

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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REFORMATION DAY/ALL SAINTS' DAY (Observed)

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

Sunday, November 2, 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."

Collect of Thanksgiving for Reformer Martin Luther

O God, our refuge and our strength, You raised up Your servant Martin Luther to reform and renew Your Church in the light of Your living Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Defend and purify the Church in our own day, and grant that we may boldly proclaim Christ's faithfulness unto death and His vindicating resurrection, which You made known to Your servant Martin through Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God – Don Hustad

Hymn of Invocation

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9:00 Stanza 2 - Choir

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 34:1–2, 11, 22; antiphon: Psalm 119:46

P I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

C and shall not be put to shame.

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

C let the humble hear and be glad.

P Come, O children, listen to me;

C I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

P The LORD redeems the life of his servants;

C none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

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 I will speak of your testimonies before kings, [O Lord,]

C and shall not be put to shame.

Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise – Gloria in Excelsis)

First Reading

Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." ¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵"Therefore they

are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. ¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. ¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 46

P God is our refuge and strength,

C a very present help in trouble.

P Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,

C though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

P though its waters roar and foam,

C though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

P There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C the holy habitation of the Most High.

P God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;

C God will help her when morning dawns.

P The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;

C he utters his voice, the earth melts.

P The LORD of hosts is with us;

C the God of Jacob is our fortress.

P Come, behold the works of the LORD,

C how he has brought desolations on the earth.

P He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;

C he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire.

P “Be still, and know that I am God.

C I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!”

P The LORD of hosts is with us;

C the God of Jacob is our fortress.

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.

Epistle

Romans 3:19–28

¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be stopped, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For by works of the law no human being will be justified in his sight, since through the law comes

knowledge of sin. ²¹But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: ²³for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. ²⁶It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. ²⁷Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: ³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. ⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. ⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. ¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White

Rite of Commemoration

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

C Amen.

P It is good to give thanks to the Lord,

C to sing praise to Your name, O Most High;

P To herald Your love in the morning,

C Your truth at the close of the day.

Reading

I Thessalonians 4:13-18

¹³But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.

¹⁴For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁵For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord.

¹⁸Therefore encourage one another with these words.

P This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

P In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life everlasting we remember before the Lord our loved ones who have gone before us in faith and now rest on that distant shore and in that greater light. Heavenly Father, comfort us with the blessed hope of a reunion in heaven with them before Your throne of grace; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

P "And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

C "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!" (Revelation 14:13)

P Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

C When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. (Colossians 3:2-4)

P The Lord will rescue me from every evil deed and bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom.

C To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (2 Timothy 4:18)

P For this is the will of my Father; that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life,

C And I will raise him up on the last day. (John 6:40)

P For I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been thus destroyed, yet in my flesh I shall see God.

C Whom I shall see for myself, and my eyes shall behold, and not another. My heart faints within me! (Job 19:25-27)

+ Hazel Ewert +
+ Leona Roesch +
+ Julia Wartchow +
+ Gerhard Palmer +
+ Ruth Lawonn +
+ Betty Palmer +
+ Judy Hogan +
+ Arlene Jennings +
+ Rev Larry Myers +
+ Louis Fohr +
+ Barbara Mohr +
+ Ruth Smith +
+ Joanne Seeger +

P Let us pray... Almighty God, in whose glorious presence live all who depart in the Lord and before whom all the souls of the faithful who are delivered of the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity, we give you hearty thanks for your loving-kindness to all your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors, and we humbly implore your mercy that we, together with all who have departed in the saving faith, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, in both body and soul, in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Offering Behold a Host, Arrayed in White – Richard C. Resch
(Those who are not communing may place their
cards in the offering plate.)

Offertory – Agnus Dei **pp. 159-163**

Hymns During Distribution

666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe
672 Jerusalem the Golden

Post-Communion Canticle – Benediction **pp. 164-166**
(*Canticle – Thank the Lord*)

Closing Hymn 655 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Postlude For All the Saints – Benjamin M. Culli

ALTAR PARAMENTS: 6:30 Red paraments adorn our chancel today in celebration of the Holy Spirit's work in renewing the Church at the time of the 16th century Reformation and throughout time to eternity.

