

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, June 4, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 7, 2026 - 9:00 a.m.

Divine Service 4

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

Today Your Mercy Calls Us – Franklin D. Ashdown

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 50:7–10; antiphon: v. 1

P The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth

C from the rising of the sun to its setting.

P Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, I will testify against you.

C I am God, your God.

P Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;

C your burnt offerings are continually before me.

P I will not accept a bull from your house

C or goats from your folds.

P For every beast of the forest is mine,

C the cattle on a thousand hills.

**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.**

P The Mighty One, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth

C from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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Old Testament Reading

Hosea 5:15-6:6

¹⁵I will return again to my place,
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face,
and in their distress earnestly seek me.

¹Come, let us return to the Lord;
for he has torn us, that he may heal us;
he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.

²After two days he will revive us;
on the third day he will raise us up,
that we may live before him.

³Let us know; let us press on to know the Lord;
his going out is sure as the dawn;
he will come to us as the showers,
as the spring rains that water the earth.”

⁴What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?
What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes early away.
⁵Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets;
I have slain them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
⁶For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 145:3, 5b, 6b

A Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,

C and his greatness is unsearchable.

A On your wondrous works, I will meditate,

C and I will declare your greatness.

Epistle

Romans 4:13–25

¹³The promise to Abraham and his offspring that he would be heir of the world did not come through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴For if it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath, but where there is no law there is no transgression.

¹⁶That is why it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his offspring—not only to the adherent of the law but also to the one who shares the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all, ¹⁷as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. ¹⁸In hope he believed against hope, that he should become the father of many nations, as he had been told, “So shall your offspring be.” ¹⁹He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was as good as dead (since he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. ²⁰No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²²That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.” ²³But the words “it was counted to him” were not written for his sake alone, ²⁴but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, ²⁵who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 9:9–13

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁹As Jesus passed on from there, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he rose and followed him.¹⁰And as Jesus reclined at table in the house, behold, many tax collectors and sinners came and were reclining with Jesus and his disciples. ¹¹And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" ¹²But when he heard it, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.' For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn of the Day

689 Let Me Be Thine Forever

Sermon

"Mercy and Discipleship" (Matt 9:9-13)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Let Me Be Thine Forever – Albert Beck



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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface – Agnus Dei

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Hymns During Distribution

**618 I Come, O Savior, to Thy Table
702 My Faith Looks Up to Thee
518 By All Your Saints in Warfare (st 1, 25, 3)**

Nunc Dimittis – Benediction

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Closing Hymn

**(6:30) 880 Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow
(9:00) 632 O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee**

Postlude

(6:30) Now Rest Beneath Night's Shadow – Paul O. Manz
(9:00) O Jesus, Blessed Lord, to Thee – Michael Burkhardt

ALTAR PARAMENTS: The green paraments of the Pentecost season prompt us to remember that our life in Christ is one of growth, as branches connected to the Vine produce good fruit.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Richard and Sue Knutson in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary on June 3.

Participants

Presiding Minister		Pastor Skovgaard
Assisting Minister		9:00 Pastor Teggatz
Organist		Richard C. Ewert
Elder		6:30 Bruce Bessert 9:00 Jason Krueger
Chancel Assistant		6:30 Dan Berry 9:00 Jim Olson
Usher Team	6:30 Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, John Schaefer	
	9:00 Cathy Tuttrup Anthony Bagwell, Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Matt Zientek, Mikayla, Zientek	
Altar Guild	6:30 Joan Knuteson, Jean Kruse	9:00 Sharon Boudro, Shelly Skovgaard

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, JUNE 11 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 14 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Jason Krueger

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Dan Berry

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

EGL in the Word (Second Sunday after Pentecost)

Old Testament Reading: Hosea 5:15-6:6

These words from Hosea are the framework for Jesus citing Hosea 6:6 in our gospel reading. At first, the words sound encouraging. God desires repentance and return (5:15) and it seems as if that's exactly what the people do! "Come, let us return to the LORD," they say! "Let us press on to know the LORD!" And yet, God reveals in 6:4-6 that this "return" is feigned, as temporary as the dew on the ground in the morning. As Isaiah says (another verse Jesus quotes in his ministry), "...this people draw near with their mouth and honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me" (Isa 29:13). This hypocrisy is what Jesus keeps calling out as well.

Epistle Reading: Romans 4:13-25

This weekend, we begin a journey through portions of Romans that will take us through mid-September. The big teaching in Hosea and Matthew this morning revolves around what it truly means to be God's people. God desires steadfast love and mercy, not sacrifice. God desires faithful hearts, not self-righteous ones. Here, Paul explores the life of Abraham and how it illustrates the righteousness that comes by faith rather than the law. The background for these verses is Genesis 15:1-6 (God counting Abraham's faith as righteousness) and that promise subsequently working throughout Abraham's life (see Genesis 12-25).

Gospel Reading: Matthew 9:9-13

This weekend, we also begin a journey through portions of Matthew that will largely take us through the end of the Church Year (end of November). This is the only moment Matthew is featured in his own gospel account (and he has no speaking lines, for that matter!). The focus is on following Jesus and listening to his words. Tax collectors were seen as traitors to the Jewish people and therefore a unique class of sinners. Thus, for Jesus to call Matthew immediately garnered criticism and judgment, especially from the religious leaders. Jesus directs their criticisms back to Scripture (Hosea 6:6) and God's earnest desire to have mercy on sinners.

