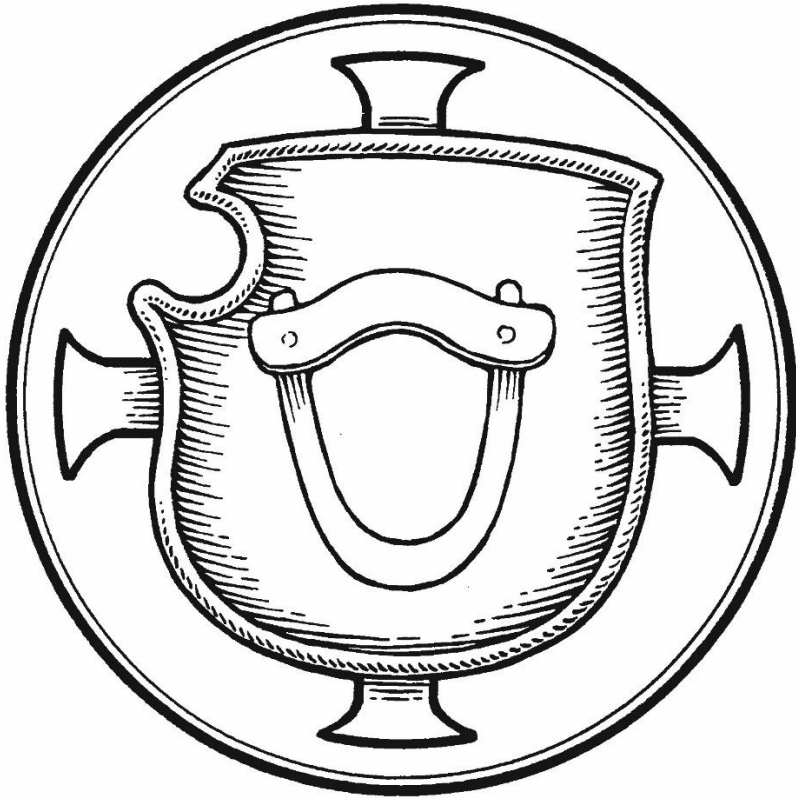


ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/
250th INDEPENDENCE DAY WEEKEND

Thursday, July 2, 2026 - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, July 5, 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

Jesus Shall Reign – Robert J. Powell

Hymn of Invocation

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Introit

Psalm 91:2-9, 10 antiphon: v. 1

P He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

P I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress,

C my God, in whom I trust."

P Because you have made the Lord your dwelling place—

C the Most High, who is my refuge—

P no evil shall be allowed to befall you,

C no plague come near your tent.

**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 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High

C will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

Old Testament Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Romans 11:33, 36

A Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

C How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

A For from him and through him and to him are all things.

C To him be glory forever. Amen.

Epistle

Romans 7:14-25a

¹⁴We know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good. ¹⁷So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, ²³but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 11:25-30

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁵At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn of the Day

699 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

Sermon

"Rest" (Matt. 11:25-30)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say – Benjamin M. Culli



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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

**504 Father Most Holy
684 Come unto Me, Ye Weary
524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds**

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Closing Hymn

965 God Bless Our Native Land

Postlude

America the Beautiful – Lee Erwin

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 Fred and Irma Witzke in celebration of their 65th wedding anniversary on July 15.

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Teggatz
Assisting Minister	Pastor Skovgaard
Organist	Richard C. Ewert
Elder	6:30 Eric Thompson; 9:00 John Wolck
Chancel Assistant	6:30 Doug Grelk; 9:00 James Drabiszczak
Usher Team	6:30 Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Trass, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner
	9:00 Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch
Altar Guild	6:30 Joan Knuteson, Sherri Bond 9:00 Diane Olson, Sue Schmalzer

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, JULY 9 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Jason Krueger

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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

SUNDAY, JULY 12 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Andrew Alles

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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

EGL in the Word (Sixth Sunday after Pentecost)

Old Testament Reading: Zechariah 9:9-12

Zechariah, one of the last books of the Old Testament, focuses on God's continuing promises of restoration to the exiles who have now returned to Jerusalem. The latter half largely focuses on future events and the eschatological reign of the Messiah. In Zechariah 9, God triumphs over the enemies of His people and processes into Jerusalem, the king's city. This king brings joy (9:9), for peace, freedom, and restoration result from His reign (9:10-12). Zechariah quotes Psalm 72 (a prayer for Solomon), seeing Solomon's prosperous reign as a type for the Messiah's reign "from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth" (Ps 72:8). This text is featured on Palm Sunday and points to Jesus as the King (see Matt 11:27).

Epistle Reading: Romans 7:14-25a

Last week, we began Romans 7 and the struggle between the goodness of God's law and the inability of sinful humanity to keep it. This text is one of the clearest teachings of the sinner-saint paradox in the New Testament. Are we sinners? Absolutely, and that shows itself in our daily struggle against the sin dwelling within us (7:14-23,25b). Are we saints? Absolutely, "through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (7:25a). That's Paul's hope in the midst of the struggle. That's our hope in the midst of the struggle as well, leading into the promise-filled chapter of Romans 8: "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (8:1).

Gospel Reading: Matthew 11:25-30

The bulk of Matthew 11 focuses on the ministries of John the Baptist and Jesus, both of whom have been increasingly rejected. The verses immediately preceding our text (11:21-24) see Jesus condemning towns he'd visited for this rejection. Here, Jesus focuses on his Father and thanks Him for infants, those who have received him, who have recognized their need and inability to save themselves, and who have come to him for rest and refreshment (as opposed to the "wise and understanding"). Those who have rejected Jesus have rejected the one who holds all authority (see Zechariah's processing "King") and is the only way to the Father. The Lord of the Sabbath (see Matthew 12:1-8) then invites the crowds to rest in him and him alone.

