

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

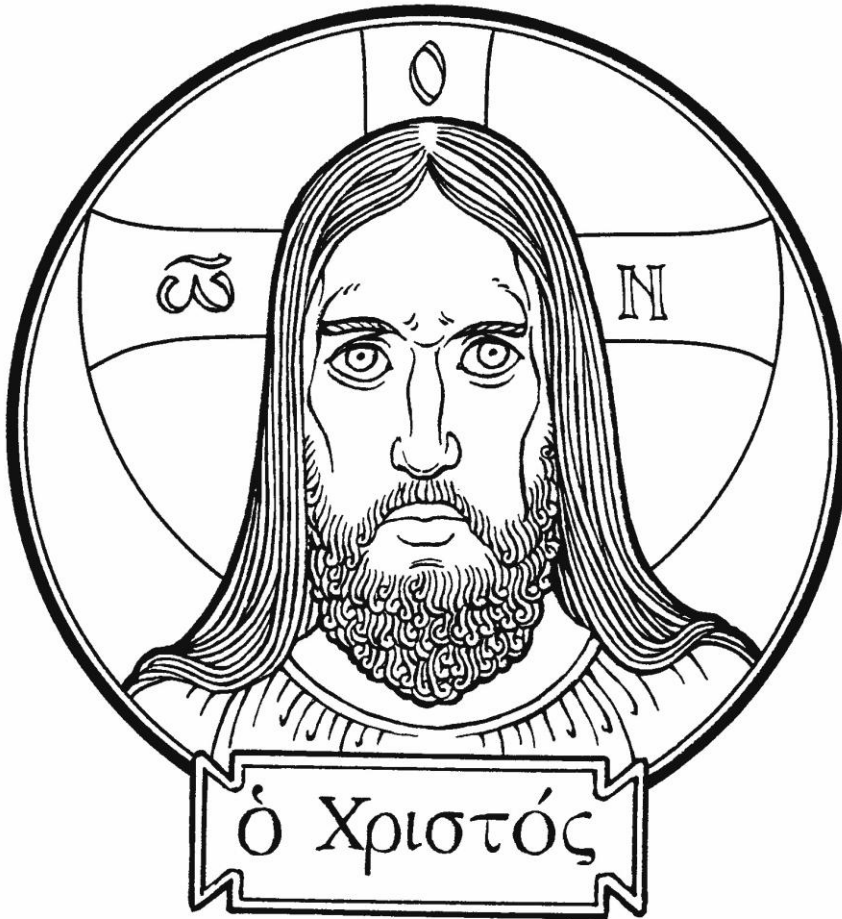
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13TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 23 – 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.



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Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Christ, Our Human Likeness Sharing – Walter L. Pelz

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Ps. 2:6-7; 117; antiphon: Ps. 115:18

P But we will bless the LORD

C from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

P As for me, I have set my King

C on Zion, my holy hill.

P I will tell of the decree:

C The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you."

P Praise the LORD, all nations!

C Extol him, all peoples!

P For great is his steadfast love toward us,

C and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

**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 But we will bless the LORD

C from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the LORD!

Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:1–6

¹Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness,
you who seek the LORD:

look to the rock from which you were hewn,
and to the quarry from which you were dug.

²Look to Abraham your father
and to Sarah who bore you;
for he was but one when I called him,
that I might bless him and multiply him.

³For the LORD comforts Zion;
he comforts all her waste places
and makes her wilderness like Eden,
her desert like the garden of the LORD;
joy and gladness will be found in her,
thanksgiving and the voice of song.

⁴"Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.
⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.
⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed."

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 11:33-12:8

³³Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

³⁴"For who has known the mind of the Lord,
or who has been his counselor?"

³⁵"Or who has given a gift to him
that he might be repaid?"

³⁶For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ²Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure

of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, ⁵so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another. ⁶Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; ⁷if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; ⁸the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:13–21

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" ¹⁴And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." ¹⁵He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" ¹⁶Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." ¹⁷And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. ¹⁸And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. ¹⁹I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." ²⁰Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

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Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

"The Arm of the LORD" (Isaiah 51:1-6)

Prayer of the Church

Offering

Meditation on "Christ Our Human Likeness Sharing – Matthew Machemer

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

Offering Response

P It is the Lord who blesses the work of our hands;
therefore, we give to Him our thankfulness in our offering this day.

C Our offerings are given in the conviction that all we have, and all we are,
come from God. With gratitude, we return a portion of what is already His
to Him as an act of thanksgiving.

