

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, October 26, 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 **In the Shattered Bliss of Eden – Rick Deasley**

Hymn of Invocation **572 In the Shattered Bliss of Eden**

Confession and Absolution **p. 151**

Introit **Psalm 56:10–13; antiphon: v. 3**

P When I am afraid,

C I put my trust in you.

P In God, whose word I praise,

C in the LORD, whose word I praise,

P in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.

C What can man do to me?

P I must perform my vows to you, O God;

C I will render thank offerings to you.

P For you have delivered my soul from death, yes, my feet from falling,

C that I may walk before God in the light of life.

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 I put my trust in you.

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

Old Testament Reading **Genesis 4:1–15**

¹Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ²And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, but you must rule over it."

⁸Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹Then the LORD said to

Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

L 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 4:6–8, 16–18

⁶For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. ⁷I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. ⁸Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. . . .

¹⁶At my first defense no one came to stand by me, but all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! ¹⁷But the Lord stood by me and strengthened me, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. ¹⁸The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel**Luke 18:9–17**

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹[Jesus] also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: ¹⁰Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.' ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

¹⁵Now they were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them. And when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. ¹⁶But Jesus called them to him, saying, "Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of God. ¹⁷Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Small Catechism

P What is the second article of The Apostles' Creed?

C And [I believe} in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 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

745 In God, My Faithful God

Sermon

"How Do We Enter?" (Luke 18:9-17) – Pr. Tegatz

Nicene Creed – Prayer of the Church

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Offering

In God My Faithful God – Johann Friedrich Doles
(Those who are not communing may place their
cards in the offering plate.)

Offertory – Agnus Dei

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Hymns During Distribution

741 Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense
702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
588 Jesus Loves Me

Post-Communion Cantic – Benediction

pp. 164-166

(Cantic – Thank the Lord)

Closing Hymn

660 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Postlude

Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus – 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 Jim and Diane Olson in honor of our Pastors.

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Teggatz
Assisting Minister	Pastor Skovgaard
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Elder	Eric Thompson
Chancel Assistant	Mattias Goldensteiin
Usher Team on duty	Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox
Altar Guild	Karen Clark, Carol Ewert

SERVING NEXT WEEK

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

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 2 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: John Wolck

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Confirmation/Sunday School		6:30 p.m. EGL Youth Ministry Family Fright Night (YR) 6:30 p.m. TLCHS Open House
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)		1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 5:30 p.m. She Shed Bible Study (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)	T F S	6:30 p.m. Gym Rental 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC) 6:30 p.m. Divine Service Altar Guild Set Up Altar Guild Meeting (Multiple Rooms)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **161** people that attended services last week in person and **74** households streamed the services for a total of **235**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

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, 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.

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!

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!



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.

PASTOR SKOVGAARD SPEAKING AT CUW: On November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Albrecht Lounge at CUW come and hear Pastor Skovgaard speak about his faith and service to our country.

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/, click on archives, and then scroll down.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR & BAKE

SALE: Milwaukee Lutheran High School Music Boosters will host the 46th Annual Artisan Craft Fair and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Admission is free. Milwaukee Lutheran High School Field House (9700 West Grantosa Dr in Milwaukee)

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: Christ the Life Lutheran Church (3031 Summit Avenue, Waukesha) is hosting their 7th Annual Holiday Craft Fair on Saturday, November 8, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

NOTES

The Tax Collector's Example (Luke 18:9-17)

1. Location –
2. Posture –
3. Prayer –

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