

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 31, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Matins



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

Azmon (Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to sing)
William Green

Opening Hymn

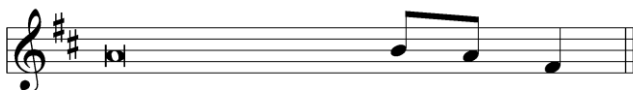
813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

Versicles

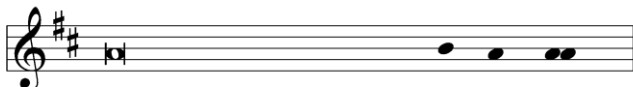
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

Antiphon



L The Lord has sanc - ti - fied us in the true faith.



G O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite (*Sung*)

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Antiphon



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Psalms

Psalms 131; antiphon: v. 2

P But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;

C like a weaned child is my soul within me.

P O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high;

C I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me.

P But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;

C like a weaned child is my soul within me.

P O Israel, hope in the LORD

C from this time forth and forevermore.

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.

P But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother;

C like a weaned child is my soul within me.

Office Hymn

842 Son of God, Eternal Savior

Reading

Proverbs 25:2–10

²It is the glory of God to conceal things, but the glory of kings is to search things out. ³As the heavens for height, and the earth for depth, so the heart of kings is unsearchable. ⁴Take away the dross from the silver, and the smith has material for a vessel; ⁵take away the wicked from the presence of the king, and his throne will be established in righteousness. ⁶Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence or stand in the place of the great, ⁷for it is better to be told, "Come up here," than to be put lower in the presence of a noble. What your eyes have seen ⁸do not hastily bring into court, for what will you do in the end, when your neighbor puts you to shame? ⁹Argue your case with your neighbor himself, and do not reveal another's secret, ¹⁰lest he who hears you bring shame upon you, and your ill repute have no end.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Hebrews 13:1–17

¹Let brotherly love continue. ²Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"

⁷Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹²So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 14:1–14

¹One Sabbath, when [Jesus] went to dine at the house of a ruler of the Pharisees, they were watching him carefully. ²And behold, there was a man before him who had dropsy. ³And Jesus responded to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath, or not?" ⁴But they remained silent. Then he took him and healed him and sent him away. ⁵And he said to them, "Which of you, having a son or an ox that has fallen into a well on a Sabbath day, will not immediately pull him out?" ⁶And they could not reply to these things.

⁷Now he told a parable to those who were invited, when he noticed how they chose the places of honor, saying to them, ⁸"When you are invited by someone to a wedding feast, do not sit down in a place of honor, lest someone more distinguished than you be invited by him, ⁹and he who invited you both will come and say to you, 'Give your place to this person,' and then you will begin with shame to take the lowest place.

¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit in the lowest place, so that when your host comes he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher.' Then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at table with you. ¹¹For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹²He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid.

¹³But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, ¹⁴and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. You will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Responsory

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Sermon

**"Concluding Thoughts from the Book of Hebrews"
(Hebrews 13:1-17) – Pr Skovgaard**

(Canticle – Te Deum)

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Offering

Meinen Jesum Lass' Ich Nicht (Darmstadt)

Robert Powell



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.)

Kyrie

780 Lord, Hear My Prayer

Lord's Prayer – Benediction

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Closing Hymn

845 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in C – Friedrich W. Zachow

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 Linda Hoffmann in celebration of her 75th birthday on Sept 2.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Eric Skovgaard

Assisting Minister

Pastor Joshua Tegqatz

Organist

Dr. William Braun

Elder

Matthew Stroh

Chancel Assistant

Jim Olson

Usher Team on duty

Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger,
Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCELLOR 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, SEPTEMBER 7 (10:00 A.M.) CHURCH IN THE GLEN

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCE ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

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

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 Worship - Matins 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Confirmation Class (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study W 10:00 a.m. LWML
M	Labor Day - Office Closed 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. Worship - C

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **175** people that attended services last week in person and **49** households streamed the services for a total of **224**. "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!

TRINITY LUTHERAN CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL invites you to join them in their morning Matins service at 7:30 a.m. and their afternoon Vespers service at 3:10 p.m. each school day.

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.

LWML: The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, Sept 3, at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. The Bible study found on pages 14-15 in the summer issue of *Woman's Quarterly* relates to the question, **"What Are You Putting On?"**

LWML: The evening group of LWML is scheduled to meet on Monday, Sept 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Friendship Library and will be working on stuffing the folders for the Fall Retreat and other related items for this inspiring event.

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

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.

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.

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



RINGERS & 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@egl.org or 262-289-9333.

CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM: My guess is that most of you have not given this idea much thought at all. In the wider Christian world here in America, however, it is something that people discuss, often with a tinge of concern and/or rejection. If you are interested in unpacking the concept, what exactly is meant and whether or not it has relevance for us, I encourage you to listen to the moderated debate between Pastor David Ramirez and Concordia Seminary St Louis Professor Dr Joel Biermann during the Monday, August 25, ON THE LINE podcast. It is long, 2 1/2 hours, but is very good for thinking through the relationship between the Christian and the local community or government. This is not an angry, back and forth, no-holds-barred engagement. Both LCMS men stick pretty close to the center of our Lutheran identity but do offer thoughtful reasons for how we engage the world around us, and what exactly that engagement ought to look like. Here's the YouTube link -- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sIru3RAff28>.

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