

# **ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**

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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**Thursday, October 16, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Sunday, October 19, 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**                      **Holy God, We Praise Thy Name – Flor Peeters**

**Hymn of Invocation**                      **940 Holy God, We Praise Thy Name**

**Confession and Absolution**                      **p. 151**

**Introit Psalm 74:18–19, 21, 20a, 22a; antiphon: v. 2a**

P Remember your congregation, which you have purchased of old,  
**C which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!**  
P Remember this, O LORD, how the enemy scoffs,  
**C and a foolish people reviles your name.**  
P Do not deliver the soul of your dove to the wild beasts;  
**C do not forget the life of your poor forever.**  
P Let not the downtrodden turn back in shame;  
**C let the poor and needy praise your name.**  
P Have regard for the covenant;  
**C arise, O God, defend your cause.**

**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.**

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**C which you have redeemed to be the tribe of your heritage!**

**Kyrie – Collect of the Day**                      **pp. 152-156**  
*(Hymn of Praise – Gloria in Excelsis)*

**Old Testament Reading**                      **Genesis 32:22–30**

<sup>22</sup>The same night [Jacob] arose and took his two wives, his two female servants, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.  
<sup>23</sup>He took them and sent them across the stream, and everything else that he had. <sup>24</sup>And Jacob was left alone. And a man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day. <sup>25</sup>When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he touched his hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup>Then he said, "Let me go, for the day has broken." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup>And he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup>Then he said, "Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with men, and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup>Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that

you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup>So Jacob called the name of the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life has been delivered."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **6:30 Gradual**

**Psalm 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!**

### **9:00 Choral Response**

**Mine Eyes Look Toward  
The Mountains (Psalm 121:1)  
C. Wm. Mc Kinney**

### **Epistle**

**2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5**

<sup>14</sup>As for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it <sup>15</sup>and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. <sup>16</sup>All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, <sup>17</sup>that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work. <sup>1</sup>I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: <sup>2</sup>preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. <sup>3</sup>For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, <sup>4</sup>and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. <sup>5</sup>As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia and Verse**

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### **Holy Gospel**

**Luke 18:1–8**

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>[Jesus] told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. <sup>2</sup>He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. <sup>3</sup>And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' <sup>4</sup>For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, <sup>5</sup>yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.'" <sup>6</sup>And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. <sup>7</sup>And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day**

**578 Thy Strong Word**

**Sermon**

**"Wrestling With God" (Genesis 32:22-30)**

*Pr Skovgaard*

**Apostles' Creed – Prayer of the Church**

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**Offering**

**6:30 Thy Strong Word – George Miles**  
**9:00 Ballade in C Minor (Exultate Ringers)**  
**Mary C. McCleary**

(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**

**9:00 Children of the Heavenly**  
**Father – Douglas E. Wagner**  
**(Exultate Ringers/Exultate Singers)**  
**703 How Can I Thank You Lord**  
**739 Precious Lord, Take My Hand**  
**772 In Holy Conversation**

## Post-Communion Canticle – Benediction

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*(Canticle – Thank the Lord)*

### Closing Hymn

**924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing**

### Postlude

**Thy Strong Word – Healey Willan**

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 | Pastor Skovgaard                                                                                       |
| Assisting Minister | 9:00 Pastor Teggatz                                                                                    |
| Organist           | Richard C. Ewert                                                                                       |
| Handbell Choir     | Exultate Ringers                                                                                       |
| Choir              | Exultate Singers                                                                                       |
| Elder              | 6:30 Doug Grelk, 9:00 Bruce Bessert                                                                    |
| Chancel Assistant  | 6:30 Kirk Midtbo, 9:00 Steve Hipenbecker                                                               |
| Usher Team on duty | 6:30 Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert,<br>Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch              |
|                    | 9:00 Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Kureger, Jason Krueger,<br>Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson |
| Altar Guild        | 6:30 Sherri Bond, Meg Grelk<br>9:00 Sue Schmalzer, Shelly Skovgaard                                    |

### **SERVING NEXT WEEK**

#### **THURSDAY OCTOBER 23 (6:30 P.M.)**

ELDER: Matthew Stroh

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Dan Berry

USHER TEAM 1: Anthony Bagwell, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek

#### **SUNDAY OCTOBER 26 (9:00 A.M.)**

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mattias Goldenstein

USHER TEAM 2: Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox

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**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
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**Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar**

