

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 7, 2025 – 10:00 a.m.

Service of Prayer and Preaching



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.

Preservice

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
All the light of sacred story
Gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
Never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

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427 In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
Light and love upon my way,
From the cross the radiance streaming
Adds more luster to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure
By the cross are sanctified;
Peace is there that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

Opening Versicles

L This is the day which the Lord has made;

C let us rejoice and be glad in it.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;

**C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell
in the tents of the wicked.**

L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.

C Teach me Your paths.

L Sanctify us in Your truth.

C Your Word is truth.

L From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the Lord is to be praised.

**C 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.**

Old Testament Canticle

- 1 All you works of God, bless the Lord!
All you angels, now bless the Lord;
Come, you heavens and pow'rs that be,
Praise the Lord and His majesty: Refrain

930, All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

- ref Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
All you works of God, bless the Lord!
Raise your voices high, praise and magnify,
All you works of God, bless the Lord!
- 2 Sing, you sun and you moon above,
Stars of heaven, now sing His love;
Dew and showers, you winds that blow,
Heat and fire, you ice and snow: Refrain
- 3 Frost of winter with song so cold,
Dews of summer, your song unfold;
Light and darkness, you day and night,
Clouds of thunder, you lightnings bright: Refrain
- 4 Hills and mountains, now sing His worth,
All you green things that grow on earth;
Seas and rivers, you springs and wells,
Beasts and cattle, you birds and whales: Refrain
- 5 Come, humanity, sing along,
Sing, you people of God, a song;
Priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
Join, you spirits and souls at rest: Refrain
- △ 6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
All you humble, His praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
Bless the Spirit forevermore! Refrain

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Reading

Deuteronomy 30:15–20

¹⁵“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, ¹⁸I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live,

²⁰loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Philemon 1–21

¹Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our beloved fellow worker ²and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house: ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, ⁵because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and all the saints, ⁶and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. ⁷For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you. ⁸Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, ⁹yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you—I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus— ¹⁰I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. ¹¹(Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) ¹²I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. ¹³I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, ¹⁴but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own free will. ¹⁵For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, ¹⁶no longer as a slave but more than a slave, as a beloved brother—especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. ¹⁷So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. ¹⁸If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. ¹⁹I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it—to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. ²⁰Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ. ²¹Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Reading

Luke 14:25–35

²⁵Now great crowds accompanied [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, ²⁶“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. ²⁷Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. ²⁸For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? ²⁹Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, ³⁰saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ ³¹Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? ³²And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he

sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. ³³So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple. ³⁴"Salt is good, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? ³⁵It is of no use either for the soil or for the manure pile. It is thrown away. He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

L O Lord, have mercy on us.

C Thanks be to God.

Common Responsory

L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

C Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.

Luther's Small Catechism

P What is The Second Article?

C And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

P What does this mean?

C I believe that Jesus Christ, true God, begotten of the Father from eternity, and also true man, born of the Virgin Mary, is my Lord, who has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity. This is most certainly true.

Hymn of the Day

856 O Christ, Who Called the Twelve

1 O Christ, who called the Twelve
To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You,
Find perfect liberty.

- 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve
The truth for ages sealed,
Whose words and works awakened faith,
The ways of God revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their light, their life, their Lord.
- 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified.
- 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and hope sustains
Both life and ministry.
- 5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:
Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.

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Sermon

"Counting the Cost" (Luke 14:25-33)

Pr. Teggatz

Offering

(After the offering please pass you attendance card toward the center aisle
to be collected by an usher)

Prayer

L In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

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L Finally, for these and for all our needs of body and soul, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

L O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Amen.

New Testament Canticle

1 My soul rejoices,
My spirit voices—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
For God my Savior
Has shown me favor—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
With praise and blessing,
Join in confessing
God, who is solely
Mighty and holy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
His mercy surely
Shall rest securely
On all who fear Him,
Love and revere Him—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

933 My Soul Rejoices

2 His arm now baring,
His strength declaring—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
The proud He scatters,
Their rule He shatters—
Sing the greatness of the Lord!
Oppression halted;
The meek exalted.
Full are the hungry;
Empty, the wealthy—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!
Here is the token
All that was spoken
To Abr'ham's offspring
God is fulfilling—
O sing the greatness of God the Lord!

