

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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PALM SUNDAY

Sunday, March 29, 2026 – 9:00 a.m.

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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty – Roger C. Wilson

Opening Hymn

441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Versicles

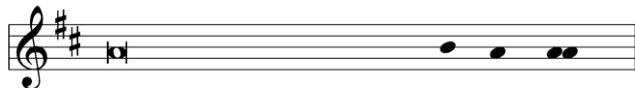
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L O Lord, o - pen my lips,



C and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



L Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



C make haste to help me, O Lord.



C Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for-ev-er. A - men.



Praise to You, O Christ, Lamb of our sal - va - tion.



L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Venite (*Sung*)

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L The Lord has re - deemed His peo - ple.



C O come, let us wor - ship Him.

Psalm

Psalm 118:19–29



P Open to me the gates of | righteousness,*
that I may enter through them
and give thanks | to the LORD.

C **This is the gate | of the LORD;***
the righteous shall enter | through it.

P I thank you that you have | answered me*
and have become my sal- | vation.

C **The stone that the builders re- | jected***
has become the | cornerstone.

P This is the LORD's | doing;*
it is marvelous | in our eyes.

C **This is the day that the | LORD has made;***
let us rejoice and be | glad in it.

P Save us, we pray, | O LORD!*
O LORD, we pray, give | us success!

C **Blessèd is he who comes in the name | of the LORD!***
We bless you from the house | of the LORD.

P The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine up- | on us.*
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the | altar!

C You are my God, and I will give | thanks to you;*
you are my God; I will ex- | tol you.

P Oh give thanks to the LORD, for | he is good;*
for his steadfast love endures for- | ever!

ALL Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Passion Narrative

Hymn

440 Jesus, I Will Ponder Now (stz 1)

1 Jesus, I will ponder now
On Your holy passion;
With Your Spirit me endow
For such meditation.
Grant that I in love and faith
May the image cherish
Of Your suff'ring, pain, and death
That I may not perish.

Text: Sigismund von Birken, 1626–81; tr. August Crull, 1845–1923, alt.
Text: Public domain

Reading

Matthew 26:1-29

Hymn

422 On My Heart Imprint Your Image

1 On my heart imprint Your image,
Blessèd Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures
Never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be:
Jesus, crucified for me,
Is my life, my hope's foundation,
And my glory and salvation!

Text: Thomas Hansen Kingo, 1634–1703; tr. Peer O. Strømme, 1856–1921, alt.
Text: Public domain

Reading

Matthew 26:30-56

Hymn

- 1 Go to dark Gethsemane,
All who feel the tempter's pow'r;
Your Redeemer's conflict see,
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn from Jesus Christ to pray.
- 2 Follow to the judgment hall,
View the Lord of life arraigned;
Oh, the wormwood and the gall!
Oh, the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suff'ring, shame, or loss;
Learn from Him to bear the cross.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771–1854
Text: Public domain

Reading

Hymn

- 1 Not all the blood of beasts
On Jewish altars slain
Could give the guilty conscience peace
Or wash away the stain.
- 2 But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,
Takes all our sins away;
A sacrifice of nobler name
And richer blood than they.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt.
Text: Public domain

Reading

436 Go to Dark Gethsemane

- 3 Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb;
There, adoring at His feet,
Mark that miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete.
"It is finished!" hear Him cry;
Learn from Jesus Christ to die.
- 4 Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid His breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom.
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes.
Savior, teach us so to rise.

Matthew 26:57-75

431 Not All the Blood of Beasts

- 3 My faith would lay its hand
On that dear head of Thine,
While as a penitent I stand,
And there confess my sin.
- 4 My soul looks back to see
The burden Thou didst bear
When hanging on the cursèd tree;
I know my guilt was there.

- 5 Believing, we rejoice
To see the curse remove;
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice
And sing His bleeding love.

Matthew 27:1-26

Hymn

- 1 No tramp of soldiers' marching feet
With banners and with drums,
No sound of music's martial beat:
"The King of glory comes!"
To greet what pomp of kingly pride
No bells in triumph ring,
No city gates swing open wide:
"Behold, behold your King!"
- 2 And yet He comes. The children cheer;
With palms His path is strown.
With ev'ry step the cross draws near:
The King of glory's throne.
Astride a colt He passes by
As loud hosannas ring,
Or else the very stones would cry
"Behold, behold your King!"

