

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 9 – 9:00 a.m.

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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

O Worship the King – Benjamin M. Culli

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 34:4-8; antiphon: v.1

P I will bless the LORD at all times;

C his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

P I sought the LORD, and he answered me

C and delivered me from all my fears.

P Those who look to him are radiant,

C and their faces shall never be ashamed.

P This poor man cried, and the LORD heard him

C and saved him out of all his troubles.

P The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him,

C and delivers them.

P Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

C Blessèd is the man who takes refuge in him!

**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 I will bless the LORD at all times;

C his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

Kyrie – Collect of the Day

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Old Testament Reading

Job 38:4–18

⁴[The Lord said to Job:] “Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

⁶On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone,

⁷when the morning stars sang together

and all the sons of God shouted for joy?

⁸Or who shut in the sea with doors

when it burst out from the womb,

⁹when I made clouds its garment

and thick darkness its swaddling band,
¹⁰and prescribed limits for it
and set bars and doors,
¹¹and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stayed'?
¹²"Have you commanded the morning since your days began,
and caused the dawn to know its place,
¹³that it might take hold of the skirts of the earth,
and the wicked be shaken out of it?
¹⁴It is changed like clay under the seal,
and its features stand out like a garment.
¹⁵From the wicked their light is withheld,
and their uplifted arm is broken.
¹⁶"Have you entered into the springs of the sea,
or walked in the recesses of the deep?
¹⁷Have the gates of death been revealed to you,
or have you seen the gates of deep darkness?
¹⁸Have you comprehended the expanse of the earth?
Declare, if you know all this."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalms 34:9, 19, alt.

P Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C for those who fear him lack nothing!

P Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Epistle

Romans 10:5-17

⁵Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or "'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

¹⁴But how are they to call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?" ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:22–33

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²²Immediately [Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. ²⁵And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. ²⁶But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. ²⁷But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

²⁸And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. ³⁰But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." ³¹Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³²And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn of the Day

**717 Eternal Father, Strong to Save
(original Navy Hymn stanzas)**

Sermon

"Faith" (Matthew 14:22-33)

Prayer of the Church

Offering **Eternal Father, Strong to Save – Paul Bouman**

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

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - Agnus Dei **pp. 208-211**

Hymns During Distribution **885 I Lie, O Lord, within Your Care**
588 Jesus Loves Me
930 All You Works of God, Bless the Lord

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction **pp. 211-212**

Closing Hymn **722 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me**

Postlude **Jesus Loves Me – J. Wayne Kerr**

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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 Tom and Sue Brojanac for blessings received.

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Teggatz
Organist	Karla Bessert
Elder	Paul Haut
Chancel Assistant	Jim Olson
Usher Team	Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch
Altar Guild	Karen Clark, Luanne Schaefer

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Doug Greik

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Dan Berry

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

EGL in the Word (Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost)

Old Testament Reading: Job 38:4-18

With Job 38 begins the final section of the book, as God finally enters the fray and gives Job an answer to his questions, though perhaps not the answer Job was desiring or expecting. God answers Job's questions with questions of His own, challenging Job's knowledge here and later Job's ability to not only know of creation but maintain and rule over it. God directs Job to survey His creation and try to understand the mysteries of God's intimate and intricate design. It is worth noting that, while the creation account proper is in Genesis 1-2, the Scriptures constantly call back to it, and often in poetic fashion (these final chapters of Job are a great example). The point? Job doesn't know. Job can't know. Only God knows. Only God controls and maintains His creation. It leads Job, at the end of this longer monologue, to soberly conclude: "Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer you?" (Job 40:4).

