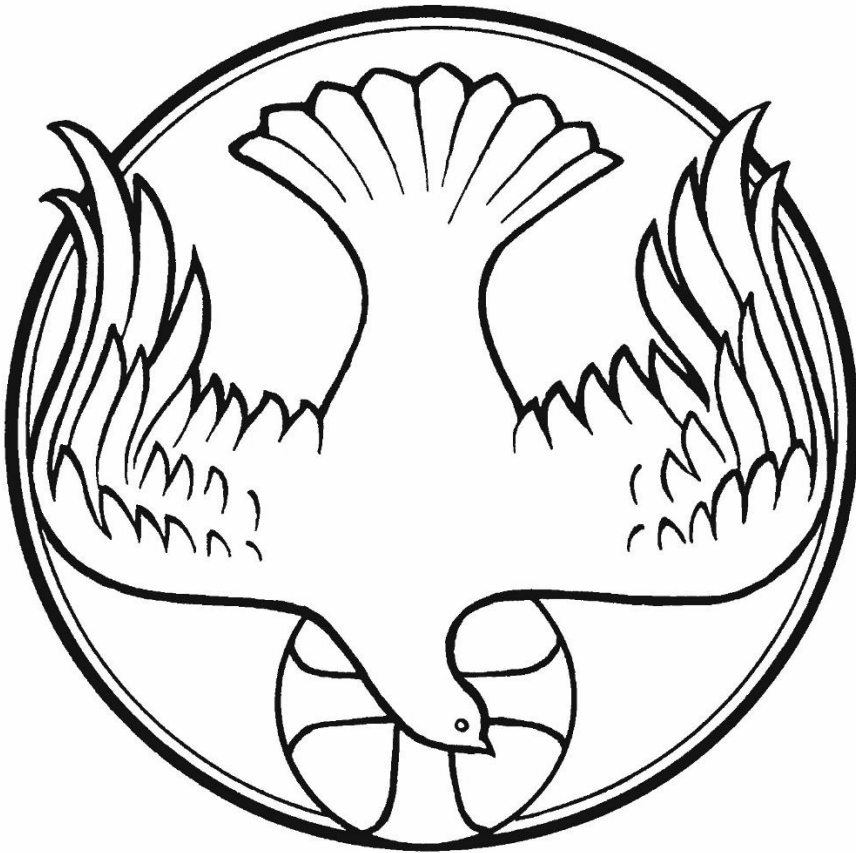


ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Mother's Day
Sunday, May 10, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service 1

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.



Scan the QR code (left) to give online to Elm Grove Lutheran Church, or visit egl.org/give.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Father Welcomes – Amanda Husberg

Hymn of Invocation

605 Father Welcomes

Baptism of Dawsyn Emory Neils (pp. 268-271)

Hymn of Praise – Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise – This Is the Feast)

First Reading

Acts 17:16–31

¹⁶While Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took hold of him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean."
²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, in the hope that they might feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." ²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual

adapt. from Matthew 28:7; Hebrews 2:7; Psalm 8:6

P Christ has risen from the dead.

C [God the Father] has crowned him with glory and honor.

P He has given him dominion over the works of his hands;

C he has put all things under his feet.

Epistle

1 Peter 3:13–22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

John 14:15–21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁵[Jesus said:] "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Office Hymn	594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
Sermon	"Living the Hope" (1 Peter 3:13-22)
Prayer of the Church	p. 159
Offering	God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It – Robert J. Powell (Those who are not communing may put their attendance card in the offering plate.)
Offertory – Agnus Dei	pp. 159 – 163
Hymns During Distribution	602 The Gifts Christ Freely Gives 592 Dearest Jesus, We Are Here
Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction	pp. 164 – 166
<i>(Post-Communion Canticle – Thank the Lord)</i>	
Closing Hymn	463 Christ the Lord Is Risen Today: Alleluia
Postlude	Christ the Lord Is Risen Today: Alleluia – Albert L. Travis

ALTAR PARAMENTS: White, the color of light and joy, adorns our chancel today. Christ, the Lamb of God, is victorious over sin, death, and the devil and so we rejoice!

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Teggzatz
Assisting Minister	Pastor Skovgaard
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Elder	Bruce Bessert
Chancel Assistant	Steve Hipenbecker
Usher Team	Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner
Altar Guild	Nancy Ewert, Helen Moore

SERVING NEXT WEEK
THURSDAY, MAY 14 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Eric Thompson

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Dan Berry

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

SUNDAY, MAY 17 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: John Wolck

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mattias Goldenstein

USHER TEAM 5: Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Diane Olson, Jim Olson

EGL in the Word (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

First Reading: Acts 17:16-31

We take a large jump this week in the book of Acts from Stephen's martyrdom and Saul persecuting the Church to Saul (now named Paul) deep into his second recorded missionary journey, proclaiming the resurrection and lordship of Christ to Jew and Gentile alike. While in Athens, Paul adopts his typical missional pattern, starting in the Jewish synagogue, although before long, he ends up at the Areopagus, a prominent meeting place. A unique element of Paul's proclamation here is his source material, namely, a few quotes from pagan philosophers (17:28) that the Athenians would know far more than any Old Testament passage. This gives Paul a launching pad to proclaim the gospel to this particular group of people.

Epistle: 1 Peter 3:13-22

This section of 1 Peter has two distinct yet related sections. The first section (3:13-17) encourages us to conduct ourselves in a way that honors Christ, especially when we suffer on account of his name. The second section (3:18-22) points to our confidence in suffering: Jesus' proclamation of resurrection victory, a victory we are brought into through our baptism. From here, Peter encourages us to live out that resurrection hope within us (see 1 Peter 1:3-5) in our various vocations and relationships.