Questions for Reflection This Week

Monday: This week's Gospel reading puts the call of Matthew in front of us. Because of his poor standing in the 1st century Jewish community, he was an unlikely candidate to be an ambassador for the Messiah, but Jesus doesn't make mistakes when He calls. Have you ever felt unworthy of the calling that God extended to you in your baptism? Where did such repentance lead you?

Tuesday: In Matthew 9's account of the call of Matthew, Jesus tells his haughty objectors that He (God) desires mercy not sacrifice. This is another way of saying that faith is what counts not simple ritual obedience. Have you ever been tempted to view worship as just another box to check off in your weekly schedule?

Wednesday: The epistle reading from Romans today reminds us that we share the same faith in Christ that Abraham had. Despite his obvious sins, he was righteous in God's eyes by faith in the promised Messiah. It's exciting to anticipate those conversations we will share with the Old Testament faithful one day in heaven. Which of the Old Testament faithful are you most interested in talking with?

Thursday: God has a track record of doing the impossible. Abraham and Sarah were nowhere near childbearing years when Sarah conceived Isaac. In fact, we're told that her womb was dead. But with God all things are possible! He is the God of second and third chances. Have you seen ways in your own life where God has accomplished something unimaginable, humanly speaking? What did that look like?

Friday: The Old Testament reading from Hosea 6 teaches us the truth that God's law puts the Old Adam in us to death but the Gospel comes to us like the winter and spring rains, bringing forth much growth. Christians know that even the law is good because it is given by a gracious God for our benefit. In which ways have you been challenged by God's law to break with sinful patterns of thought and deed? Are there ways you could honor Him better by your obedience to His law?

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service	6:30 p.m. Visitation Team (BAAC)
	10:30 a.m. Bible Study	W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC)
	7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
M	7:00 p.m. Board of Directors (228)	Th 6:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
	7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)	F Office Closed
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)	S 6:00p.m. Brewers Game Cookout (FH)
	10:00 a.m. Women's 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 **165** people that attended services last week in person and **59** households streamed the services for a total of **224**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

CHURCH OFFICE: Thanks be to God that we have some willing volunteers to help cover the Church Office responsibilities in the months ahead. However, because each of their efforts are part-time and will vary from week to week, the Church Office will not be staffed consistently as we've grown accustomed to enjoying. Consequently, please call or email before stopping in to potentially save yourself a trip. Every reasonable effort will be made to respond promptly to phone calls and emails, but please be patient in this interim period.

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 by calling 262-797-2970 or emailing Executive@eql.org).

VOTERS ASSEMBLY UPDATE: At the regularly scheduled Voters Assembly on Sunday, May 17, the Voters re-elected James Drabiszczak and Dan Berry, this time to 3-year terms. The Voters also elected Andrew Alles to his first term on the Committee of Elders, as well as re-electing Jason Krueger. We thank Rick Wegner for his service among the Elders as his term expires. The Voters also approved the budget for the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. Head Elder Paul Haut updated the assembly on the responsibilities of the Elders under the new constitution and bylaws.

ALTAR FLOWERS: As a congregation we greatly appreciate having flowers to adorn the altar each week. We currently have three openings in July and five openings in August for altar flowers. The cost of the arrangements we receive from Welke's in Elm Grove is \$35. Please contact the church office (info@eql.org or 262-797-2970) if you would like to provide flowers this summer.

LUNCH BUNCH: Ladies, join us for Lunch Bunch on Thursday, June 18. We'll meet at 11:45 a.m. at Outback (Brookfield Square). Text or call Mary Tischer at 262-424-2955.

MADISON INTL OUTREACH: As many of you already know, Rev Dr Samuel Lee is an SWD Missionary at Large for Outreach to International students, especially in Madison. If you would like to check out the Madison International Lutheran Fellowship for an overview and list of activities, please go to their website:

<https://www.madisonintl.org>

Pr Lee says that with this website volunteers and internationals we know can get in touch with him. It is his sincere hope that more and more internationals will hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and make the Lutheran Confessions their own.

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 at the back of the church or you may call the church office: 262-797-2970.

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.



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.

EGL STAMMTISCH! Welcome to Summer, Guys! Warmer temps, nice weather (hopefully!) and certainly appropriate for great conversation and fellowship over a "cold one", so join your friends at the **June EGL Stammtisch** on **Thursday, June 18**, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bartelt Center. We'll be taking our standard break for July and August and will be back again in September!

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

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.

LWML: The District Convention will take place June 19-20 at Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield. The theme is "**Radiating Christ's Light.**" Deb Burma is the keynote speaker. Voting delegates are Kris Nitschke and Luanne Schaefer. Young Women Reps are Mia DiCosta and Zoe Jacober.

PICKLEBALL: Our next pickleball open gym will be Sunday, June 14th at 3:30pm in the EGL gym (entering through the external youth room door). Please join us for fun and fellowship! Other summer dates include 6/28, 7/12, 7/26, 8/16, and 8/30. Fall dates coming soon!

