

# **ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**

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**ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Thursday, August 21, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, August 24, 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**

**Glorious Things of You Are Spoken**  
**Timothy Shaw**

### **Hymn of Invocation**

**648 Glorious Things of You Are Spoken**

### **Confession and Absolution**

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### **Introit**

**Psalm 117; antiphon: Psalm 96:6a; 115:18**

**P** Splendor and majesty are before him;

**C** **we will bless the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.**  
**Praise the LORD!**

**P** Praise the LORD, all nations!

**C** **Extol him, all peoples!**

**P** For great is his steadfast love toward us,

**C** **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!**

**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**

**Isaiah 66:18–23**

<sup>18</sup>“For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup>and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup>And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup>And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD. <sup>22</sup>“For as the new heavens and the new earth that I make shall remain before me, says the LORD, so shall your

offspring and your name remain. <sup>23</sup>From new moon to new moon, and from Sabbath to Sabbath, all flesh shall come to worship before me, declares the LORD."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual**

**Psalms 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 12:1–24**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup>looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup>Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. <sup>4</sup>In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. <sup>5</sup>And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons? "My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. <sup>6</sup>For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives."

<sup>7</sup>It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? <sup>8</sup>If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. <sup>9</sup>Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? <sup>10</sup>For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. <sup>11</sup>For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, <sup>13</sup>and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. <sup>14</sup>Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. <sup>15</sup>See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness"

springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; <sup>16</sup>that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. <sup>17</sup>For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

<sup>18</sup>For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest <sup>19</sup>and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. <sup>20</sup>For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." <sup>21</sup>Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." <sup>22</sup>But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, <sup>23</sup>and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, <sup>24</sup>and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse**

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**Holy Gospel**

**Luke 13:22–30**

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

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

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] went on his way through towns and villages, teaching and journeying toward Jerusalem. <sup>23</sup>And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, <sup>24</sup>"Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able. <sup>25</sup>When once the master of the house has risen and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' then he will answer you, 'I do not know where you come from.' <sup>26</sup>Then you will begin to say, 'We ate and drank in your presence, and you taught in our streets.' <sup>27</sup>But he will say, 'I tell you, I do not know where you come from. Depart from me, all you workers of evil!' <sup>28</sup>In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God but you yourselves cast out. <sup>29</sup>And people will come

from east and west, and from north and south, and recline at table in the kingdom of God. <sup>30</sup>And behold, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day**

**510 A Multitude Comes from the  
East and the West**

**Sermon**

**“God’s Discipline”  
(Hebrews 12) – Pr Teggatz**

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering**

**A Multitude Comes from the East and the West  
Kenneth T. Kosche**



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**

**514 The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us  
757 Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care**

## 976 Give Me Jesus



1 In the morn - ing when I rise, In the morn - ing when I rise,  
 2 Dark mid - night was my cry, Dark mid - night was my cry,  
 3 Just a - bout the break of day, Just a - bout the break of day,  
 4 Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,  
 5 And when I want to sing, And when I want to sing,



In the morn - ing when I rise, Give me Je - sus.  
 Dark mid - night was my cry, Give me Je - sus.  
 Just a - bout the break of day, Give me Je - sus.  
 Oh, when I come to die, Give me Je - sus.  
 And when I want to sing, Give me Je - sus.

### *Refrain*



Give me Je - sus, Give me Je - sus.



You may have all the rest, Give me Je - sus.

Text and tune: African American spiritual  
 Text and tune: Public domain

## Nunc Dimittis – Benediction

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## Closing Hymn

## 526 You Are the Way; through You Alone

## Postlude

## Glorious Things of You Are Spoken Don Hustad

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: Anonymous

## Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Joshua Teggatz
Assisting Minister	9:00 Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Organist	Richard C Ewert
Elder	6:30 Eric Thompson 9:00 John Wolck
Chancel Assistant	6:30 Kirk Midtbo 9:00 Doug Grelk
Usher Team on duty	6:30 Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner
	9:00 Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Matthew Ewert, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch
Altar Guild	6:30 Meg Grelk, Joan Knuteson 9:00 Nancy Ewert, Shelly Skovgaard

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK**

#### **THURSDAY, AUGUST 28 (6:30 P.M.)**

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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

#### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 31 (9:00 A.M.)**

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT:

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 –	M	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group
C			(FH)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study
	10:30 a.m. Confirmation Class		(228)
	(BAAC)	W	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
	4:00 p.m. Gym Rental	T	6:30 p.m. Worship
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)		

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **172** people that attended services last week in person and **78** households streamed the services for a total of **250**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**REMINDER:** When you enter or leave any of the doors in the building, please make sure the door is closed completely and locked. We are finding many doors left unlocked; please be mindful of this. Thank you very much!

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** Thursday, September 13, at 9:30 a.m., our group will meet in the BAAC to discuss the book, Switchboard Soldiers, by Jennifer Chiaverini.

