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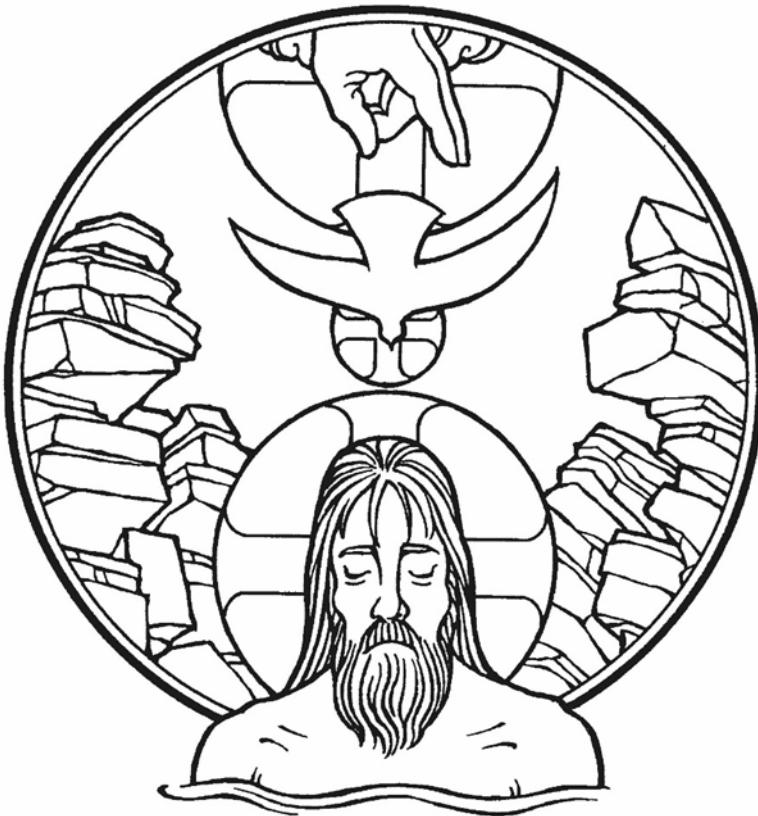
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THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

Sunday, January 11, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service 3

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 Who Believe and Are Baptized – Charles W. Ore

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 2:7–11, 12c; antiphon: Isaiah 42:1a

P Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
C my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

P I will tell of the decree:

C The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you.

P Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,

C and the ends of the earth your possession.

P You shall break them with a rod of iron

C and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

P Now therefore, O kings, be wise;

C be warned, O rulers of the earth.

P Serve the LORD with fear,

C and rejoice with trembling,

P Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.

C Blessèd are all who take refuge in him.



C Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost;



as it was in the be-gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

P Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
C my chosen, in whom my soul delights.

Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 42:1–9

¹Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. ²He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; ³a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. ⁴He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. ⁵Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶"I am the

LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, ⁷to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. ⁸I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. ⁹Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

P Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

C bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8

Epistle

Romans 6:1–11

¹What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? ²By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? ³Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷For one who has died has been set free from sin. ⁸Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹We know that Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. ¹¹So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 3:13–17

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹³Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶And when Jesus was baptized, immediately he went up from the water, and behold,

the heavens were opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming to rest on him;¹⁷and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Nicene Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

“Baptized to Fulfill All Righteousness” (Matthew 3:15)

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Offering

To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord – Robert Lind



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

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Postlude

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright – Andreas Armsdorff

ALTAR PARAMENTS: White paraments adorn the chancel celebrating the Baptism of Our Lord.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Gene and Irene Brunner in loving memory of their beloved son Michael.