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith, 1926-2024

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Reading

Hymn

- ref All glory, laud, and honor
To You, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.
- 1 You are the King of Israel
And David's royal Son,
Now in the Lord's name coming,
Our King and Blessèd One. Refrain
 - 2 The company of angels
Is praising You on high,
And we with all creation
In chorus make reply. Refrain

Text: Theodulf of Orléans, c. 762-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-66, alt.
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Sermon

Canticle

(Canticle – Te Deum)

444 No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet

- 3 What fading flow'rs His road adorn;
The palms, how soon laid down!
No bloom or leaf but only thorn
The King of glory's crown.
The soldiers mock, the rabble cries,
The streets with tumult ring,
As Pilate to the mob replies,
"Behold, behold your King!"
- 4 Now He who bore for mortals' sake
The cross and all its pains
And chose a servant's form to take,
The King of glory reigns.
Hosanna to the Savior's name
Till heaven's rafters ring,
And all the ransomed host proclaim
"Behold, behold your King!"

Matthew 27:27-61

442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor

- 3 The multitude of pilgrims
With palms before You went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before You we present. Refrain
- 4 To You before Your passion
They sang their hymns of praise;
To You, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. Refrain
- 5 As You received their praises,
Accept the prayers we bring,
O Source of ev'ry blessing,
Our good and gracious King. Refrain

"He Was Born for This"

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Offering



All Glory, Laud, and Honor – David H. Hegarty

To give to Elm Grove Lutheran Church, you can scan the QR code (left) to go to our online giving site.

(After the offering, please pass your attendance card toward the center aisle to be collected by an usher.)

Kyrie – Benediction

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Closing Hymn

443 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Postlude

No Tramp of Soldiers' Marching Feet – Paul D. Weber/Alfred V. Fedak

ALTAR PARAMETERS: Purple paraments suggest the somber, solemn mood of this penitential season while the symbols of torture bring to mind Christ's suffering and death to save us.

Participants

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

Pastor Skovgaard
Pastor Teggatz
Richard C. Ewert
Doug Grek
Jim Olson

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

SERVING NEXT WEEK

MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 2 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 (12:00 P.M.)

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Dan Berry

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

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: John Wolck

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mattia Goldenstein

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

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5 (7:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Jason Krueger

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grek

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

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5 (10:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Rick Wegner

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 (Palm/Passion Sunday)

Passion Account: Matthew 26:1-27:66

With Palm Sunday, we enter into Holy Week, where we ponder our Lord's humiliation, suffering, crucifixion, death, burial, and resurrection. This is the destination of each of the four gospels; each one dedicates multiple chapters to the events of Palm Sunday, various interactions in Jerusalem during the first half of the week, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday (see Matthew 21-28, Mark 11-16, Luke 19-24, and John 12-21). While each gospel narrates the same basic events of Holy Week, they also contribute unique elements to the account as well. During our service this morning, we'll be reading through Matthew's passion account, especially the chapters that focus on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday (Matthew 26-27). Here is a brief outline of those two chapters:

- Matthew 26:1-16- Setting the Stage (Plotting and Anointing)
- Matthew 26:17-35- The Last Supper
- Matthew 26:36-56- The Garden of Gethsemane/Jesus' Arrest
- Matthew 26:57-75- Jesus Questioned by the Sanhedrin/Peter's Denial
- Matthew 27:1-26- Jesus Questioned by Pilate/Condemned to Death
- Matthew 27:27-44- Jesus Mocked/Crucified
- Matthew 27:45-56- Jesus' Death
- Matthew 27:57-66- Jesus' Burial

Here's a few elements Matthew uniquely contributes in his account:

- Matthew is the only gospel that spells out the forgiveness of sins in the Words of Institution: "...this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many *for the forgiveness of sins*" (Matt 26:28).
- We get more of the crowd's reaction as they demand for Jesus' crucifixion, to the point that Pilate washes his hands and declares himself innocent of Jesus' blood. The crowd's reaction is the other extreme: "His blood be on us and on our children!" (Matt 27:25).
- Both Matthew and Mark uniquely contribute one of the last words of Jesus from the cross, namely, his utterance and fulfillment of Psalm 22:1: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matt 27:46).

Matthew and Mark's passion accounts are very close to each other. Luke has a few unique elements/final words from the cross he contributes. John's account is the most unique, as he contributes five full chapters from the Last Supper entirely unique to his account (John 13-17), in addition to a few additional details/final words from the cross. Even with some of these variances, each gospel narrates the same sacred events: the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ for the sins of the world.

