

# **ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod**

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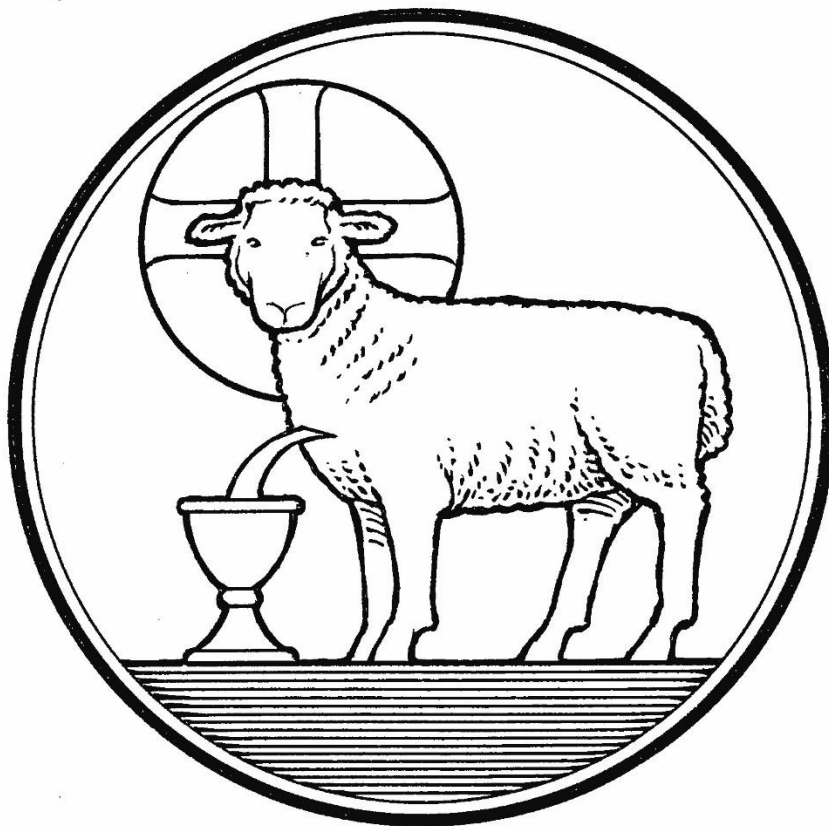
**Rev. Eric C. Skovgaard, Administrative Pastor**

**Rev. Joshua D. Teggatz, Associate Pastor**

## **SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, January 18, 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.

**Preservice**

**Ring Jubilee – Susan E. Geschke**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Prelude**

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed – Jan O. Bender**

**Hymn of Invocation**

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**Confession and Absolution**

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**Introit**

**Psalm 19:1–4a, b; antiphon: v. 14**

P Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

**C O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

P The heavens declare the glory of God,

**C and the sky above proclaims his handiwork.**

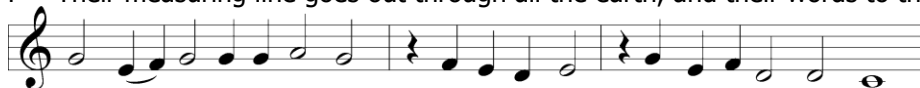
P Day to day pours out speech,

**C and night to night reveals knowledge.**

P There is no speech, nor are there words,

**C whose voice is not heard.**

P Their measuring line goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.



**G** 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 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,

**C O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.**

**Kyrie – Collect of the Day**

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**Old Testament Reading**

**Isaiah 49:1–7**

<sup>1</sup>Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. <sup>2</sup>He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. <sup>3</sup>And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." <sup>4</sup>But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God." <sup>5</sup>And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength—<sup>6</sup>he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that

my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” <sup>7</sup>Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **(6:30) Gradual**

**Psalms 117:1–2a; 96:8**

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!**

### **(9:00) Choral Response**

**Lamb of God – Twila Paris/arr. Gene Traas**

### **Epistle**

**1 Corinthians 1:1–9**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, <sup>2</sup>To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup>that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—<sup>6</sup>even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—<sup>7</sup>so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>8</sup>who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup>God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Alleluia and Verse**

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### **Holy Gospel**

**John 1:29–42a**

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

**C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

<sup>29</sup>The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! <sup>30</sup>This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.’ <sup>31</sup>I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel.” <sup>32</sup>And John bore witness: “I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. <sup>33</sup>I myself did not know him, but

he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' <sup>34</sup>And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God." <sup>35</sup>The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, <sup>36</sup>and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" <sup>37</sup>The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. <sup>38</sup>Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" <sup>39</sup>He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. <sup>40</sup>One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. <sup>41</sup>He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). <sup>42</sup>He brought him to Jesus.

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Nicene Creed**

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**Hymn of the Day**

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**"Seeking" (John 1:29-42a)**

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**Offering**

**(6:30) The Only Son from Heaven – Johann Gottfried Walther**  
**(9:00) Psalm XIX – Benedetto Marcello/arr. Martha Lynn Thompson**



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

**Prayer of the Church**

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**Hymns During Distribution**

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**Closing Hymn**

**531 Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus**

**Postlude**

**O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright – Anton W. Leupold**

ALTAR PARAMETERS: The green paraments of the Epiphany season suggest growth, especially spiritual growth, as we focus on Jesus' earthly ministry and mission to all people of this world.  
ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Chuck Ewert in remembrance of Hazel Ewert.

### Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Teggatz
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Handbells	Exultate Ringers
Choir	Exultate Singers
Flute	Emily Ewert
Piano	Karla Bessert
Elder	(6:30) Paul Haut, (9:00) Bruce Bessert
Chancel Assistant	(6:30) Mark Ewert, (9:00) Jim Olson
Usher Team on duty	(6:30) Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox (9:00) Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner
Altar Guild	(6:30) Sherri Bond, Jean Kruse (9:00) Sharon Boudro, Helen Moore

#### **SERVING NEXT WEEK**

##### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 22 (6:30 P.M.)**

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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

##### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 (9:00 A.M.)**

ELDER: John Wolck

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Dan Berry

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

## **EGL in the Word (Second Sunday after Epiphany)**

### **Old Testament: Isaiah 49:1-7**

Last week, we read Isaiah's first Servant Song, a song that pointed to the servant of Yahweh bringing justice to the nations. Here is the second song that gives more specifics about the servant's mission. Three major dynamics we see in this second song:

- (1) There's ambiguity in this song on who the servant is. In verse 3, it sounds like Israel as a nation is the servant. Yet, in verse 5, Israel is included as a recipient of the servant's work. This ambiguity points us to the fact that while Israel as a nation failed as Yahweh's servant, Jesus Christ, the fulfillment of this and all the servant songs, did not, and in fact completed his Father's mission in the stead and for the sake of Israel.
- (2) We begin to see opposition to the servant's work in verse 4, foreshadowing the suffering we see the servant endure in the final two songs (50:4-9; 52:13-53:12).
- (3) Yahweh's target for the Servant's mission is not just Israel but "the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth" (49:4). In the world's perspective, the ministry of Jesus, culminating in his shameful death, was pointless and fruitless. Yet, in that cross, the mission of the servant was fulfilled for all the families of the earth.

### **Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul's letters to the Corinthians, a congregation he planted on his missionary journeys, contain both some of the most beautiful passages of the New Testament and some of the most difficult. As the first letter goes on, we see issue after issue addressed by Paul to a bitterly divided congregation. And so how beautiful and needed is this first chapter, reminding God's humbled and divided people that "God is faithful!" (1:9). He will sustain them until the end, even in the midst of division and confusion. By His Word and Sacraments, the clear proclamation of the cross (see the rest of chapter 1), God's people can be confident that He will sustain them and preserve them from those who would seek to sow seeds of division and discord among them.

### **Gospel: John 1:29-42a**

Our gospel begins with the implication that the baptism of Jesus has already taken place, though not explicitly included in John's gospel. In the verses preceding ours (1:19-28), John the Baptist is questioned about his ministry, to which he repeatedly denies being the Christ and points to the one who will come after him. Now, after Jesus has come onto the scene and been publicly baptized, John points his disciples and all people to Jesus, discussing the significance of Jesus being baptized. Jesus is the Lamb of God. Jesus fulfills John's ministry. Jesus baptizes with the Holy Spirit. Jesus is the Son of God. Follow him, says John the Baptist! From here, we hear Jesus call disciples to follow him for the rest of the chapter and move into his public signs scattered throughout John's gospel, the first being the miracle of water turning to wine at Cana.

## Questions for Reflection This Week

**Monday:** Isaiah 49 gives us an intimate description of the servant's relationship with the LORD. The servant is uniquely fashioned for his work, called for the womb, and named by the LORD himself. How do we see this intimate relationship between Father and Son in the gospels?

**Tuesday:** The end result of the servant's mission, being a light to the nations, is for the purpose of glorifying the LORD (49:3). How does Jesus glorify his Father during his ministry? Read John 12:27-32 to hear about Jesus' "hour" of glory that will bring glory to his Father in heaven.

**Wednesday:** What does it mean to you right now that "God is faithful?" (1 Cor 1:9). What is a situation in your life or the life of a loved one to which this reminder of God's faithfulness is sorely needed?

**Thursday:** Consider the title John the Baptist gives to Jesus in our gospel: "Lamb of God." This title is unique to John's gospel. What does it call to mind for you, thinking about the bigger story of salvation? What might John the Baptist be alluding to with this title?

**Friday:** How can we seek and see Jesus as his disciples today, so far removed from when Jesus physically walked on the earth?

## Next Week's Readings (Third Sunday after Epiphany)

Old Testament- Isaiah 9:1-4  
Epistle- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18  
Gospel- Matthew 4:12-25



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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. Sunday School	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	5:30 p.m. She Shed Bible Study (BAAC)
M	5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (Church)	7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)	T 6:30 p.m. Prayer Office
	6:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	7:30 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	F Police Training
	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	
	5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (Church)	

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**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

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**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **139** people that attended services last week in person and **77** households streamed the services for a total of **216**. "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)

**MIDWEEK LENTEN MEALS:** The start of Lent, Ash Wednesday, is just around the corner on February 18. As is our local custom, we will offer a light meal each week before the 6:30 service. If you or a group would like to host one of the meals please contact Amy Stroh in the Church Office.

**VISITATION TEAM:** Our first visitation team meeting will be **Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30pm in the BAAC**, where we'll acquaint ourselves more with how this team will work and begin our study of Christian caregiving. Please let Pastor Teggatz know if you are interested in learning more about this team.

**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 DISCUSSION GROUP:** Thursday, February 19 at 9:30 a.m. is the next scheduled meeting when we will discuss the book, ***A Tree Grows in Brooklyn***. This is about an Irish immigrant family in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century who live in a tenement building in an impoverished area of Brooklyn. Francie, the daughter, admires a tree that grows in a small piece of soil in front of their apartment. She longs for a better way of life and sees hope as this tree grows in Brooklyn. We welcome new members. Please join us!

**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.