

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, September 18, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 21, 2025 – 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service 1



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

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us – Charles W. Ore

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 119:137–140, 142; antiphon: v. 144

P Your testimonies are righteous forever;

C give me understanding that I may live.

P Righteous are you, O LORD,

C and right are your just decrees.

P You have appointed your testimonies in righteousness

C and in all faithfulness.

P My zeal consumes me,

C because my foes forget your words.

P Your promise is well tried,

C and your servant loves it.

P Your righteousness is righteous forever,

C and your law is true.

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 Your testimonies are righteous forever;

C give me understanding that I may live.

Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise – Gloria in Excelsis)

Old Testament Reading

Amos 8:4–7

⁴Hear this, you who trample on the needy and bring the poor of the land to an end, ⁵saying, “When will the new moon be over, that we may sell grain? And the Sabbath, that we may offer wheat for sale, that we may make the ephah small and the shekel great and deal deceitfully with false balances, ⁶that we may buy the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and sell the chaff of the wheat?” ⁷The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: “Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.”

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

1 Timothy 2:1–7

¹First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, ²for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. ³This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁵For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, ⁶who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at the proper time. ⁷For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 16:1–15

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] also said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was wasting his possessions. ²And he called him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Turn in the account of your management, for you can no longer be manager.' ³And the manager said to himself, 'What shall I do, since my master is taking the management away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. ⁴I have decided what to do, so that when I am removed from management, people may receive me into their houses.' ⁵So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' ⁶He said, 'A hundred measures of oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and sit down quickly and write fifty.' ⁷Then he said to another, 'And how much do you owe?' He said, 'A hundred measures of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, and write eighty.' ⁸The master commended the dishonest manager for his shrewdness. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light. ⁹And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of unrighteous wealth, so that when it fails they may receive you into the eternal dwellings. ¹⁰One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. ¹¹If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? ¹²And if you have not been faithful in that which is another's, who will give you that which is your own? ¹³No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money." ¹⁴The Pharisees,

who were lovers of money, heard all these things, and they ridiculed him. ¹⁵And he said to them, "You are those who justify yourselves before men, but God knows your hearts. For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God."

L This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

743 Jesus, Priceless Treasure

Sermon

"Stewardship: Why?" (Luke 16:1-15)

Pr. Teggatz

Apostles' Creed – Prayer of the Church

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Offering

Jesus, Priceless Treasure – Michael Burkhardt

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

Offertory – Agnus Dei

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The Lord's Prayer sung to LSB 958

Refrain

All 3 stanzas

Refrain

Amen Sung

Hymns During Distribution

556 Dear Christians, One and All Rejoice

563 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

Post-Communion Canticle – Benediction

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(Canticle – Thank the Lord)

Closing Hymn

786 Lord of All Good

Postlude

Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us – Henry Coleman

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
Assisting Minister
Organist
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Pastor Teggatz
9:00 Pastor Skovgaard
Richard C. Ewert

6:30 Paul Haut, 9:00 Doug Grelk
6:30 Steve Hipenbecker, 9:00 Jim Olson

6:30 Anthony Bagwell, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson,
Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek
9:00 Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke,

Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox
6:30 Sharon Boudro, Meg Grelk 9:00 Julie Leaf, Shelly Skovgaard

Altar Guild

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mattias Goldenstein

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Dan Berry

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

On July 1 EGL embarked on a new adventure -- policy-based governance, which is different from the Abingdon model of board-based governance that we had employed for decades. Lutheran congregations over the centuries have employed different models depending on their needs and resources. What hasn't changed is the relationship between Pastor and people around Word and Sacrament, but the structure for managing the left-hand kingdom, ie finances, property, school administration, etc, can and has changed. In May under our new constitution and bylaws EGL voters elected a new 7-man Board of Directors to oversee the total life of the congregation and her resources. The seven officers on the Board of Directors are: **Ron Harmeyer, James Drabiszczak, Laura Traas, Karla Bessert, Dan Berry, Paul Haut** (representing the Committee of Elders), **and Mark Ewert**. We also elected a 7-man standing Committee of Elders to support and hold accountable the ministry of the Pastors. These seven Elders are: **Paul Haut, Rick Wegner, Matt Stroh, Doug Grelk, Eric Thompson, John Wolck, and Bruce Bessert**.

