

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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LAST SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR

Thursday, November 20, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, November 23, 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

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 134; antiphon: Psalm 33:8

P Let all the earth fear the LORD;

C let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

P Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,

C who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

P Lift up your hands to the holy place

C and bless the LORD!

P May the LORD bless you from Zion,

C he who made heaven and earth!

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 Let all the earth fear the LORD;

C let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise – Gloria in Excelsis)

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 3:13–18

¹³“Your words have been hard against me, says the LORD. But you say, ‘How have we spoken against you?’ ¹⁴You have said, ‘It is vain to serve God. What is the profit of our keeping his charge or of walking as in mourning before the LORD of hosts? ¹⁵And now we call the arrogant blessed. Evildoers not only prosper but they put God to the test and they escape.’” ¹⁶Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name. ¹⁷“They shall be mine, says the LORD of hosts, in the day when I make up my treasured possession, and I will spare them as a man spares his son who serves him. ¹⁸Then once more you shall see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between one who serves God and one who does not serve him.”

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

Colossians 1:13–20

¹³He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. ¹⁶For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. ¹⁷And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, ²⁰and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Luke 23:27–43

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁷And there followed [Jesus] a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. ²⁸But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. ²⁹For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' ³⁰Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' ³¹For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" ³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, "Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!" ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong." ⁴²And he said,

"Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." ⁴³And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

837 Lift High the Cross

Sermon

"Judgment Day and the Cross" (Luke 23:39-43)

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church Response

767 Jesus, Remember Me



Text: Luke 23:42

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Offering

Lift High the Cross – Charles Callahan



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

Offertory – Agnus Dei

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Hymns During Distribution

534 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor

687 Thine Forever, God of Love

454 Sing My Tongue, the Glorious Battle

Post-Communion Canticle – Benediction

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(Canticle – Thank the Lord)

Closing Hymn

905 Come, Thou Almighty King

Postlude

Come, Thou Almighty King – James Pethel

ALTAR PARAMETERS: 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 Linda Hoffmann in honor of John and Lenore Baker.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister
Organist
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team on duty

Pastor Skovgaard
9:00 Pastor Teggatz
Richard C. Ewert

6:30 Eric Thompson, 9:00 Rick Wegner
6:30 Mattias Goldenstein, 9:00 Dan Berry

Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert,
Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch
9:00 Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Emily Krueger,
Jason Krueger, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, Sam Thompson
6:30 Meg Grelk, Joan Knuteson
9:00 Luanne Schaefer, Sue Schmalzer

Altar Guild

SERVING NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY, THANKSGIVING EVE, NOVEMBER 26 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

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

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service		6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
	10:30 a.m. Confirmation/Sunday School		1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
	11:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Lunch		5:30 p.m. She Shed Bible Study (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)		6:30 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Service
M	4:30 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)		6:30 p.m. Gym Rental
	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)		7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	T	Happy Thanksgiving
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)		Office Closed
	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	F	Office Closed
	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)		

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **149** people that attended services last week in person and **63** households streamed the services for a total of **212**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

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/mR5jvQyFzX>

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

MIDWEEK SERVICE CHANGE: Beginning next Wednesday, Thanksgiving Eve, Elm Grove Lutheran changes its midweek service schedule from Thursday evenings to Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. As we

enter the season of Advent, the Wednesday services in December (3, 10, 17) will focus on faith's eager anticipation of our Lord's return in glory, while the Sunday morning services will follow the regular lectionary readings.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Meet the BAAC on Thursday, December 18 at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the book, ***The Santa Suit*** by Mary Kay Andrews. The plot revolves around a decades old Santa Suit found in a recently purchased farm house by the new owner who finds a note from a young girl in the pocket of the suit asking for her daddy to come home from war. We will also have our Christmas Party at this meeting.

CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE is having their annual Black Friday sale running now through December 1, with sales on resources for all ages. One new resource is a Bible Study workbook series that outlines the larger blue Concordia Commentaries (some of which are in our church library). The first workbook, Matthew 1:1-11:1, is available and on sale for \$14.99. This would be a great resource if you'd like a chance to slowly work through a gospel, getting

some historical context, textual insights, connections to other portions of God's Word, and room for journaling/reflection.

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: Sunday, November 30, 3:30-5:30 p.m., will be an afternoon of Advent joy and peace shared by women of faith. Come join us for fellowship, music, appetizers, and desserts. Please call Meg Grelk (262-309-9861) or Carole Braun (262-781-1494) for reservations by MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24. Our Mission support will be for Bienfait Safari-Romeo.

LWML: The sale of both soup and cookie jars will take place **today Sunday, November 23 in the lower entrance of our church.** Prices are \$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.

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/>

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS: Thank you for your blood donation. We had a very successful blood drive Wednesday, November 12, 2025. There were 27 registered donors; 27 units of blood were collected. One unit can impact as many as three lives, meaning EGL's blood drive will impact as many as 81 lives. Next blood drive is Thursday, February 26, 2026, 2:00-6:30 P.M. Please schedule your appointment online using the QR below or contact Rick Ewert 262.289.9333 / BloodDrive@egl.org

