office Closed

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

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

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **165** people that attended services last week in person and **92** households streamed the services for a total of **257**. "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.

HEY EGL YOUTH! The 2028 LCMS National 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! Plan to stay for the Bible Study hour on August 24 to hear Ben's report on this year's gathering.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX AND GIFTS OF THE HEART:

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! Gifts of the Heart will be given to the Free at Last Ministry at the LWML Fall Retreat. You may like to donate to this worthwhile ministry: toothpaste, toothbrush, deodorant, shaver, lotion, soap, hand towel and washcloth. It is much appreciated.

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/sj/ab8eUNn>. If you have trouble with this link, there is a button on the home page of their website. <https://www.trinitylutheranclassical.org>.

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.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on August 21 at 11:45 a.m. at Bullwinkle's. Please RSVP to Claire Schuppner, 262-255-2671 by August 19.

EGL'S AFRICAN CONNECTION: Plan now to linger after worship next Sunday, August 17, to hear future pastor Bienfait Safari-Romeo tell the captivating story of God's grace at work in his life. Orphaned in a tragic act of terrorism at the tender age of ten, Bienfait grew up in war-torn Democratic Republic of Congo, ultimately was forced to flee with other Congolese, then made his way to Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane (LTS) in suburban Pretoria, South Africa, where Pastor Skovgaard was among the many professors who prepared him for the ministry. EGL has provided monetary support, together with other U.S. donors. Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne has awarded him a full scholarship for the Master of Arts in Religion degree; he begins his studies in September. Mr. Romeo speaks eleven languages; English being his latest acquisition. Come and hear the inspiring story of how God turns a national and personal tragedy into an avenue for gospel proclamation and kingdom growth. Vicar Bienfait has been called to serve a church in the Rwamwanja Refugee Camp in western Uganda where he will minister to his fellow Congolese in their native tribal languages. He will bring Gospel consolation to countless people who've fled their homeland to seek safety from marauding armies and rioters to gain a secure future in this world and the next.