

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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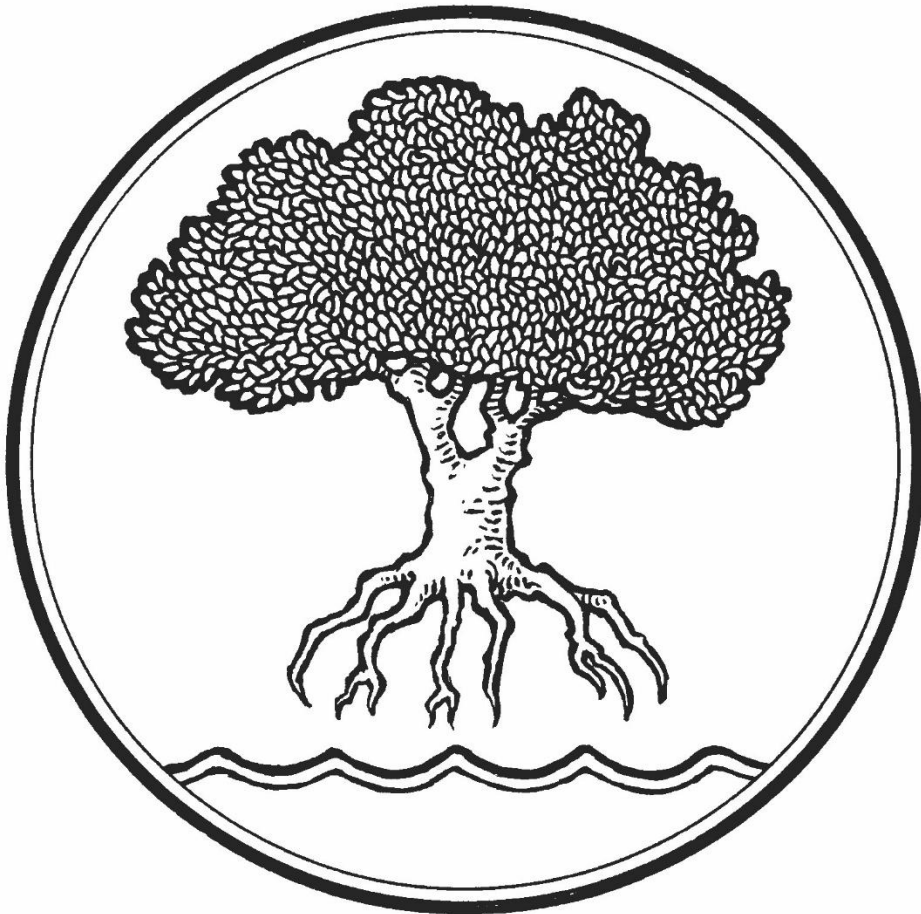
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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, October 2, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, October 5, 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 Jesus Christ, Be Present Now – George Böhm

Hymn of Invocation

902 Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalms 119:162, 164–165, 167; antiphon: v. 166



P I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,*
and I do your com- | mandments.

**C I rejoice | at your word*
like one who | finds great spoil.**

P Seven times a day I | praise you*
for your just and righ- | teous decrees.

**C Great peace have those who | love your law;*
nothing can make them | stumble.**

P My soul keeps your testi- | monies;*
I love them ex- | ceedingly.

**ALL Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

P I hope for your salvation, | O LORD,*
and I do your com- | mandments.

Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise – Gloria in Excelsis)

Old Testament Reading

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4

¹The oracle that Habakkuk the prophet saw. ²O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not hear? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? ³Why do you make me see iniquity, and why do you idly look at wrong? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. ⁴So the law is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth. For the wicked surround the righteous; so justice goes forth perverted. ¹I will take my stand at my watchpost and station myself on the tower, and look out to see what he will say to me, and what I will answer concerning my complaint. ²And the LORD answered me: “Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so he may run who reads it. ³For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay. ⁴Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

C He only is my rock and my salvation,
my | fortress;*
I shall not be greatly | shaken.

**C They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.
They take pleasure in | falsehood.*
They bless with their mouths,
but inwardly | they curse.**

**C He only is my rock and my salvation,
my | fortress;*
I shall not be | shaken.**

**C Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart be- | fore him;*
God is a refuge | for us.**

**C Put no trust in extortion;
set no vain hopes on | robbery;*
if riches increase, set not your | heart on them.**

**C For you will render | to a man*
according | to his work.**

P For God alone my soul waits in | silence;*
from him comes my sal- | vation.

Epistle

2 Timothy 1:1–14

¹Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus, ²To Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. ³I thank God whom I serve, as did my ancestors, with a clear conscience, as I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴As I remember your tears, I long to see you, that I may be filled with joy. ⁵I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, dwells in you as well. ⁶For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands, ⁷for God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. ⁸Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God, ⁹who saved us and called us to a holy calling, not because of our works but because of his own purpose and grace, which he gave us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, ¹⁰and which now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel, ¹¹for which I was appointed a preacher and apostle and teacher, ¹²which is why I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed, and I am convinced that he is able to guard until that Day what has been entrusted to me. ¹³Follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁴By the Holy Spirit who dwells within us, guard the good deposit entrusted to you.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 17:1–10

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus] said to his disciples, "Temptations to sin are sure to come, but woe to the one through whom they come! ²It would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were cast into the sea than that he should cause one of these little ones to sin. ³Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, ⁴and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, 'I repent,' you must forgive him." ⁵The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" ⁶And the Lord said, "If you had faith like a grain of mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. ⁷"Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Apostles' Creed – Prayer of the Church

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Offering

(6:30) I Know My Faith Is Founded – Johann Gottfried Walther

(9:00) LWML Song (congregation sings): Serve the Lord with Gladness

1. "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

It is He alone
Who redeemed us sinners,
Guides us as His own
To enjoy the blessings
Of His love and grace,
Will at last in glory
Meet us face to face.

