

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, November 16, 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

Hymn of Invocation

663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalms 11

P In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to my soul,

C "Flee like a bird to your mountain,

P for behold, the wicked bend the bow;

C they have fitted their arrow to the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;

P if the foundations are destroyed,

C what can the righteous do?"

P The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD's throne is in | heaven;

C his eyes see, his eyelids test, the children of man.

P The LORD tests the righteous,

C but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.

P Let him rain coals on the wicked;

C fire and sulfur and a scorching wind shall be the portion of their cup.

P For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds;

C the upright shall behold his face.

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.

Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise – Gloria in Excelsis)

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4

¹For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts. ⁴Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel. ⁵Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and

awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

C in whose heart are the highways to Zion.

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 3:1–13

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ. ⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. ¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5–18

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

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

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name’s sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name’s sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives.

²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then

they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day **508 The Day Is Surely Drawing Near**

Sermon **"The Ending Beforehand" (Luke 21:5-28)**

Nicene Creed – Prayer of the Church **p.158 - 159**

Offering

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

Offertory – Agnus Dei **pp. 159-163**

Hymns During Distribution

513 The Clouds of Judgment Gather
808 O Sing to the Lord
854 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

Post-Communion Cantic – Benediction **pp. 164-166**

(Cantic – Thank the Lord)

Closing Hymn **919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus**

Postlude

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 Gene and Irene Brunner in thanksgiving for blessings received.

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Teggatz
Assisting Minister	Pastor Skovgaard
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Elder	John Wolck
Chancel Assistant	Mark Ewert
Usher Team on duty	Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner
Altar Guild	Carol Ewert, Julie Leaf

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mattias Goldensein

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

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 23 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Dan Berry

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

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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) 6:00 p.m Empower Volleyball (Gym) 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
M	11:00 a.m. Winkel (BAAC) 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC) 6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	W	1:00 p.m. Blood Drive (FH) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 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 F	6:30 p.m. Divine Service 1:30 p.m. Bread and Fish (FH)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **167** people that attended services last week in person and **61** households streamed the services for a total of **228**. "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.

VISITATION TEAM: We are hoping to begin a visitation team here at EGL, where team members make visits with our homebound and other members who are in need of emotional and spiritual support. In many cases, these dear members of our church simply need a listening ear and a tangible, ongoing connection to our life together as a congregation. If this is an opportunity that interests you or simply something you'd like to learn more about, there will be an informational gathering on **Tuesday, December 9 at 6:30 p.m.** in the church office conference room. We hope to see you there!

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT: Ladies, Advent by Candlelight is coming soon. It

will be Sunday, November 30, 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a lovely way for you to prepare your heart for Advent. Enjoy a quiet, candlelit setting surrounded by family and friends while savoring delicious treats and hearing the timeless story of Jesus' birth. Please invite a friend, relative, or neighbor to share this special program of carols, instrumental music, and Christmas characters. Please call Meg Grek (262-309-9861) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494 by MONDAY, November 24, for your reservation. A \$5 donation will be received at the door.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet on November 20 at 11:45 a.m. at Bravo in Brookfield. Please call JoAnn Randall at 262-782-6085 to reserve your space.

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. Please use this Sign-up

Genius link to sign up to let us know you will be joining us and whether you will bring a dish to share. A paper sign-up is on the credenza in the back of church as well.
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-60313120-thanksgiving>.

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/mR5jvQyFzXE> This continues our long-established practice of dedicating different offerings throughout the year to ministry projects outside our normal boundaries.

LWML EVENING GROUP: NOTE THE FOLLOWING DATE AND TIME CHANGE FOR FILLING COOKIE JARS: The evening group will meet on Monday, November 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the West Fellowship Room to fill jars with the dry ingredients for cookies. The sale of both soup 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.

Sermon Reflection/Questions

1) What overwhelms you most about the end times in the Scriptures? Why?

2) What is overwhelming you about the world right now?
What is overwhelming you in your personal life right now?

3) What does it mean for you that we know the ending of our story in Jesus?

4) Think of one person in your life who is struggling right now in the dizzying darkness of grief, illness, brokenness, or despair. How can you come alongside them right now to bear those experiences? How might you deliver the gospel message that we know how this story ends?