**CHURCH IN THE GLEN:** Bring your lawn chairs or blankets and join us on September 7 at 10:00 a.m. for our service in the glen. Note the later time. If it rains the service will be inside in the Nave. We are having a pig roast again this year. Please use the link below to sign up to bring something to share. A hard copy will be in the back of Church as well.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-57949878-service>

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** Mark your calendars for September 7 to sign up for Sunday School. Teachers are need to teach our precious little ones the words of Jesus. Call Linda Hoffmann 262-786-1203.

**EGL STAMMTISCH HAS RETURNED:** Guys! Fall's just around the corner...please don't forget to include EGL Stammtisch in your monthly schedule! Take a break and kick back with us on Thursday, Sept 18, from 7:30-9:00 p.m. (ish) for great libation and lively conversation that runs the gamut, but always in a fun, informal atmosphere of Christian fellowship. Perhaps a few new things to enjoy this fall? Come and find out! Join us in the Bartelt Adult Activities Center (BAAC) at EGL. Bring your favorite brew and some snacks to share and a friend! Any questions? Contact Bruce Bessert by phone/text at 414-526-8430, or by email at [bruce.bessert@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.bessert@gmail.com)

**RECENT SUNDAY AM PRESENTATIONS:** Two recent presentations during the adult Bible study hour were recorded, one by the headmaster of Trinity Lutheran Classical High School on the nature of classical education, and one by Congolese Pastor, Bienfait Safari. These are not available at the EGL Youtube site, but if you ask for the link from the Church Office, we will forward it to you.

**NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING SUMMARY:** Our own Ben Ewert attended the LCMS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July. Ben went as a counselor for the youth. This Sunday, August 24, Ben will give a presentation on the gathering. Invite your youth to attend this report by Ben in anticipation of the next gathering in 2028. The gathering draws together thousands of LCMS youth for worship, study, and service. If you have a child who will be in high school in 2028, this is a fine opportunity to understand what happens at these events.

**CONSIDER THIS APP FOR DAILY NEWS:** You don't need anyone else to tell you that the world is a crazy place. When it comes to news, the standard stations and channels we talk about are often loaded with opinions and editorial content, which is fine if that's what you're looking for. However, if you'd like to get your news delivered a little bit straighter and from a decidedly Christian perspective, I can recommend the app ***The World and Everything in It***. Monday through Friday you will find a 25-30 minute report of important news, plus regular segments on the market and economy (Mondays), developments around the world (Wednesdays), and cultural events and movies (Fridays). It is safe to have on in the car while driving kids also. On Saturdays there are also long-form interviews with individuals on relevant topics. For instance, last Saturday featured an interview on the effects of smart phones and social media on child development. This was a fantastic interview and ought to get wide circulation.

**JOURNEYS LUTHERAN SCHOOL:** (EGL has a long history of supporting Journeys Lutheran School in Hales Corners, WI.) The school experienced extensive damage from recent flooding leaving behind devastating damage. The scale of the damage is staggering — initial estimates place the total loss at over one million dollars. Nearly every part of our building has been affected—from the entire gym floor and library to classrooms filled with supplies and technology. A large HVAC system was destroyed, and flood waters also disturbed asbestos, creating the need for costly and urgent abatement. Here's how you can help right now: **Volunteer Day:** Join us on *Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-11:30 a.m.* to help with yard work, cleaning, painting, moving supplies and furniture, and preparing classrooms for reopening. Send a message to [volunteer@journeyslutheran.org](mailto:volunteer@journeyslutheran.org) to sign up. 5425 South 111<sup>th</sup> Street, Hales Corners, WI 53130 **Donate:** Financial contributions of any size make a difference. Donations can be made online at [www.journeyslutheran.org/flood-recovery](http://www.journeyslutheran.org/flood-recovery). **Spread the Word:** Share our story with your networks and pray for our students and staff. Journeys is a safe and supportive place for children with learning challenges. Your support helps us reopen our doors quickly and provide the stability and care our students need. Thank you for standing with us! Christ's blessings, Jenny Stollenwerk, Head of School

**FLU SHOT CLINIC:** On September 14, after Worship, Walgreens will be in the Fellowship Hall providing Flu Vaccines. Please follow this link to sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-58076551-flucovid> There will also be a sign-up sheet in the back of the Church.

**VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS:** A number of people rushed in to donate blood. The Versiti blood drive hosted in our Fellowship Hall Wednesday, August 13, collected 20 blood products. Every donation can save up to 3 lives – that's a stat worth bragging about! Thank you blood donors for rushing in. The next blood drive is Wednesday, November 12, 2:00 – 6:30 p.m. Please schedule your appointment online using the QR below or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333 [/BloodDrive@egl.org](mailto:BloodDrive@egl.org)



**RIIINGERS & SINGERS 2025-2026:** Practice/Rehearsals begin in the Music Center (Room 124) **Intrada Ringers** – Mondays, starting September 8, 5:00 p.m. **Exultate Ringers** – Tuesdays, starting September 9, 5:15 p.m. **Exultate Singers** – Wednesdays, starting September 10, 7:00 p.m. You are invited to be a Ringer and/or a Singer. Please contact Richard (Rick) Ewert, Director of Church Music, for more information. [Rewert@eql.org](mailto:Rewert@eql.org) or 262-289-9333

## NOTES

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