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|---|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| S | 9:00 a.m. Divine Service<br>10:30 a.m. Germany FORO<br>Presentation<br>10:30 a.m.<br>Confirmation/Sunday School<br>7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH) |   | 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers<br>(MC)                                                                |
|   |                                                                                                                                              | W | 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study<br>(BAAC)<br>1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)                             |
| M | 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers<br>(MC)<br>7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group<br>(FH)                                                                      |   | 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers<br>(MC)                                                                |
|   |                                                                                                                                              | T | 6:30 p.m. Service Of Prayer<br>and Preaching<br>7:30 a.m. Brookfield Civic<br>Band Rehearsal (FH) |
| T | 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study<br>(228)<br>10:00 a.m. Women's Bible<br>Study (BAAC)                                                             | S | Rental (FH)<br>4:00 p.m. LYAL Reformation<br>Party (YR)                                           |

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

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**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **150** people that attended services last week in person and **72** households streamed the services for a total of **222**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

**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 is \$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.

**YOU'RE INVITED:** Trinity Lutheran Classical High School invites you and your family to join us for our Fall Open House on Tuesday, October 28, at 6:30 p.m. at Elm Grove Lutheran Church (945 Terrace Dr, Elm Grove, WI). Trinity, now in its third school year, provides a Christ-centered classical education that not only equips students with knowledge but also trains them how to think, reason, and grow in their faith. Guests will also have the opportunity to tour classrooms, meet

teachers, and learn how Trinity is preparing students for lives of wisdom, service, and faith in Christ. This event is open to all families, congregation members, and community supporters — not just prospective students. Prospective families are encouraged to RSVP at [www.trinitylutheranclassical.org](http://www.trinitylutheranclassical.org), though walk-ins are warmly welcomed! Come and see how God is at work at Trinity Lutheran Classical High School!

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP:** The book to be discussed on Thursday, November 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC is *A Gentleman In Moscow* written by Amor Towles. If you enjoy reading, you are most welcome to join our group. We do have interesting discussions. Questions? Call Barb Kurth at 262-345-5083.

**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.bslcnb@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.bslcnb@gmail.com). Registration closes October 23.

**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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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!



**MORNING MATINS SERVICES:** Trinity Lutheran Classical HS holds a daily Matins service in the EGL nave Monday through Friday at 7:30. If you've been looking for a way to support the school in addition to your prayers and financial support, here is a concrete way to encourage them, even while you benefit from a 30-min prayer service. In addition to the regular daily Matins services, Pr Teggatz will preach for Matins on Thursday, Oct 23, and Tuesday, Oct 28. Pr Skovgaard will preach for the Oct 31 Reformation-themed Matins service.

**REFORMATION SERVICE:** Please note that the Milwaukee-area wide Reformation service will be held on Friday, Oct 31, at historic Trinity in Milwaukee at 6:30 p.m. It would be wonderful to have a good showing from



EGL in the congregation that evening to celebrate our Lutheran confessional heritage. What a great way to communicate to the watching world that we Lutherans at least still value our identity as those saved by grace alone through faith alone on account of Christ alone.

**NIGHT AT THE MUSEUM:** A Mental Health Resource Fair, to be held on the evening of November 15 at the Milwaukee Public Museum from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. This is a free, family-friendly event designed to place vital mental health resources directly into the hands of families in a welcoming and engaging setting, breaking down the barriers to care and reducing the stigma that surrounds mental health. The fair brings together several Lutheran community partners dedicated to helping individuals better understand mental health challenges and pathways to support. LCFS will have two full floors of the museum with 30+ resource tables, interactive activities for children, a looping video playing in the *Past Time Theater* in the Old World Wisconsin area of the museum, live music by ATK Ministry, therapy dogs, and more.

**KIDS HAVE QUESTIONS:** Pr Jonathan Connor, serving in Manning, Iowa, has a long-running segment on the Issues Etc podcast called "Kids Have Questions." These questions and the answers he provides are all rooted in questions that his confirmation kids have asked over the years. The most recent episode, #48, addresses "drinking parties" and "why does the world hate women?" These honest questions, and others, from his confirmands are answered with patience and honesty. You may appreciate the discussion and the approach. Go to [www.issuesetc.org/](http://www.issuesetc.org/), click on archives, and then scroll down.

# 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.



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