Refrain:

Onward, then, for Jesus!
Let this be our aim:
"Serve the Lord with gladness!"
Glorify His name.

2. "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

He gave us command
To proclaim His Gospel
Now in every land
So that fellow sinners
May, like us, be blest.
Leading them to Jesus,
We can serve Him best.

Refrain

3. "Serve the Lord with gladness!"

There's no greater joy
Than to serve the Master,
Work in His employ.
As we build His kingdom
Angels, too, rejoice
Over every sinner
Brought to hear His voice.

Refrain

(Those who are not communing may place their cards in the offering plate.)

Offertory – Agnus Dei**pp. 159 – 163***The Lord's Prayer sung to LSB 958**Refrain**All 3 stanzas**Refrain**Amen Sung***Hymns During Distribution****(9:00 Choir) The Lord Is My Light – Michael Bedford
855 For All the Faithful Women***Stz 1, 13-Eunice & Lois, 3, 4***607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to Thee
496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine****Post-Communion Canticle – Benediction****pp.164-166***(Canticle – Thank the Lord)***Closing Hymn****761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me****Postlude****Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me – Benjamin M. Culli**

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 the Ewert Family in loving memory of Hazel Ewert.

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Skovgaard
Assisting Minister	(9:00) Pastor Teggatz
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Choir	(9:00) Exultate Singers
Piano	(9:00) Karla Bessert
Flute	(9:00) Emily Ewert
Elder	(6:30) Eric Thompson. (9:00) Rick Wegner
Chancel Assistant	(6:30) Kirk Midtbo, (9:00) Doug Grelk
Usher Team on duty	(6:30) Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger, Emily Krueger, Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson
	(9:00) Anthony Bagwell, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovagaard, Cathy Tuttrip, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek
Altar Guild	(6:30) Carol Ewert, Diane Olson, (9:00) Jean Kruse, Luanne Schaefer

SERVING NEXT WEEK
THURSDAY OCTOBER 9 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: John Wolck

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

SUNDAY OCTOBER 12 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

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

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	LWML Sunday	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)
	9:00 a.m. Worship – C	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
	10:30 a.m. Confirmation/Sunday School	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	5:30 p.m. She Shed Bible Study (BAAC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T 6:30 p.m. Worship
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **149** people that attended services last week in person and **59** households streamed the services for a total of **208**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Today is **LWML SUNDAY**. Be sure to look at the display in the back of the church. Become familiar with the Mission Grants for the LWML-SWD of 2024-2026, pick up a new Mite Box, check out Women in Mission material, and understand more about LWML. During the worship service, special emphasis will be noticed during the sermon, prayers, and the LWML Song.

YOU ARE INVITED! Come and celebrate Pastor Skovgaard's 25 years in the Ministry on October 26 at New Berlin Hills Golf Club from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The cost will be \$25 per person with a cash bar. You may pay this on VANCO or with cash or check made payable to Elm Grove Lutheran Church. Please give this to the church office. **There are only 150 spots available so please RSVP with Amy early (by evite, email, or phone) but no later than October 19.** Gift ideas? The Elders are trying to raise money to help Pastor and Shelly pay for a trip to Africa, where he

has been invited to give a 2-week lecture on the Pastoral Epistles. Gifts can be given before the event on Vanco or to the church office and also at the event.

36TH ANNUAL LIFECHAIN, Sunday, October 5, 2:30-3:30 p.m. Please join your fellow EGL members as we prayerfully stand in support of the unborn. Young and old alike can participate by standing or sitting and holding one of the now familiar signs – Abortion Kills Children, Jesus Forgives and Heals, Abortion Hurts Women or Adoption, the Loving Option. Meet at 1:50 p.m. in the parking lot of North Shore Bank on the corner of Bluemound and Pilgrim roads. Signs will be provided. Please pray for the babies and their families, those who stand in the LifeChain and those who witness it. Please contact Sue Schmalzer at 414-313-3888 with questions.

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!

A CHRISTIAN MEN'S RETREAT: *"Iron Sharpens Iron,"* will be held at Luther Memorial Chapel & University Student Center (Shorewood), October 17-18. This retreat is open to men 21+, single and married, and will provide an opportunity to enjoy fraternal conversation, fellowship, and enrichment in God's Word. Cost is \$20. Meals provided. Please scan QR code to learn more and register.



LWML: The evening group of LWML plans to pack the **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes on Monday, October 13 in the BAAC at 6:30 p.m.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thursday, October 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC, our group will be discussing an interesting and witty book titled, ***Remarkably Bright Creatures*** written by Shelby Van Pelt.

LUXEMBOURG, SPACE, & THE USA: The former mayor of Milwaukee and current US ambassador to Luxembourg, Tom Barrett, is speaking at CUW on Thursday evening, Oct 16, at 6:30 p.m. in the Albrecht Lounge on Luxembourg's involvement in space at the government and private sector levels. This event is sponsored by the CUW National Security and Space Center.

EGL YOUTH MINISTRY is hosting a **Family Fright Night** on Tuesday, October 28 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the EGL Youth Center (south end of the building). Youth confirmation age to age 18 and their parents are invited to this *Spooky* event! There will be a Bible Study led by one of our Pastors, pizza, games, prizes, and even some study time for the busy youth. RSVP by emailing youth@egl.org or by scanning the QR code on the Posters you can find around the building. SEE YOU THERE!

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH EVENT NEXT SUMMER: After a hiatus of several years EGL is planning to attend another Higher 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/>.

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