Reflection Questions This Week

Monday: When you need rest, who or what do you turn to? Why?

Tuesday: On Sunday, we pondered things we take rest in that can become gods, taking the place of God and our need for true Sabbath rest. Is there something in your life right now that you feel has taken God's place as a source of rest for you? Why does it appeal to you?

Wednesday: Recall your answer to yesterday's question. Is this a sinful source of rest in need of removal? Or is this a gift God has given that needs to be reordered (God first and foremost)?

Thursday: What does it look like for you to rest in Jesus outside of church? Brainstorm a few ways to incorporate or strengthen regular times to rest in Jesus this coming week.

Friday: Our world increasingly leads us to depend on ourselves and be self-sufficient, a message that leaves us oftentimes drained, exhausted, and defeated. Think of someone in your life who is disconnected from Christ and perhaps experiencing this exhaustion. How might you talk to them about Jesus and the rest He provides?

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Elm Grove Evangelical Lutheran Church Calendar

S	9:00 a.m. Divine Service 10:30 a.m. Bible Study 7:00 p.m. AA Meeting (FH)	W	10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BAAC) 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BAAC)
M	6:30 p.m. LWML (FH)	Th	6:30 p.m. Worship - Vespers
T	7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228) 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BAAC)	F	Office Closed

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **150** people that attended services last week in person and **75** households streamed the services for a total of **225**. "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

TRINITY LUTHERAN CLASSICAL UPDATE: The teaching staff and new headmaster, Melvin Beversdorf, met twice in the last week to work on the calendar, class offerings, and activities for next school year. Art History and Art Technique will be added this year. If you have a strong background, ideas, or supplies, Mr. Beversdorf would love to speak with you. Please contact him at 262-221-7885 or melvin.beversdorf@gmail.com. Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

PICKLEBALL: Our next pickleball open gym will be July 12, at 3:30 p.m. in the EGL gym (entering through the eternal youth room door). Please join us for fun and fellowship! Other summer dates include 7/26, 8/16, and 8/30. Fall dates coming soon!

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

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

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE: Wednesday, August 12, 2026, 02:00 P.M. - 06:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. One blood donation can save up to 3 lives! Every donation creates a ripple of hope. Make a lifesaving difference today—schedule your appointment: <https://sl1nk.com/jx8e6lf> or contact Rick Ewert: BloodDrive@egl.org / 262.289.9333.



LWML: The LWML missions group will be meeting on Monday, July 13 at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be working on cutting fleece for MOST Ministries Eyeglass Cases. Please bring scissors or a cutting mat and rotary cutter to this event.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Thursday, July 16 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC is the scheduled time and date for our discussion of the book, Mrs. Quinn's Rise to Fame written by Olivia Ford. She rises to fame as she is selected as a contestant in the British TV show "Britain Bakes." She is concerned about a secret from her youth that could be uncovered.

LYAL: Grab your glove, bring your appetite, and join the Lutheran Young Adults League for an afternoon of tailgating and baseball as the Milwaukee Brewers take on the Colorado Rockies on Saturday, July 25! We'll kick things off with tailgating at 4:00 PM before heading into the ballpark for first pitch at 6:10 PM. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow young adults, enjoy some food and drinks, and cheer on the Brewers together. Tickets: \$10 per person (payment required in advance) Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your spot soon. See the RSVP link. lyalbrewers.rsvpify.com for payment instructions

COLLEGE-BOUND? Often the Fourth of July marks the start of the countdown to move-in day. Before those young people pack the last box and pull out of the driveway, they need something more than a dorm checklist. They need a church home. Historically, up to 70% of college students stop attending church regularly while away at school. The pressures of a secular university academically, socially, and spiritually can be relentless, and Satan strives to be in their faces during this time. Many students face the first serious challenges to their doctrine, their ethics, and their biblical worldview with little support around them. LCMS U, the official campus ministry network of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, exists precisely for this moment. With over 200 chapters nationwide, LCMS U connects students to Word and Sacrament ministry, surrounds them with fellow Lutherans, and provides the theological "home away from home" they need to not just survive college — but thrive in faith. I invite you to take one simple step: visit <http://swd.lcms.org/campus> and complete the form.

AUGUST 8 SERVANT EVENT: Our youth group (open to junior high and high schoolers) will begin the year with a servant event on Saturday, August 8. From 9:00am-12:00pm, we'll meet at and be helping The Economy Center (a thrift store run by Lutheran Counseling & Family Services) to help them organize and prepare for a busy fall season. After that, youth and families are invited to stop by the Teggatz house a few miles away for lunch and ice cream. Please let Pastor Teggatz know if you're planning to attend or have questions!

YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY: Weekly youth group Bible study will begin on Sunday, August 9 from 10:45-11:30am in the youth room. This Bible study will be offered weekly on Sunday mornings. Pastor Teggatz will begin the year with a short-term study titled "The Gospel in Seven Words."

AUGUST 9 SWD YOUTH RESTART EVENT: The South Wisconsin District's annual ReStart youth event is happening on Sunday, August 9 from 5:30-7:30pm at Slick City Action Park in Wauwatosa (scan the QR code for more details). A parental waiver is required for any attendees (see QR code). If you're interested in attending this youth group event, please let Pastor Teggatz or Ben Ewert know by Sunday, July 26 so we can register.



LIVESTREAM HELP NEEDED: Are you interested in helping our livestream efforts 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.

