

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Sunday, February 22, 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."

Lenten Services

During this year's Lenten journey to Easter, we will eavesdrop on Job's experience and often faithful response. The Book of Job will serve as the theme for the midweek and Holy Week services as we see the "bet" between God and Satan play out in the Bible's greatest book of wisdom. We all suffer – personally and privately. We also suffer in more public ways: jobs are lost, relationships fall apart, loved ones die, laws go unenforced and communities flounder. Martin Luther once claimed that "Job is magnificent and sublime like no other book of Scripture." We gather each week for a short, devotional type of service, focusing on one particular passage in Job. Each Wednesday night will feature a light meal, prepared by different individuals and groups, also before the 6:30 p.m. worship service. Come be strengthened by God's Word in the pages of Job, and then strengthened, encourage one another to pursue the way of Christian discipleship.

Preservice

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed – David Angerman

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

The Tree of Life – Matthew Machemer

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 91:9–13; antiphon: vv. 15–16



P When he calls to me, I will answer him; I will be with him in | trouble;*
I will rescue him and | honor him.

**C With long life I will sat- | isfy him*
and show him my sal- | vation.**

P Because you have made the LORD your | dwelling place—*
the Most High, who is my | refuge—

**C no evil shall be allowed to be- | fall you,*
no plague come | near your tent.**

P For he will command his angels con- | cerning you*
to guard you in | all your ways.

**C On their hands they will | bear you up,*
lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone.**

P You will tread on the lion and the | adder;*
the young lion and the serpent you will trample | underfoot.



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.

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Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:1–21

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden?'" ²And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'" ⁴But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ⁶So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. ⁷Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths. ⁸And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?" ¹⁰And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." ¹¹He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ¹²The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." ¹³Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

¹⁴The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. ¹⁵I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." ¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing; in pain you shall bring forth children. Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you." ¹⁷And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; ¹⁸thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return." ²⁰The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ²¹And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Hebrews 12:2

P [O come, let us fix our eyes on] Jesus,

C the founder and perfecter of our faith,

P who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame,

C and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Epistle

Romans 5:12–19

¹²Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come. ¹⁵But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷If, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ. ¹⁸Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(During Lent, the Alleluia is omitted)

Holy Gospel

Matthew 4:1–11

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

¹Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." ⁴But he answered, "It is written, "'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "'You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

Hymn of the Day

418 O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

Sermon

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

Offertory

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Offering

Lenten Reflection – Michael J. Glasgow



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

Prayer of the Church

Preface – Agnus Dei

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Hymns During Distribution

**437 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed
574 Before the Throne of God Above
569 In Adam We Have All Been One**

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction

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Closing Hymn

424 O Christ, You Walked the Road

Postlude

O Christ, You Walked the Road – Raymond H. Haan

ALTAR PARAMENTS: Alternate white paraments.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by the family of Doris Moore in celebration of her 99th birthday on March 3.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Teggatz

Preacher

Pastor Sam Lee

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Handbells

Exultate Ringers

Elder

Jason Krueger

Chancel Assistant

James Drabiszczak

Usher Team on duty

Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner,
Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner

Altar Guild

Nancy Ewert, Julie Leaf

SERVING NEXT WEEK

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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

EGL in the Word (First Sunday in Lent)

Old Testament: Genesis 3:1-21

We begin our first Sunday in Lent with the infamous fall into sin, reminding us of the lasting consequences of Adam and Eve's fall. Chapter two ended on such a positive note, by contrast! The one thing God labeled as "not good" in His creation of all things was Adam being alone. And so, God rectifies the situation and creates Eve, bone of Adam's bones and flesh of Adam's flesh. The two are brought together into one flesh, "both naked" and "not ashamed" (2:24-25). And then, Satan arrives to disrupt this perfect union Adam and Eve have, both with God and with one another. God's perfect Word, by which all was created, is cast into doubt (3:1-5). God's perfect order is disrupted, as man reaches up to take God's place (3:6). And the result? Adam and Eve's nakedness causes shame, undoing everything. They hide. God seeks in His grace. They play the blame game. Curses are meted out (3:14-19), including what we heard on Ash Wednesday: the return to dust. And yet, there's cause for hope. The woman's seed will do battle and defeat the serpent once for all (3:15), clothing sinners in his eternal righteousness (3:21).

Epistle: Romans 5:12-19

Believe it or not (pun fully intended), one of the most important words in this reading is "not." Romans chapter five comes on the heels of all that's come before and gathers it all up by exploring what it looks like now that we're justified by faith: "therefore...we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ," as well as "access by faith into this grace in which we stand" (5:1-2). How is this dramatic turn of events possible? After all, look at our Old Testament reading! Enter verse 15: "But the free gift is not like the trespass." There it is: not. The gift is NOT like Genesis 3. While many died through Adam, much more has God's grace abounded for many (5:15). Adam brought condemnation; Jesus Christ brought justification (5:16,18-19). Death reigned through Adam (see Genesis 4 for an immediate example); "much more" will God's people "reign in life" (5:17). Jesus more than makes up for Genesis 3 by his death and resurrection, a death and resurrection we ourselves receive in our baptism (see Rom 6:1-11).