Epistle Reading: Romans 10:5-17

Our verses from Romans are a shining example of how much the Old Testament brings to bear on the New Testament's proclamation of Jesus. Old Testament texts cited in this short section of Romans include Deuteronomy 30:11-14, Psalm 25:3, Joel 2:32, Isaiah 52:7, and Isaiah 53:1 (and keeps going after our section ends!). All these texts focus on God's Word and its relationship to faith and confession. Remember: these verses are in a larger section of Romans (ch. 9-11) focusing on the relationship between Jew and Gentile and the nature of faith. Who is saved? Those who (1) confess that Jesus is Lord (with the mouth) and (2) believe that God raised him from the dead (with the heart). That's it. That's the bar for both Jew and Greek, for "the same Lord is the Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him" (10:12). How does that faith and confession come about? Through the proclaimed Word (10:14-17). And that Word is not far off. You don't have to go searching far and wide. It is here in this place, read and proclaimed, heard and taken to heart, "received and shared," as our mission statement puts it!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus' disciples have been following Jesus for a while at this point. And yet, they still don't fully understand who it is they're following. Last week, we saw their difference of perspective as regards the hungry crowds (and their amazement at Jesus' above and beyond provision for them!). This week, we see another moment of revelation for Jesus' disciples. While they go ahead of him across the Sea of Galilee, Jesus prays to his Father. Jesus, as the God who alone creates and controls creation (see Job 38 above), walks on the water. The disciples think it's a ghost and are terrified. Jesus comforts. Peter doubts. Jesus invites Peter out. Peter sinks. Jesus saves. And, the result of this rhythm of power and terror, faith and doubt, is worship: "Truly you are the Son of God" (14:33). Jesus reveals himself to them and to us as God's Son, both in his majestic power walking on the water and in his condescending grace

as he reaches down to seek and save those of little faith, who cannot do it on their own. This confession will be given more flesh and bones as Matthew's gospel continues, for Jesus will supply the true nature of his mission: death and resurrection (see Matt 16:13-28). And it is this confession of who Jesus is and what he has done (see Romans 10 above) that saves us.

Questions for Reflection This Week

Monday: When you think of examples of faith in the Bible, who or what comes to mind? Why?

Tuesday: We pondered how our gospel reading of Jesus walking on the water can so easily become a focus on Peter and his waxing/waning faith. Especially whenever you read the gospels, enter into them with a primary focus on what Jesus is saying, doing, and revealing about himself (before turning your attention to others).

Wednesday: Have you ever felt like you didn't have enough faith? What made you feel that way?

Thursday: Jesus' faithfulness is our foundation, not our performance. Read 2 Timothy 2:11-13. Paul writes this to a young pastor, encouraging him to trust in God's work through His Word. Notice the difference here between denial and faithlessness/doubt. They're not the same thing. Jesus rescues Peter in his little faith because "he remains faithful- for he cannot deny himself."

Friday: One primary way we can express our faith is by simply receiving the Lord's gifts. This includes regular attendance in worship, to be sure, but it also includes study of the Word and the intentional gathering of the body of Christ in fellowship and life together. If you haven't found a way to plug into EGL outside of weekly worship, consider as a family how you can do so.

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"Our Life Together"

Acts 2:42

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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WEEK OF AUGUST 9

- S 9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Fellowship
10:45 a.m. Youth Bible Study (YR)
7:00 p.m. AA (FH)
- M 7:00 p.m. Bd of Directors (228)
- T 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BC)
6:30 p.m. Visitation Team (228)
- W 12:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Versiti Blood Drive (FH)
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BC)
- Th 6:30 p.m. Worship
- F Office closed
- S 5:30 p.m. BINGO (FH)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 7:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.
(call first)

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **135** people that attended services last week in person and **76** households streamed the services for a total of **211**. "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." Heb.10:24-25

YOUTH GROUP BIBLE STUDY: Weekly youth group Bible study will begin TODAY, August 9 from 10:45-11:30 a.m. 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."

ACCOUNTING-FINANCE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Board of Directors has asked me to put together a team of 2-3 individuals with accounting or finance experience to do an internal review of EGL's finances for the year that ended June 30. Experience with audit

practices, financial oversight, internal controls and governance are helpful. Contact Sue Wilcox, EGL Comptroller, at suew14237@gmail.com or 262-444-3875.

ALTAR FLOWERS: Thank you all for your generosity! We have flowers through the end of the year – and then some! Several donors have provided funds to use whenever someone has not reserved a date for a special reason for which we are very thankful. If you have a special reason – birthday, anniversary, memorial – to request altar flowers, don't hesitate to call the office (262-797-2970) and we will do our best to honor your request!

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!

PICNIC IN THE GLEN: Save the date! On Sunday, Sept. 13 we will "Picnic in the Glen" following the indoor worship service. The main dish will be provided. Plan to bring a dish to share. Sign-up will be available soon. Stay tuned for more details!

