

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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THE DAY OF PENTECOST
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

Thursday, May 21, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 24, 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.



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Come, Holy Ghost, Creator Blest – Johann Pachelbel

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 104:24, 27–28, 30; antiphon: Liturgical Text

P Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful,

C and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

P O LORD, how manifold are your works! In wisdom have you made them all;

C the earth is full of your creatures.

P These all look to you,

C to give them their food in due season.

P When you give it to them, they gather it up;

C when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

P When you send forth your Spirit, they are created,

C and you renew the face of the ground.

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

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C and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia.

Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise – This Is the Feast)

Old Testament Reading

Numbers 11:24–30

²⁴Moses went out and told the people the words of the LORD. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. ²⁵Then the LORD came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. ²⁶Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. ²⁷And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." ²⁸And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." ²⁹But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the LORD's people were prophets, that the LORD would put his Spirit on them!" ³⁰And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Acts 2:17b; Romans 10:10

P I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,

C and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy.

P With the heart one believes and is justified,

C and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Epistle

Acts 2:1–21

¹When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. ⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹²And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine." ¹⁴But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵For these men are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel: ¹⁷"And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams; ¹⁸even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. ¹⁹And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke; ²⁰the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day. ²¹And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel**John 7:37–39**

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

³⁷On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. ³⁸Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" ³⁹Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.**Office Hymn****834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth****Sermon****6:30 "One Language Is Not Enough" (Acts 2:4)****9:00 "The Day of Pentecost" (Acts 2:1-21)****Nicene Creed - Prayer of the Church****pp. 158-159****Offering****O God, O Lord of Heaven and Earth – Wayne L. Wold**

(Those who are not communing may put their attendance card in the offering plate.)

Offertory – Agnus Dei**pp. 159 – 163****Hymns During Distribution****497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord****501 Come Down, O Love Divine****496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine****Post-Communion Canticle - Benediction****pp. 164 – 166***(Post-Communion Canticle – Thank the Lord)***Closing Hymn****966 Before You, Lord, We Bow****Postlude****Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord – Kevin Hildebrand**

ALTAR PARAMENTS: Red paraments show forth the color symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit, also the blood of Christ, who is our righteousness, and the blood of martyrs.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by the family of Barb Kurth in honor of her 90th birthday on May 26.

Participants

Presiding Minister		Pastor Skovgaard
Preacher		9:00 Rev Dr Tobias Schuetze
Organist		Richard C. Ewert
Elder	6:30 Jason Krueger	9:00 Rick Wegner
Chancel Assistant		6:30 Doug Grelk
Usher Team	6:30 Anthony Bagwell, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek	9:00 Dan Berry
	9:00 Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox	
Altar Guild	6:30 Meg Grelk, Joan Knuteson	9:00 Diane Olson, Luanne Schaefer

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, MAY 28 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: John Wolck

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

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

SUNDAY, MAY 31 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

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

EGL in the Word (Pentecost Sunday)

Old Testament Reading- Numbers 11:24-30

The context of this scene is laid out earlier in Numbers 11. The people of Israel once again complain about their time in the wilderness (see Num 11:1-10), leading Moses to come before the LORD in frustration and exhaustion (see Num 11:11-15). His conclusion is preserved in Numbers 11:14: "I am not able to carry all this people alone; the burden is too heavy for me." In response, the LORD promises Moses that seventy of Israel's elders will be set apart and given some of the Spirit Moses has received, to assist him in caring for and leading Israel through the wilderness and into the Promised Land (see Num 11:16-23). Eldad and Medad's absence from the tent doesn't stop the LORD from giving his Spirit to them, a foreshadowing of Pentecost.

Epistle Reading- Acts 2:1-21

Pentecost, the giving of the Holy Spirit (as Jesus had promised), is finally here! Notice that, as verse one captures, the day of Pentecost isn't original to Acts 2. The feast of Pentecost was one of three major feasts in the Israelite calendar where the men were required to go to Jerusalem (the other two major feasts were Passover and Tabernacles). Pentecost (otherwise referred to as the Feast of Weeks, occurring seven weeks or fifty days after Passover) was originally a feast celebrating the harvest and God's bountiful provision for His people. This major feast points ahead to the fields being ripe for harvest through the power of the Holy Spirit. The prophet Joel also points to this moment when the Spirit is poured out (see Joel 2:28-32).

Gospel Reading- John 7:37-39

Speaking of major Israelite feasts, here's another one! John 7 captures a celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles/Booths during Jesus' ministry. The feast of Tabernacles was the last major feast of the Israelite calendar, commemorating the wilderness wanderings. God's people would dwell in temporary shelters (booths/tabernacles) during this seven-day feast. Another tradition done that week was the daily pouring out of water at the altar in the temple, symbolizing both God's provision of water in the wilderness and the people's continued prayer for provision. It is in light of this tradition that Jesus invites the people to come to him, for from him alone comes "living water" (see John 4:10-15). This, we're told, is fulfilled in the giving of the Holy Spirit after Jesus was glorified through his death, resurrection, and ascension.

Questions for Reflection This Week

Monday: On Memorial Day we remember those who died in service to our nation on the battle field. Do you know any Christians who have lived sacrificially for the sake of the Church — whether as a regular everyday Christian or as a missionary? If so, what makes them different? Are you inspired by the lives of overseas missionaries?

Tuesday: Every missionary to a foreign land has prayed for the gift of tongues so that they could speak of the mighty things of God in the heart language of the people they were serving. Is there a particular language you would love to learn if you had the chance? Why that language?