9:00 White paraments remind us of the saints in glory joining in the heavenly song of "Holy, holy , holy" to the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Pam Ganswindt in loving memory of her parents, Ralph & Carla Ganswindt. *"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15*

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Skovgaard
Assisting Minister	9:00 Pastor Teggatz
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Choir	9:00 Exultate Singers
Piano	9:00 Karla M. Bessert
Trumpet	9:00 Matthew M. Ewert
Elder	6:30 Rick Wegner 9:00 John Wolck
Chancel Assistant	6:30 Doug Grell 9:00 Jim Olson
Usher Team on duty	6:30 Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner
	9:00 Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch
Altar Guild	6:30 Nancy Ewert, Julie Leaf 9:00 Sherri Bond, Nancy Ewert

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

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

USHER TEAM 5: Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger, Jason
Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson

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

ELDER: Doug Grek

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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

Post Tenebras Lux

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

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 **61** households streamed the services for a total of **224**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

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.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE at Elm Grove Lutheran Church, in the Fellowship Hall, Wednesday, November 12, 2:00 - 6:30 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!



ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: Ladies, please join us as we gather again in the Fellowship Hall to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Advent by Candlelight will be held Sunday, November 30, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Tables will be beautifully decorated as we enjoy visiting with family and friends. We can sip flavored teas, coffees, or punch and sample appetizers and desserts. Through the personal witness of the "Men Who

Saw the Messiah", we will hear their amazing stories of the birth of Jesus, our Savior. Inspiring instrumental music and traditional carols will echo the story. Do mark your calendar and then call Meg Grelk (262-309-9861) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494) for reservations and to offer to decorate a table, bring an appetizer or dessert or share your helping hands. A donation of \$5 will be received at the door.

PASTOR SKOVGAARD SPEAKING AT CUW: On November 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the PHARM008 Room at CUW come and hear Pastor Skovgaard speak about faith and service to our country.

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, love music by ATK Ministry, therapy dogs, and more.

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.

THE LUTHERAN A CAPPELLA CHOIR OF MILWAUKEE presents "*The Glorias of Christmas*," featuring "Gloria" by Antonio Vivaldi, accompanied by chamber orchestra and Richard Ewert. There are two performances: Friday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m., St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 12700 W Howard Ave, New Berlin, WI 53151 and Sunday, December 7, at 3:00 p.m. Mount Carmel Lutheran Church, 8424 W Center St., Milwaukee, WI 53222. Tickets are \$20 and students are FREE with an ID. Tickets are available for purchase in advance or at the door. <https://lutheranacappella.org/>

EGL COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING MEAL: Because last year's early Thanksgiving meal was so well received and enjoyed, we're gonna do it again. On Sunday afternoon, Nov 23, right after the Bible study/Sunday school hour, the EGL events committee will host a fully loaded Thanksgiving meal for our church community. Yes, this can be understood as organizing a meal for those who maybe don't have somewhere to go themselves on the actual day of Thanksgiving, but it can also be for those who will be out of town the following week but who would still love to spend some time with their EGL family around a good meal. The Packer game starts at noon that day, so TVs will be set up for watching. Anticipate a sign-up sheet for a head count but also for bringing a dish or dessert to share.

THANKSGIVING OFFERING: The plate offerings on Thanksgiving Eve will be devoted to supporting the work of the Lutheran Church in Germany as it proclaims the Gospel to Iranian and Afghan refugees throughout Germany. Feel free to watch the Oct 19 presentation for details on the Persian Project within the Germany FORO. https://www.youtube.com/live/_mR5jvOyFzXE This continues our long-established practice of dedicating different offerings throughout the year to ministry projects outside our normal boundaries.

LWML: Our LWML will be working on its fund raiser in the month of November. The morning group will be filling the dry ingredients for our soup into jars beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 5 in the Fellowship Hall. The evening group will

meet on Monday, November 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the West Fellowship Room to fill jars with the dry ingredients for cookies. The sale of these soup jars and cookie jars will take place on Sunday, November 23 in the lower entrance of our church. Prices will be \$7.00 per jar or 3 jars for \$20.00. The proceeds from the fund raiser will go to send delegates and young women representatives to the LWML-SWD Convention in June 2026.