Gospel: John 14:15-21

We continue where we left off from last week, where Jesus proclaims himself the way, the truth, and the life and encourages his disciples to see the Father only through him (14:1-14). Here, as Jesus prepares to leave the disciples, he promises that they will never be left alone, as he will send "another Helper, to be with you forever" (14:16). We received this Spirit in baptism and continue to receive him every time we receive God's Word and Sacraments in this house.

Questions for Reflection This Week

Monday: What is one way your mother and other mothers in your life pointed you to Christ?

Tuesday: Read Romans 6:1-5. What does this tell us about the role of Baptism in our daily life?

Wednesday: List your vocations that God has placed you in. What is one vocation in this list you feel called to bring your baptismal hope into more? Brainstorm some ways you can do this.

Thursday: As you go about your vocations today, think about one relationship that you feel led to either begin or develop. Brainstorm some ways you can begin to cultivate this relationship.

Friday: Read Romans 8:31-39. In times of ridicule and rejection for the hope within us, we can take comfort in the fact that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ, now and always!

Next Week's Readings (Seventh Sunday of Easter)

First Reading- Acts 1:12-26

Epistle- 1 Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11

Gospel- John 17:1-11

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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	6:30 p.m. Visitation Team Meeting (BAAC)
	10:30 a.m. Sunday School/Confirmation	
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
M	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. Board of Directors (228)	T 6:30 p.m. Prayer Office
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	7:30 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	
	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study	

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **138** people that attended services last week in person and **51** households streamed the services for a total of **189**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHIES are extended to the family and friends of Joan Komschlies. Joan's funeral will be on May 14 at 11:00 a.m. with a visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. here at Elm Grove Lutheran. "I know that My Redeemer lives..."

PICKLEBALL: Our next pickleball open gym is **Sunday, May 17, from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** Please stay tuned for future dates as we revise the schedule a bit!

UPCOMING VOTERS' ASSEMBLY: On May 17 we will have our annual Voters' Assembly following the 9:00 a.m. worship service during the Bible Study hour. Copies of the proposed 2026-27 budget are available on the credenza in the back of the church.

CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S BIRTHDAY: In July we have a great opportunity to invite friends, coworkers, and neighbors to visit our church for a

special musical event scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday afternoon, June 20. Our own Rick Ewert and former EGLer Prof. Aaron Wunsch from the Julliard School will team up for a program of music celebrating our nation's independence. We hope to welcome many visitors from our community and the region to a concert of organ and piano favorites plus some hymn singing. Open up this code below on your smartphone and copy it into emails or social media posts, together with your personal invitation.



SUNDAY SCHOOL: How wonderful it has been to share the Good News with all our Sunday School friends. We encourage all families to read the word at home as Sunday School ends May 10. Praising God for all the learning hearts! – Sunday School Staff

LUTHERAN WITNESS: It is that time of year again where Lutheran Witness is looking for new subscribers and current subscribers to renew. If you currently are receiving Lutheran Witness at your home please let Amy Stroh (astroh@egl.org) know you would like to continue receiving or would like to start receiving this no later than May 18. Please also give a check (made payable to Elm Grove Lutheran) or cash in the amount of \$23.50 to the church office. Please contact the Church office with any questions.

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

GREEN TEAM: Spring has arrived. Flowers are blooming and grass is growing. The Green Team here at EGL is always looking for helpers to cut grass, or assist with trimming and landscaping the campus of our church. Please consider volunteering, even if it's just acting as a fill in or back up for our cutting crew, or possibly assisting our gardening ladies with their planting areas. If interested, please contact Jim Olson at 262-501-2818 or email at jolson830@gmail.com. Thank you!

USHER HELP NEEDED: We are in need of help with ushering during our worship services. If you are interested in joining an usher team please contact the Church office.

LUNCH BUNCH will meet at 11:45 a.m. on Thursday, May 21, at Bravo restaurant in Brookfield Square. Please call JoAnn Randall at 262-782-6085 for reservations.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thursday, May 21 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC is the next meeting of our group. The book to be discussed is *The Frozen River* written by Ariel Lawhon, a historical mystery taking place in Maine in 1789. It is about

a midwife Martha Ballard who investigates the murder of a man frozen to death in the Kennebec River. The author used the diary of Martha Ballard to create this suspenseful mystery. If you like to read, please join us. We welcome new members. Remember to bring suggestions for the 2026-2027 voting to take place in our June meeting. One suggestion for a fiction book and one suggestion for a non-fiction/historical fiction book.

LWML: Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations Event is scheduled on May 30 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 10729 Freistadt Road, Mequon, WI 53097.

EGL STAMMTISCH: Happy May, Guys! Spring is in full swing (if we don't get flooded away!), with all the usual activities (i.e. outside chores!), so take a break from your yard work and join your friends at May's EGL Stammtisch for our monthly "Guys Night Out!" We again will meet in the Bartelt Center (N side of the EGL facilities) for great conversation and great libation... 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! Bring a friend and snacks to share! See you there!!! Thursday May 21 from 7:30 – 9:00 (ish)... for more info, please text or call Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430.

ROCK OF AGES CLASSIC CAR AND BIKE SHOW on Saturday, May 30 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at Blessed Savior Lutheran Church (15250 West Cleveland Avenue, New Berlin, WI 53151) Food and refreshments will be available. Proceeds are donated to the New Berlin Food Pantry.

LIVESTREAM HELP NEEDED: Are you interested in helping our livestream ministry advancing the slides or being the producer/camera operator? Please contact Mark Ewert or Pam Ganswindt for more information. Knowing our service flow is a plus.