ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

Sunday, February 15, 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

Preservice **An Almighty Fortress – arr. David Shaffer**
Bist Du Bei Mir – J.S. Bach/arr. Jacob de Haan
Meet Me There – David von Kampen

Prelude **O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair – Benjamin M. Culli**

Hymn of Invocation **413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair**

Confession and Absolution **p. 184**

Kyrie – Collect of the Day **pp. 186-189**

Old Testament Reading **Exodus 24:8–18**

8And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the
covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." 9Then Moses and
Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, 10and they saw the God of
Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven
for clearness. 11And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld
God, and ate and drank. 12The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain and wait
there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I
have written for their instruction." 13So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up
into the mountain of God. 14And he said to the elders, "Wait here for us until we return to you.
And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them." 15Then
Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. 16The glory of the LORD
dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to
Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a
devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. 18Moses entered
the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty
nights.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response **Rise and Shine – arr. Todd Jolly**

Epistle **2 Peter 1:16–21**

16For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and
coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. 17For when he
received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic
Glory, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased," 18we ourselves heard this very
voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. 19And we have something
more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in

a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, [20]knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation. [21]For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse **A Festive Alleluia – Mary Lynn Lightfoot**

Holy Gospel **Matthew 17:1–9**
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.
C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

[1]After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. [2]And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. [3]And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. [4]And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." [5]He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." [6]When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. [7]But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and have no fear." [8]And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. [9]And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, "Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day **395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright**

Sermon **"Our Mountaintop Experience" (2 Peter 1:16-21)**

Offertory **pp. 192-193**

Offering **Ask of Me – Douglas Nolan**

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

Confirmation of Daniel Ronald Boettcher (pp. 272-274)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16)

Confirmation Hymn	**864 Shepherd of Tender Youth**
Prayer of the Church	
Preface – Agnus Dei	**pp. 194-198**
Hymns During Distribution	**Amazing Grace – arr. Frank Ticheli** **396 Arise and Shine in Splendor** **530 No Temple Now, No Gift of Price** **810 O God of God, O Light of Light**
Nunc Dimittis - Benediction	**pp. 199-202**
Closing Hymn	**417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness**

It is an ancient custom in the Christian church that a "farewell to Alleluia" be sung at the close of the liturgy on the Sunday before Ash Wednesday. Traditionally, "alleluia" is not sung then until Easter morning, symbolizing our voluntary restraint of praise during the penitential season of Lent.
The 11th century hymn, translated by John Mason Neale, is a traditional farewell to Alleluia.

Postlude	**O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright – Robert A. Hobby**

ALTAR PARAMENTS: Alternate white paraments.

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Teggatz
Assisting Minister	Pastor Skovgaard
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Banner Bearer	Elijah Lind
Visiting Choir and Band	Luther North Middle School & High School, St. Louis, MO
Choir Directors	Brinn Miller, Vocal/John Gerdes, Instrumental
Accompanist	Jason Becker
Elder	Eric Thompson
Chancel Assistant	Doug Grelk
Usher Team on duty	Anthony Bagwell, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek
Altar Guild	Sharon Boudro, Jean Kruse

SERVING NEXT WEEK

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: John Wolck

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Jason Krueger

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

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

EGL in the Word (The Transfiguration of Our Lord)

Old Testament: Exodus 24:8-18

Isn't the center of the book of Exodus the Exodus? After all, that's the name of the book! And yet, when we reduce the entire book of Exodus to just that event, we miss out on a whole lot more God has to reveal to us. Here in Exodus 24, we see that God redeems Israel so that they might be His people and live in communion with Him! Chapters 19-24 of Exodus focus on the covenant God makes with His people at Mt. Sinai, a covenant that is officially ratified in chapter 24. Blood is thrown on the people as a sign of the sealing of this covenant and representation from Israel's leadership ascend Mt. Sinai to dine with God. It is this moment that connects Exodus with the transfiguration: "...they beheld God, and ate and drank" (Ex 24:11). Wait, they saw God? How did they not die? After all, God says no one shall see Him and live! (Ex 33:20). And yet, just as Peter, James, and John saw Jesus on the mountain and did not die, so Israel's leaders see some form of God in his splendor, though not in its fullness. This moment on Mt. Sinai, as in our gospel, points us ahead to that day when our redeemed, resurrected, sinless bodies shall see our God face to face (1 Cor 13:12).

Epistle: 2 Peter 1:16-21

If only we could have been there, right? To see Jesus in this mysterious exalted state? We can only imagine what the experience must have been like for Peter, James, and John. Our verses from 2 Peter come in a context of Peter defending the authenticity of his message. His defense? He was there. He saw it with his own eyes. He's not making this up (1:16). He saw Jesus in his exaltation. He heard the voice borne from heaven: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." He was there, "on the holy mountain" (1:17-18). As he interprets this event for us, Peter actually applies it to us. We weren't there like he was. We didn't see Jesus walk on the earth like he did. And yet, we get to experience the revealing of Jesus just as much as Peter, James, and John did through the "prophetic word more fully confirmed," the words of the Old Testament that all find their fulfillment in Jesus (1:19). These words aren't made up by man but are inspired by the Holy Spirit (1:20-21). And, in true Epiphany fashion, Peter points us to that Word as a "lamp shining in a dark place," a Word we do well to heed until that final day.