Next Week's Readings (Easter Sunday)

Old Testament- Job 19:23-26

Epistle- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

New Testament- John 20:1-18

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<p>S 9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:30 a.m. Matt Ewert Mission Trip Presentation 10:30 a.m. Sunday School 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)</p> <p>M 5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (Church) 6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym) 7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)</p> <p>W 10:00 a.m. LWML (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC) 7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)</p> <p>T 6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Divine Service 7:30 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)</p> <p>F Office Closed 12:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship 6:30 p.m. Good Friday Worship</p>
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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **193** people that attended services last week in person and **108** households streamed the services for a total of **301**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

EASTER BRUNCH: Make plans to join us for brunch on Easter Sunday. We will have an assortment of fantastic food items and will be serving in the Fellowship Hall from 8:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

EASTER BRUNCH FOOD SIGN UP: Following the 7:00 a.m. Easter morning service, we will be providing an Easter Brunch. If you are able to contribute some of the needed food items or if you are able to help with cleanup after the breakfast, please sign up using this SignUpGenius Link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080A4DA8AD2EA5FD0-62812204-easter#/> There is also a paper sign-up sheet available in the back of the church.

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!

THE EGL FOUNDATION is looking for donations of money to be put toward purchasing a premium raffle item for the Drive to Thrive golf outing. Any donations which go past the price point of that item will be put toward purchasing gift cards for the raffle. If you have any questions, please contact Ann Wilcox at 262-409-5888.

PICKLEBALL KICKOFF: Our first pickleball session will be **Sunday, April 12 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. in the gym** (please enter through the external youth room doors). We will have several nets and paddles ready to go and all are welcome! Rules will be discussed so don't worry if this is your first time, we'd love to have you! If you own paddles, please bring them.

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.

ABORTION: According to the pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute, 1.12 million babies were lost to abortion in 2025. That number is roughly the same as in 2024. When you crunch the numbers, that comes out to roughly 3,000 a day every day of the year. To put that in perspective, that's more than was lost to Islamic terrorism on 9/11. The Guttmacher report documents a decline in interstate travel for abortions but an increase in telehealth abortions, essentially getting the pill through the mail. These numbers come almost four years after the Supreme Court decision, *Dobbs v. Jackson* ruling, which returned the topic of abortion to the States. The battle for pre-born life continues.

COFFEE DONATIONS: The money that is donated during the time of fellowship after Church on Sundays is being donated to the signage project.

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)

LOCAL ELECTION WORKERS NEEDED: Brookfield City Clerk Sara Bruckman recently put out an appeal for volunteer election workers. With

the April Spring Election, August Partisan Primary, and November General Election in 2026 just around the corner, the City Clerk's Office is actively seeking individuals of all backgrounds. You must be an U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, able to read and write fluently in English, not be a candidate in that election, and able to perform a variety of duties that keep voting operations running smoothly. Such work is part of our responsibility as citizens, and it has to be done for the sake of free and fair elections, so why not by you? Here's another opportunity for faithful Lutherans to get involved and serve their neighbors. Interested? Go to www.ci.brookfield.wi.us/1036/Poll-Worker-Information or call 262-787-3550.

LWML: The morning group of LWML will meet on Wednesday, April 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the BAAC. The Bible study, "**Overflowing in Comfort,**" is found in the spring issue of *Lutheran Woman's Quarterly*, pages 16-17. Because of God's overflowing of love to us, we have been blessed to be a blessing to others. Plan to attend. It should be an interesting discussion.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: The group will meet on Thursday, April 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC to discuss the book, *The Great Hippopotamus Hotel: No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* written by Alexander McCall Smith. This spacious hotel near a grove of Acacia trees in the Botswanan countryside has had a good reputation for weary travelers until strange things start happening. Detectives Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutal take on this new intriguing case and uncover surprising results.

CHRIST FOR YOU THIS WEEK ON KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: A blessed Easter to you! On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m. CT), tune in as we pick up the account of Joseph in our study of Genesis! Tune in for Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m. CT) as we wrap up our study in Numbers. This week, we'll be continuing with chapter 33. Don't forget to join us for The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 a.m. CT)! We'll be checking in with the folks over at Lutheran Bible Translators, as well as continuing our new series,

"Getting to Know the Council of Presidents." Find your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

SET APART TO SERVE (SAS): Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God's Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts, congregations and many other to build a Synodwide culture of church work formation and recruitment. You can contribute toward this effort **by taking this brief online survey** at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey. Please let us know how all of us can make SAS more beneficial to your congregation. It is important we hear what you have to say. Deadline is March 31.