In addition to these constitutionally mandated officers, there are appointed committees that the Executive has established for the sake of good order and the needed support. Among these committees you'll find the Finance Committee composed of Christine Wilcox, Tyler Hipke, Emily Ewert, and Sue Wilcox (also our comptroller); the Trustees Committee composed of Jim Olson, Peter Holzwart, and Matt Stroh; and the Evangelism Committee composed of Ben Ewert, Paula Kiefer, Shelly Skovgaard, and Meg Grelk. These committees don't have regular meetings as the old boards did, but rather they oversee various projects, advise and report to the Executive. Much of the same work continues to be done as the former boards did, and volunteers are still needed and appreciated; there simply aren't specific terms of office. The number and description of these appointed committees can vary as needs arise.

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S	9:00 a.m. Worship – C	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
	10:30 a.m. Confirmation/Sunday School	6:30 p.m. EGFD Annual Fire Hose
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	Testing (Large Parking Log)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)	W 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	T 6:30 p.m. Worship

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **163** people that attended services last week in person and **53** households streamed the services for a total of **216**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

SAVE THE DATE: Come and celebrate Pastor Skovgaard's 25 years in the Ministry on October 26 at New Berlin Hills Golf Club. More information will be coming soon.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: For several years, our LWML has packed "Christmas Shoeboxes" with small gifts for needy children around the world. We have appreciated how congregation members have responded with donations such as small balls, small dolls, jump ropes, crayons, etc. Each box will have a Gospel message in the ethnic language. Please put your donations in the big mite box near the LWML bulletin board by October 12. Thank you! What joy these children will experience at Christmas!

CIRCUIT 5 FORUM: Newly elected Circuit 5 Visitor Rev David Paape has called a forum for the congregations of the Circuit to be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Brookfield on Sunday afternoon, Sept 21. The congregations in our circuit are Elm Grove Lutheran, Brookfield

Lutheran, Blessed Savior in New Berlin, Beautiful Savior in Waukesha, Christ the Life in Waukesha, Peace in Sussex, Lamb of God in Pewaukee, and Immanuel in Brookfield. Forums are usually called for the sake of a specific item of business. At these meetings each congregation has two votes -- a pastoral and lay vote. This forum has been called to elect Circuit 5 delegates to the Synod convention in Phoenix, Arizona next July 18-23 (sic!). Each circuit throughout the Synod is entitled to elect a pastoral and a lay delegate to represent them at the convention. Alternates will also be elected. None of the delegates or alternates, however, can be from the same congregation. Your EGL voting delegates at the Forum are Pastor Skovgaard and Mrs Laura Traas.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT NEXT SUMMER: After a hiatus of several years EGL is planning to attend another High Things youth conference next summer. Make a mental note of June 23-26 in St Louis. These events are aimed at confirming high school age youth -- those going into high school next fall or even those who will have just graduated in June. More details to follow. Check out this link for an introductory video: <https://higherthings.org/dcrh/>.

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.

Pondering Stewardship This Week

What has God entrusted to me in the following areas? How can I connect people in my life to Christ through each of these areas? What is one actionable goal in each of these areas that will help me be a more faithful steward?

Money –
Possessions –
Talents –
Time –
Passions –
Vocations –

Jesus as Our Great Steward

Read these Scripture passages this week to learn more about how Jesus serves as our Good steward, enriching us and keeping us in his care unto life everlasting.

John 17:6-19
Romans 8:31-39
2 Corinthians 8:1-9
Matthew 11:25-30
1 Corinthians 15:12-28
Ephesians 1:3-14