

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, October 12, 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

Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower – Flor Peeters

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 34:2–4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a

P Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

C in the city of our God!

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C let the humble hear and be glad.

P Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

C and let us exalt his name together!

P I sought the LORD, and he answered me

C and delivered me from all my fears.

P When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears

C and delivers them out of all their troubles.

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 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised

C in the city of our God!

Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise – Gloria in Excelsis)

Old Testament Reading

Ruth 1:1–19a

¹In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. ²The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. ³But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. ⁴These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, ⁵and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. ⁶Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. ⁷So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. ⁸But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. ⁹The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. ¹⁰And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." ¹¹But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? ¹²Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, ¹³would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." ¹⁴Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. ¹⁵And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." ¹⁶But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. ¹⁷Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." ¹⁸And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more. ¹⁹So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 91:11; 103:1

P He will command his angels concerning you

C to guard you in all your ways.

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle

2 Timothy 2:1–13

¹You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, ²and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. ³Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. ⁵An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. ⁶It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, ⁹for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! ¹⁰Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful—for he cannot deny himself.

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C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 17:11–19

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹¹On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹²And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³and lifted up their voices, saying, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” ¹⁴When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷Then Jesus answered, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” ¹⁹And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

604 I Bind unto Myself Today

Sermon

“A Name Fulfilled” (Ruth 1:1-19a) Pr. Teggatz

Apostles’ Creed

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Installation of Officers

Prayer of the Church

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Offering

I Bind unto Myself Today – Wilbur Held

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

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

846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

665 Be Strong in the Lord

855 For All the Faithful Women

Stzs 1, 7-Ruth, 3, 4

781 We Give Thee But Thine Own

Post-Communion Canticle – Benediction

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(Canticle – Thank the Lord)

Closing Hymn

662 Onward, Christian Soldiers

Postlude

Onward, Christian Soldiers – Wilbur Held

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 Jim and Diane Olson in honor of their parents.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Assisting Minister

Organist

Elder

Chancel Assistant

Usher Team on duty

Altar Guild

Pastor Teggatz

Pastor Skovgaard

Richard C. Ewert

Paul Haut

James Drabiszczak

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

Joan Knuteson, Helen Moore

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

USHER TEAM 4: Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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	9:00 a.m. Worship – C 10:00 a.m. St. Paul's West Allis Color Run (Parking lot) 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Confirmation/Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 5:30 p.m. She Shed Bible Study (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Board of Directors (228) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T	9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC) 11:45 a.m. Lunch Bunch 6:30 p.m. Worship C 7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (BAAC)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC) 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)	S	8:30 a.m. Doxology Board Meeting (229) 9:30 a.m. Altar Guild Meeting (228)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **164** people that attended services last week in person and **81** households streamed the services for a total of **245**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

PASTOR APPRECIATION: God has blessed EGLC with many faithful Pastors. Today we would like to acknowledge and thank our two pastors. We all want to thank God for the immense blessing of Pastor Skovgaard and Pastor Tegatz. Please join us after the Sunday morning service in the Church Lounge for cake and coffee for a chance to personally thank and show our appreciation to our Pastors.

WEDDING BELLS: We rejoice with the Leaf family as daughter Katherine was joined in holy matrimony on Saturday with husband Tobin Kallies. The couple took their vows before the throne of God's grace in a small ceremony, as they anticipate a larger celebration next year.

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.

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.

LUNCH BUNCH: On October 16 at 11:45 a.m. the Lunch Bunch will meet at Moes Irish Pub (10842 W Bluemound Road, Wauwatosa). Any questions or to RSVP please call Mary Tischer at 262-424-2955.

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!

VETERAN'S DINNER: You are invited to join your brothers and sisters of Blessed Savior Lutheran for the annual "To Whom Honor is Due" Veterans Dinner on Saturday, November 8. Dinner is at 5:30 p.m. with Missing Man Ceremony and Stars and Stripes Honor Flight presentation to follow. This event is FREE for all Veterans with a suggested \$15.00 free will donation for their guests. For more information or to register please email secretary.bsclcnb@gmail.com. Registration closes October 23.

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!

LYAL: Join us for a night of fun, fellowship, and fall festivities at the Lutheran Young Adults League Reformation Party! Saturday, October 25 at 4:00 p.m. at Elm Grove Lutheran (945 Terrace Drive, Elm Grove). RSVP today at reformationparty.rsvpify.com. We can't wait to celebrate Reformation, community, and a little fall fun with you!

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, November 12, 02:00 - 06:30 P.M. Schedule your appointment online using the QR below or contact Rick Ewert 262-289-9333 / BloodDrive@egl.org. In the new Affiliate Blood Donor Program, if a blood donor recruits a New Blood Donor, both earn a \$25 e-gift card!



GERMAN FORO PRESENTATION

+ Sunday, Oct. 19, 10:30 AM in the EGL Sanctuary +

Come hear how God is bringing people to Christ through LCMS mission partnerships in Germany!

Learn about the Persian project - amazing gospel joy among ex-muslim refugees – and other mission opportunities for us to support and partner with. Pr. Skovgaard, Ann Wilcox, John Wolck and Nancy Wolck will share their experiences visiting our LCMS missionaries and their partners in Germany.