Gospel: Matthew 17:1-9

The transfiguration points us both backward and forward. The referent "after six days" in verse 1 likely points us back to the conclusion of chapter 16 and the bold confession of Peter: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God" (16:16). This is shortly followed by Jesus' first prediction of his passion (16:21), a pivotal turning point in Matthew's gospel, and Peter's rebuking of that prediction: "Far be it from you, Lord!" (16:22). The cross is a major stumbling block for Jesus' followers. And, exhibiting true pastoral care, Jesus gives his disciples a vision of the future. Jesus will conquer! Jesus will reign! He continues to be the Father's beloved Son, with whom He is well pleased, the same words we hear at Jesus' baptism (3:13-17). And, because of this, they need not fear (17:7). But the cross must come first. They don't stay on that mountain. They come down and actually keep this event a secret until the resurrection (17:9). It's at that point that the transfiguration will make sense, pointing Peter and the others to the fulfillment of all the Scriptures in the death and resurrection of the exalted One (just as Peter says in our epistle!).

Questions for Reflection This Week

Monday: What is a situation in your life right now that makes you want to have a mountaintop experience like Peter, James, and John did?

Tuesday: When you experience the valleys of this life (as opposed to the mountaintop), who or what do you turn to for comfort and relief? Why?

Wednesday: Come to one of our Ash Wednesday services to hear the Word of individual absolution placed upon you. This is a way Jesus gives us a mountaintop experience!

Thursday: What habits do you have set in place for personal and family devotion? Ponder a time of day you can set aside to develop these habits.

Friday: Check out the following link for several resources related to family devotions: https://www.concordiafamilystore.org/resources/family-devotions. Explore two different resources on this website and how you might apply them to your devotional life (most of these resources are free and available for you to download and use).

A Brief Order of Service for Family Devotions

Invocation ("In the name of the Father…")
Hymn
Reading/Discussion of Reading
Apostles' Creed
Lord's Prayer/Other Prayers
Blessing/Benediction

Next Week's Readings (First Sunday in Lent)

Old Testament- Genesis 3:1-21
Epistle- Romans 5:12-19
Gospel- Matthew 4:1-11

Next Week's Sermon

"As It Is Written" (Matthew 4:1-11)

NOTES

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S 9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation
7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)

M 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (Church)
7:00 p.m. Board of Directors (228)
7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)

T 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)
5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (Church)
6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
6:30 p.m. Finance Meeting (229)

W Ash Wednesday
10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
12:00 p.m. Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Absolution
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
6:30 p.m. Worship with Imposition of Ashes and Absolution
7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)

T 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group
5:30 p.m. She Shed (BAAC)
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 **140** people that attended services last week in person and **45** households streamed the services for a total of **177**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Please invite your friends and families to Trinity's open house on February 26 beginning at 6:30 p.m. For more information please visit their website at trinitylutheranclassical.org/open-house.

ASH WEDNESDAY is already around the corner on **Wednesday, February 18**. While every subsequent midweek in Lent will have one service at 6:30 p.m., we'll have **two** Ash Wednesday services at **12:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m**. Trinity students will be attending our noon service as part of their school day, so we invite you to join us at either time as we prepare our hearts for the Lenten season. Individual absolution and ashes will be offered at both services.

EGL FOUNDATION GOLF OUTING: 'Mark your calendars for Friday, May 8! The EGL Foundation is once again hosting a golf outing, dinner and raffle. All proceeds from this event will go to support Trinity Lutheran Classical High School. Sign-up forms are now available in the back of the church along with donor/sponsor forms. You can drop off completed forms in the golf outing mailbox in the mailbox room. The deadline for sign-up this year is April 24!

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)

LIST OF LENTEN MEALS: Thank you so much to everyone who has offered to host meals this Lenten season. All of the dates have been spoken for. Feb 18 hosted by the Altar Guild (chili); Feb 25 hosted by the Elders Committee (tacos); March 4 hosted by the handbell choirs (cold sandwiches and salad); March 11 hosted by the choir (sloppy joes); March 18 hosted by the Evangelism Committee (baked potatoes); and March 25 hosted by the Finance Committee.

NEW DISTRICT EDUCATION EXECUTIVE: Dr Alan Freeman will be installed as the newest Education Executive for the South Wisconsin District at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Feb 22, at Mt Olive Lutheran Church in Milwaukee. Everyone is welcome to attend and to meet him.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE - Thursday, February 26, 2026, 2:00 - 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Did you know that every 2 seconds, someone in America requires a blood transfusion? From trauma patients to those battling cancer, your donation can make a lifesaving impact. Every donation is needed to meet high demand for blood in your community. Schedule Appointments: https://donateblood.versiti.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/11622806 or contact Rick Ewert: BloodDrive@egl.org / 262-289-9333.

STAMMTISCH: Ohh Baby… it's really cold! But it's warm and cozy here at the EGL Bartelt Center! Come on out and join us at EGL Stammtisch as we comfortable connect with those around us, in a relaxed environment. Join us for our monthly EGL guys' get-together of great conversation and great libation… always lively, always timely, always lots of variety, in a fun atmosphere of Christian fellowship. The homebrew we brewed (Katie's Revenge?) at our Summer Social was tested last month and got a big "thumbs-up"! It will be out again this month! Thursday, February 19, from 7:30-9:00ish… for more info, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430.

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 20th 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!

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