New Testament: Matthew 4:1-11

Jesus has just been baptized (Matt 3:13-17) and gets straight to work in the wilderness (4:1-2). You'll notice this mirrors the 40-year wilderness years of the Israelites after they'd fallen prey to Satan's temptations to distrust God's Word of promise (this is Satan's playing card). And we see Satan continue to play that card here. Surely you can turn stones into bread, since you are the Son of God, Jesus! Surely you can throw yourself down and be delivered, since you are the Son of God, Jesus! Surely you must desire all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, since you are the Son of God, Jesus! You deserve it! Satan even dares to distort God's Word as he tempts the Word made flesh (4:6). And Jesus is having none of it. Adam and Eve fell for it. Israel fell for it. We fall for it. Jesus never does. Each and every time, Jesus repels Satan's advances with words from Moses' sermon to Israel upon the brink of the Promised Land: Deuteronomy (see Deut 8:3; Deut 6:13,16). Israel didn't listen to Moses' words. Jesus, by contrast, throws them into Satan's face. He is the woman's seed, come to destroy Satan's lies, come to be "Israel-reduced-to-one" for our sake. Jesus begins his ministry by securing victory over Satan, a foretaste of the feast to come when Lent gives way to the joyous Easter feast.

Questions for Reflections This Week

Monday: We heard in our gospel reading how often Jesus appeals to God's Word ("as it is written..."). When you wrestle with a difficult question or situation in your life, where do you look for answers or reassurance? What role should God's Word play as we seek those answers?

Tuesday: One way to deal with temptations is to avoid them (as Paul encourages the Ephesians, give the devil no opportunity to begin with- see Eph 4:27). What are some safeguards you can put around you right now to avoid harmful temptations in your life?

Wednesday: Another way to deal with temptations is to flee from them when they do inevitably come, rather than giving in to them. When Satan comes your way, where do you flee to? Are these refuges in your life God-pleasing or causing further harm? Take some time today to ponder where you seek refuge and to give thanks to God for those places of refuge that He has blessed us with (e.g., our church, our homes, our relationships, etc.).

Thursday: Of course, the only full way to deal with temptation is to commend ourselves into the Lord's hands, knowing that he is our armor and protection against temptation (see Eph 6:10-18). Where we fail (and we will), Jesus does not. What does it look like to take refuge in Christ for you when temptation comes? Take a few minutes to do just that today.

Friday: One way to take refuge in Christ in temptation's hour is prayer, something we powerfully experienced as Pastor Lee led us in the Lord's Prayer to conclude his sermon. What is one petition in the Lord's Prayer that especially resonates with you? Why?

Next Week's Readings (Second Sunday in Lent)

Old Testament- Genesis 12:1-9

Epistle- Romans 4:1-8, 13-17

New Testament- John 3:1-17

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| S | 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH) | W | 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner 6:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Worship 7:30 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC) |
| M | 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (Church) 7:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH) | T | 1:00 p.m. Versiti Blood Drive (FH) 5:30 p.m. She Shed (BAAC) 6:30 p.m. TLCHS Open House |
| 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) | F | 5:30 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym) S 4:00 p.m. Rental (CLC, CLC Kitchen, Gym, YR) |

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **171** people that attended services last week in person and **90** households streamed the services for a total of **261**. "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.

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)

NOMINATIONS FOR EGL LEADERSHIP:

At the Sunday morning, May 17, Voters Assembly we will elect new leadership to both the Elders Committee and the Board of Directors. You have the opportunity to nominate godly men to the Elders Committee as well as godly men and/or women to the Board of Directors. There are two positions on both open for election on May 17. Please submit any nominations to the Church Office or one of the Pastors by Easter Sunday, April 5.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS: There are three Lenten devotionals available for you on the table outside of the church. One from each of the following, Higher Things, Lutheran Hour Ministries, and Concordia Publishing House.

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 (jambalaya).

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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thursday, March 19 at 9:30 a.m. is the next meeting in the BAAC. The book to be discussed is *The Runaway Quilt* written by Jennifer Chiaverini about the underground railroad in the free state of Pennsylvania prior to the Civil War. Searching in an old house in the attic, a diary is found written

by the sister of the person's great, great grandfather, plus 3 very old handcrafted quilts. The plot involves 3 different time periods and goes back and forth telling the story of the story of how the runaway quilt played a key role when the quilt would hang on a clothesline to indicate a safe house for runaway slaves. It tells the interesting story of a family through the years and how the runaway quilt was important to the underground railroad. Plan to attend. We welcome new members.

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.