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE: Wednesday, Aug. 12, 2026, 2:00 p.m.-6:30 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.



BINGO: Mark your calendar! EGL is having a Bingo Night on Saturday, August 15 with food, fun and prizes. Dinner at 5:30 in the Fellowship Hall with games to follow. Please watch for Signup Genius online or signup sheet in the back of the church. Hope to see you there!

PICKLEBALL: Please join us for our fall slate of eight dates for pickleball open gym! We'll gather in the gym at 3:30 p.m. on August (16, 30); September (20); October (4, 18); November (8, 22); and December (6). Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend, play, and/or watch to enjoy some fellowship and see what pickleball is all about.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC. The book to be discussed is The Miracle Among Us – How God's Grace Plays a Role in Healing written by Dr. Marc Siegel. Cases of patients that have recovered and survived are explored where science and the medical teams cannot explain. Dr. Siegel points to God who is healing as faithful believers pray to Him. We look forward to an interesting discussion. We welcome new members.

YOUTH GROUP: Our next youth group event this year will be a back-to-school bonfire on Sunday, August 23 from 6-8 p.m. in Waukesha. Matt & Amy Stroh have graciously offered to host this bonfire (address will be provided via email/in person). Join us for an evening of fun and fellowship!

LYAL: Come join the Lutheran Young Adult League on Saturday, August 22 for a fun and relaxing evening at the beer garden! Whether you're looking to reconnect with friends or meet fellow young Lutherans for the first time, this is the perfect opportunity to enjoy good conversation, great company, and a beautiful summer evening. We will provide pizza and there will be drinks for purchase. Feel free to bring a board game if you'd like! We'll meet at 4:00 p.m. at the Tributary Beer Garden, 511 Kiwanis Park Rd, Sheboygan, WI 53081.
RSVP: beergarden.rsvpify.com

LWML FALL RETREAT: September 25-26 are the dates for the LWML Fall Retreat to be held at the Holiday Inn in Manitowoc. Deadline for making reservations at the LWML rate of \$100 per room is August 26. Call Holiday Inn at 920-682-6000.

KNITTERS WANTED: LWML is in the process of knitting newborn baby hats for the Manitowoc County Pregnancy Center. Patterns and yarn are at the back of the church. Hats are due by September 24. Please sign the sheet so we know who has a bag. Thank you, Linda Hoffmann

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES: We will be packing these boxes in October. Your help in gathering the items needed (many are on sale now) would be greatly appreciated. New items for boys and girls ages 2 to 14 include school supplies (pencils, crayons, folders, etc.); hygiene needs (toothbrushes, washcloths, combs); and small toys, stuffed animals, games, etc. Please place items in the bin near the LWML bulletin board in the lower entrance. Any questions please call Carole Braun at 262-781-1494. Thank you!

THRIVENT CHOICE OPPORTUNITY: Did you know? Everyone who has a Thrivent Policy now gets \$25 to donate to a charity of their choice (not just certain policies anymore). If you haven't designated your funds, please consider donating them to Trinity Lutheran Classical High School. Funds will be used to cover general operating expenses first, then to fund certain enrichment activities such as field trips to theater and the arts, supplies for the winter drama, art supplies, and more. Thanks in advance for your support!

FROM TLCHS HEADMASTER MELVIN BEVERSDORF: For this coming year, I plan on working with the teachers and the leadership team/board of directors to review our strategies for marketing and outreach. I have plans to connect to a local homeschool group during our break after lunch on Tuesdays to build Christian connections and community. I am open to working with any homeschoolers that you may know if they want to connect to Trinity and what we have to offer in some form or capacity. This year, due to size, we will be a ONE House team with reward incentives scheduled to help balance out the rigor and effort that the students put forth every day. We have some dress up days and service projects identified. Furthermore, we will try quarterly CLUB days where teachers and volunteers/special guests can complement our learning with special talents and activities. This is where the Motor (Automobile) Club, Woodworking Club, Drama Club, Sports Club, (insert YOUR idea here) may find its place in our school year. Please contact me at 262-221-7885 (cell) or head@trinitylutheranclassical.org if you have a CLUB or SERVICE idea/interest to share.

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