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Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ☩ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

Closing Hymn

1 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand
To our fatherland.

2 If the way be drear,
If the foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o’ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
For through many_a woe
To our home we go.

Text: Nicolaus Ludwig von Zinzendorf, 1700–60; tr. Jane L. Borthwick, 1813–97, alt.
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718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

3 When we seek relief
From a long-felt grief,
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring.
Show us that bright shore
Where we weep no more.

4 Jesus, lead Thou on
Till our rest is won.
Heav’nly leader, still direct us,
Still support, console, protect us,
Till we safely stand
In our fatherland.

Recognition of Ordination Anniversaries

Rev Dennis Hipenbecker (60)

Rev David Ernst (50)

Pastor Eric Skovgaard (25)

Postlude

Participants

Presiding Minister
Elder
Keyboard
Trombone
Trumpet
French Horn
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Pastor Teggatz
Eric Thompson
Richard C. Ewert
Andrew Ewert
Benjamin Ewert, Matthew Ewert
Bettina Ruhnau
Jim Olson

Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner,
Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 11 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: John Wolck

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

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

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	10:00 Worship – Church in the Glen	6:00 p.m. Bible Study (BAAC)
	11:30 a.m. Pig Roast Picnic	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
	7:00 p.m. Board of Directors (228)	T 7:30 p.m. Brookfield Civic Band
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	Rehearsal (FH)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	6:30 p.m. Worship
	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)	

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **133** people that attended services last week in person and **56** households streamed the services for a total of **189**. "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. Enter through the church office doors please.

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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thursday, Sept 18, at 9:30 a.m., our group will meet in the BAAC to discuss the book, ***Switchboard Soldiers***, by Jennifer Chiaverini.

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.

LUNCH BUNCH: Come and join us on Thursday, Sept 18, at 11:45 a.m. at the Outback Steakhouse located at 295 S. Moreland Road in Brookfield for fun, fellowship and delicious food. Call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083 to make reservations.

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

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.

CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM: If you are interested in unpacking this 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>.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT STUDY: Beginning on Sept 14, Holy Cross Day, your Pastors will begin a new Sunday morning study after the Divine Service on the names/titles of Jesus. Each Sunday morning a different name or title for Jesus will be unpacked, looking at various Biblical passages, as we understand ever more deeply the person and work of Jesus, the eternal Son of God made flesh for our salvation. Your Pastors will take turns leading this class and the youth confirmation class, which meets at the same time.

LADIES PM STUDY: "Where Love Abides" based on John 15:1-17. This 8-week study will meet on Wed evenings, 5:30-6:45, in the BAAC, beginning Oct 1 and finishing Nov 19. Join the "She Shed" gals as we dig into scripture together, with LWML speaker Donna Pyle's insights on Jesus as the Vine. Contact Amy to order the workbook as a group (save shipping), but do so by Sept 24. Before the first meeting, an introductory video should be viewed (ask Nancy Wolck for it) and the FIRST week's study completed if possible. Contact Nancy Wolck or Susan Schmalzer with questions. See you on the VINE!

LUTHERAN HOUR MINISTRIES: The annual convention for the South Wisconsin District Lutheran Laymen's League/Lutheran Hour Ministries will be held on Saturday, Sept 27, at Peace Lutheran Church in Neenah. LHM Speaker Rev Dr Michael Zeigler will give the keynote address. You can register for this event at lhm.org/no-sowisc-III. You may also reach out to the new President, Mark Roeder, at rooandsue13@yahoo.com or 770-891-3978.

SONG OF SONGS SEMINAR: Why is the Song of Songs in the Bible? What does it have to do with the Christian life? Come see God's love for you like you've never seen it before with Rev Dr Brian German, Chairman of the Theology Department and Director of the Concordia Bible Institute at Concordia University Wisconsin, on Saturday, Oct 4, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Pilgrim Lutheran Church, West Bend. Register for this free seminar at 262-334-0375. A light lunch will be provided.