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Skovgaard
Assisting Minister	Pastor Teggatz
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Elder	Paul Haut
Chancel Assistant	Mattias Goldenstein
Usher Team on duty	Anthony Bagwell, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek
Altar Guild	Diane Olson, Sue Schmalzer

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

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

EGL in the Word (The Baptism of Our Lord)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 42:1-9

This is the first of four Servant Songs in the book of Isaiah (42:1-9; 49:1-6; 50:4-9; 52:13-53:12), detailing what Yahweh's chosen Servant will accomplish in light of Israel's failure to be a beacon of light to the nations. These songs form the structure of Isaiah 40-55, a jump from the Babylonian threat of Isaiah 1-39 to the future return from exile in Isaiah 40 and following. This Servant will be anointed with the Spirit and well-pleasing to His Father (sound like a certain baptism, anyone?). This Servant will bring justice, especially to those who are downtrodden (bruised reeds and faintly burning wicks, the blind and the prisoners). The Creator of all things has given this Servant to his people as a covenant, and we do well to think of Jesus' use of the word "covenant" when describing the Lord's Supper ("take and drink; this is the new covenant in my blood"). We see the anointing of this Servant in Matthew 3:13-17 (Jesus' baptism).

Psalm: Psalm 29

We can think of Psalm 29 as an extended commentary on Isaiah 42:5. God is the Creator and Sustainer of all things (and no one else!). He is enthroned above all things and therefore has control over them all, even the threatening waves and mighty forests. The references to Lebanon, Sirion, and the wilderness of Kadesh likely emphasize the range of Yahweh's dominion (from far north of Israel [Syria] to far south [Mt. Sinai]), as well as Yahweh's ability to make even the strongest mountains shake and skip! And the response? God's people ascribe glory and strength to God alone and seek His strength and blessing.

Epistle: Romans 6:1-11

Romans 1-8 is a tight-knit train of thought. The gospel is the power of God for salvation for all who believe in faith (1:1-17). All have fallen short of God's glory (1:18-3:20). All are justified by Christ as a gift (3:21-3:31). Faith in Christ makes people true children of Abraham, giving lasting peace and undoing the sin and death that came from Adam (ch. 4-5). And here, Paul teaches us that baptism gives us this gift of faith and all that faith holds on to: Jesus' death and resurrection. Baptism is not simply a symbolic ritual; it kills us and makes us alive. We walk in newness of life, springing to eternal life, despite what our Old Adam and broken world can throw our way (ch. 7-8).

Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

Why did Jesus need to be baptized? That's the big question many of us ask as we ponder these words. John certainly thinks he shouldn't need to be. And yet, Jesus says: "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness" (3:15). Clearly, this desire to be baptized is in accordance with the Father's will: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (3:17). For here, Jesus steps into a river flooded with sin so that he might be anointed for his task as the sin-bearer. He takes those sins from the river and immediately goes into the wilderness to be tempted by Satan, undoing the errors of Israel before him. He who will be declared as the "Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world" next weekend does that very thing today, marching from the river through the wilderness to the cross, where those sins will be crucified with his body and righteousness will be fulfilled and freely given to all who trust in him. next weekend does that very thing today, marching from the river through the wilderness to the cross, where those sins will be crucified with his body and righteousness will be fulfilled and freely given to all who trust in him.

Questions for Reflection This Week

Monday: The first Servant Song focuses on bringing justice to the downtrodden. Who is someone in your life who would benefit from hearing of a Savior who comes to give encouragement, justice, and hope to those who are downtrodden, discouraged, and empty?

Tuesday: What does it look like in our daily lives to ascribe glory to God (Psalm 29)?

Wednesday: What is a recurring or past sin in your life that burdens your conscience? Pray about this sin today, reading once again Romans 6:1-11.

Thursday: In our gospel this week, John doesn't understand why Jesus needs to be baptized, yet does it anyway. Are there any things about God that you don't understand, either from what you read in the Bible or what you've experienced in life? How can we, like John, trust Him even in the midst of misunderstanding and uncertainty?

Friday: Matthew tells us that God is well-pleased with his Son Jesus. Why is he so well-pleased? What does this tell us about the heart of God?