Wednesday: The greatest gift of Pentecost is not a really cool experience but rather the ability to hear and understand what God in Christ has done for you. Is there someone in particular you should pray for, so that the Holy Spirit gives them the gift of understanding and believing the Gospel?

Thursday: Most Lutherans are cradle Christians, meaning by God's grace they've always and only known what it means to be a Christian. But not all. Do you know anyone who has had an adult conversion? What are they like?

Friday: The Holy Spirit doesn't just zap us to give us faith. We all learn the faith from someone who taught us. Is there a particular person who inspired you, someone you can and should thank God for in your prayers? Be sure to do so!

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S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)	
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study/Confirmation	6:30 p.m. Committee of Elders (228)	
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	T	9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BAAC)
M	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)		6:30 p.m. Prayer Office
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)		7:30 p.m. Empower Volleyball
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	S	Rental (BAAC)
	10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study		
	6:00 p.m. Empower Volleyball (Gym)		
W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)		

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Call first)

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **148** people that attended services last week in person and **61** households streamed the services for a total of **209**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

GUEST PREACHER: This Sunday, as we celebrate the feast of Pentecost, we also welcome to the pulpit the Rev Dr Tobias Schuetze. Schuetze is a professor of Systematics at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa. He is here in the States, bringing visibility to the work of the Seminary while also fundraising. EGL's Foundation has stepped up generously to support that effort and a check will be presented to Schuetze during the Bible study hour.

CELEBRATE OUR NATION'S BIRTHDAY: In June 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.



CONFRONTING DEATH AS A CHRISTIAN:

The TV program 60 Minutes broadcast an interview on April 26 with former Nebraska Senator Ben Sasse (R). What makes this interview unique among the regular parade of talking heads on TV is that Sasse is a conservative, confessing Christian who is in the final stages (apparently) of metastatic pancreatic cancer. He addresses his upcoming death with a level of honesty rarely seen in public life, balancing his regrets of not being there for his daughters as they get married and his teenage son as he grows up with a recognition

that his cancer is not an accident (because "there are no maverick molecules in the universe"). In fact he articulates the point that his cancer is actually an opportunity to think about ultimate things. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WcT9O5Sjmd0>

BUSINESS MANAGER POSITION: We are thankful for those who have stepped forward to help cover the administrative needs of the Church Office; however, their efforts are temporary, so if you are interested in hearing more about the Business Manager position, please contact Pr Skovgaard (262-797-2970 or Executive@eql.org).

LET'S GO BREWERS!: On Saturday, June 13, everyone is invited to a cook-out dinner and a fun evening of cheering for our team! There will be several large screens for viewing in the Fellowship Hall. We hope you can join us. Our Brewers evening begins at 6:00 p.m. Please let us know how many fans will be attending. There is an RSVP sign up in the back of the church or you may call the church office: 262-797-2970.

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

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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: We will meet on Thursday, June 18, at 9:30 a.m. to vote on the suggested books for 2026-2027. No discussion on a book will take place. On Thursday June 25 we are scheduled to enjoy a Tea at 11:45 a.m. at the Dousman House. A brief history of the Dousman House will be given. During our enjoyment of this special Tea, we will discuss the book *Little House in Brookfield*, written by Maria D. Wilkes. This tells the story of Caroline Quinner who was born and lived in Brookfield, Wisconsin. She grew up to

become the mother of Laura Ingalls Wilder, the author of the Little House books. Cost of the tea is \$25 to be given to Paula Keefer.

PICKLEBALL: Our next pickleball open gym is **Sunday, May 31, from 3:30-5:00 p.m.** in the school gym (enter in through the external youth room door). Come join us for fun and fellowship!

LWML: Heart to Heart Sisters of All Nations Event is scheduled on May 30 at Trinity Lutheran Church, 10729 Freistadt Road, Mequon, WI 53097. The speaker is Rev Dr Tom Park, LCMS Missionary in Taiwan. This event will start at 8:30 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m. Ethnic foods will be served for the luncheon. Plan to attend.

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.

MINISTRY TO THE ARMED FORCES

YOUR GENEROSITY WILL: //

- » **HELP SUPPORT THE RECRUITING, TRAINING AND ENDORSING** of our LCMS military chaplains. We have numerous chaplains who serve on active duty, the Reserve component, the National Guard, the Civil Air Patrol and the Coast Guard auxiliary. Your gift will ensure they receive valuable Lutheran resources, training and support.
- » **HELP PROTECT THE RELIGIOUS LIBERTY** – of our chaplains and LCMS military members. We have always been — and will continue to be — a strong advocate and defender for chaplains to preach and teach in accordance with the tenets of their faith. We work tirelessly to ensure that all military members retain their God-given right and constitutionally protected freedom of religion.
- » **HELP SUSTAIN OPERATION BARNABAS** – a network of care that trains and equips LCMS congregations and individuals to assist all military-connected people in our congregations and communities in getting the support and assistance they need. Learn how you can get involved by visiting lcms.org/operationbarnabas.
- » **HELP ENABLE THE MINISTRY-BY-MAIL PROGRAM TO CONTINUE** as we send Lutheran devotional materials and resources (including Portals of Prayer) to all Lutheran military personnel and their families stationed around the world. Please send military contact information to lcmschaps@lcms.org.
- » **HELP FACILITATE CHAPLAIN AND FAMILY WELLNESS** by funding the travel and expenses for chaplains and their wives to attend our annual training seminars. These seminars allow them to reconnect, network and receive pastoral care and support from their church — things they need and deserve.
- » **HELP GROW A CONTINUING EDUCATION FUND** that enables our chaplains to complete a Doctor of Ministry degree to sharpen their skills.



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