Next Week's Readings (Second Sunday After Epiphany)

Old Testament- Isaiah 49:1-7

Psalm- Psalm 40:1-11

Epistle- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Gospel- John 1:29-42a

NOTES

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:30 a.m. Town Hall 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (Church) 6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
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T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	6:30 p.m. Divine Service 7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (BAAC) 7:30 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **117** people that attended services last week in person and **80** households streamed the services for a total of **197**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE SIGNAGE
PROJECT: EGL is preparing to enhance signage throughout our campus to better welcome visitors, provide clear direction, and reflect our identity in Christ. Our goal is to raise **\$75,000** to fund new monument signs, updated lettering, directional signage, and necessary electrical work. The Foundation is providing a matching gift of \$1 for every \$2 raised to support this effort. Graphic boards showing the proposed signs and locations are in the back of the church. "Let your light shine before others..." (Matthew 5:16)

TOWN HALL TOPICS: What can you expect at Sunday's town hall meeting? When you go to the doctor for your annual check-up, there are "vitals" that are measured. We'll look at EGL's "vitals" in comparison with last year. We'll look at recent maintenance-related projects, the new signage fundraiser, the new memorial gift policy, the new Bible studies that are available, and our support

for the Germany FORO which we've been calling the Persian Project. Your input will be sought for nominations for Synod President and regional Vice President, as we review the upcoming Convention in July.

STAMMTISCH: Happy New Year 2026, EGL Guys! BE BOLD...BRAVE THE COLD! Come on out and join us at EGL Stammtisch as we kick off a great new year! It's a great time to comfortably connect with those around us, in a relaxed environment. Join us for our monthly EGL guys' get-together of great conversation and great libation... (maybe a new "Luther brew"?) Always lively, always timely, always lots of variety, in a fun atmosphere of Christian fellowship. If you are new to EGL and/or have not joined us before, please come on out and give it a try! Join us at EGL in the Bartelt Center on Thursday January 15 from 7:30-9:00(ish)... for more info, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430. Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!!

THE WORD OF THE LORD GROWS: As we anticipate a new year, we also anticipate a new topic for our Sunday morning Bible study! Join us as we explore the world of the Old Testament prophets. God used these men in the course of the Old Testament to be watchmen for His people,

standing at their posts with words of judgment and promise. We'll spend some time with these prophets each week to explore their context, personality, respective books, and message to God's people then and even today. This study will begin on Sunday, January 4.

VISITATION TEAM: We plan to begin visitation team meetings toward the end of January, with individual visits beginning after our first few meetings. If you are interested in joining the visitation team, please let Pastor Teggatz know and he will rope you into planning conversations. Thank you for your prayerful discernment!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We are in need of Sunday School subs during the winter months. The truths of God's word need to be taught through our Lord's stories. To help out please call Linda Hoffmann, 262-786-1203. Thank you!

LCEF ACCOUNTS: When was the last time you checked out LCEF.org? This is the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, basically the Synod's bank. On this site you can find all that you need, from information to forms, for steward accounts for your children, CD's, checking and savings accounts, church worker loans, as well as strategic, development, and real estate solutions support. Everything is financially competitive with the secular banks but has the added bonus of supporting the Church's ministries. What you may not have known is that the South Wisconsin District's LCEF office will be giving away prizes at

the spring pastors conference for those SWD congregations that have the highest number of LCEF accounts to congregational membership. The prizes are significant cash awards to those congregations. Check out LCEF.org and support EGL at the same time!

BOOK CLUB: Plan to meet on Thursday, January 15 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC to discuss the book, *I'm Proud of You – My Friendship With Fred Rogers* written by Tim Madigan. The author writes about how Fred Rogers became a close friend and how Fred Rogers helped Tim Madigan through some rough and depressing times in Tim's life. This is an inspiring book. We welcome new members.

LADIES PM STUDY: The Story of Esther follows the story of a young orphan girl starting with a six-month long feast, to her becoming queen, and finally risking her life to save the lives of her people. Join the "She Shed" gals as we dig into this beautiful story together, with LWML speaker Donna Pyle-Snow. She will show us how the story of Esther applies to our lives today. The Ladies PM Bible Study will take up the eight-week study of "Chosen – A Study of Esther" starting on Wednesday evenings January 21, 2026 through February 11, 2026, 5:30-6:45 p.m., in the BAAC, then shift to Thursday evenings for the next four weeks during Lent (February 19 through March 12). Contact Nancy Wolck or Susan Schmalzer with questions.