Service of the Sacrament

Preface - Agnus Dei

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Hymns During Distribution

**913 O Holy Spirit, Enter In
783 Take My Life and Let It Be
730 What Is the World to Me**

Nunc Dimittis - Benediction

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Closing Hymn

575 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Postlude

Built on a Rock – Paul Manz

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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 Sue Wilcox in celebration of her daughter Christine's engagement to Aaron Wentzel.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister
Organist
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team

Altar Guild

Pastor Teggatz
Pastor Skovgaard
Christal Hopfensperger
Jason Krueger
Mark Ewert

Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner,
Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner
Nancy Ewert, Carol Ewert

SERVING NEXT WEEK **THURSDAY, AUGUST 27 (6:30 P.M.)**

ELDER: Jason Krueger
CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Dan Berry
USHER TEAM 4: Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Peter Holzwart,
Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch

SUNDAY, AUGUST 30 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Andrew Alles
CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo
TEAM 5: Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, John Schaefer

EGL in the Word (Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

The two big themes of Isaiah 40-55 are the supremacy of God (and, by contrast, the foolishness of idolatry) and the delivering work of God's Servant. Both of those themes are touched on in these verses and accented by the commands to "listen...look...look...give attention...give ear...lift up your eyes." God's people, stuck in exile in Babylon, are to look to the God who blessed and multiplied Abraham and Sarah, likened to lifeless rocks, in the past, and to expect God to continue this life-giving work for them! He makes waste places and wildernesses places of fruitfulness and paradise (51:3). He sends forth his righteousness and justice, his arm and his salvation (51:4-6), verses that strongly resemble Isaiah's first Servant Song (see Isa 42:1-9). God's life-giving, delivering work in the past will now be performed for His exiled people in Babylon and will ultimately be performed through His Servant for Israel and for all nations (51:5).

Epistle Reading: Romans 11:33-12:8

Romans 11 wraps up the discussion of election in Romans 9-11 and leads us into the third section of Paul's letter to the Romans, answering the question: "What now?" We've been saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ alone (see Rom 1-8). We take comfort in our election and commend

all the details of this mystery to God (see Rom 9-11). And now, what do we do? In short, we remain humble and serve. Paul calls us to be “living sacrifices” (12:1). The sacrifice for salvation has been offered once for all in Jesus Christ. Our role as “living sacrifices” is in service to our neighbor. Paul calls us to humility (12:3) and, more specifically, humble service to our neighbor according to the gifts God has given us (12:4-8).

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:13-21

This moment in Matthew’s gospel is where Jerusalem and the cross come into focus. Jesus finally asks the big question: “But who do you say that I am?” (16:15). Peter finally makes the big confession: “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (16:16). And this confession, this rock, will not be prevailed against even by the gates of hell! (16:18). Jesus also bestows on Peter and the disciples what we call the “Office of the Keys,” namely, the ability to absolve sins in Jesus’ name, an office the pastor exercises publicly and the Christian exercises privately in the various vocations God has given them, an office made possible through Christ’s redemptive work. At the end, Jesus reveals to his disciples what it truly means for him to be the Christ, predicting his suffering, death, and resurrection for the first time (first of three). As God has redeemed and delivered His people in the past (see Isa 51), so He will ultimately do so in His beloved Son and Servant.

Questions for Reflection This Week

Monday: Have a conversation around the dinner table tonight. When you see a cross, either at home, in a church, or elsewhere, what comes to mind? Why?

Tuesday: What do we use our arms for? How do this help us visualize and understand the delivering work of God through His arm, Jesus Christ?

Wednesday: Take a moment to read Isaiah’s first Servant Song, Isaiah 42:1-9. What connections do you see between this and Isaiah 51:4-6? Notice how Isaiah is overlapping his imagery to reinforce what God’s Servant is coming to do.

Thursday: Read Isaiah 46:3-4. This is God’s promise to all His delivered people. He doesn’t just redeem us and then drop us off, never to bother us again! He upholds, carries, and bears us home. His outstretched arm in Christ continues to deliver and sustain us unto eternal life.

Friday: Take some time as a family to read through the Second Article of the Creed and its explanation. Notice the different verbs Luther uses to describe the work of Jesus. Does any particular action resonate with you? Why?

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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 23

- S 9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Bible Study (Nave)
10:45 a.m. Youth Bible Study (YR)
7:00 p.m. AA (FH)
- M 8:00 a.m. TLCHS Opening Chapel
7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)
- T 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (228)
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study (BC)
- W 1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BC)
6:30 p.m. Elders (228)
- Th 6:30 p.m. Divine Service
- F Office closed

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **148** people that attended services last week in person and **35** households streamed the services for a total of **183**. "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: We meet in the Youth Room at 10:45. We are studying "The Gospel in Seven Words" with Pastor Teggatz.

NEW OFFICE HOURS: We welcome Beth Boehringer as our new Business Manager. The office hours will be Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Stop in to introduce yourself and welcome Beth to our staff!

SPECIAL ELDER-LED SERVICE AUG 30: The fifth Sunday in August is the 30th. Our recent

practice has been to offer a non-Communion service, usually Matins, on these occasions. This month will be an Elder-led service. This is not an attempt to frustrate you but rather to run a drill on something we hope never happens -- the absence of both your pastors, and when a fill-in cannot be found. Your pastors will be present on that Sunday, but a volunteer Elder will lead the congregation with a prepared sermon. The readings and hymns will be the same as if there were no change. The rationale behind this drill is, let's do this exercise when there's no pressure to figure things out in a crisis.

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!

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.

YOUNG FAMILY BIBLE STUDY: Please join us for our first young family Bible study on Saturday, September 5 from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in the church library. This group is designed for engaged and married couples, as well as parents of preschool and elementary-aged children, for fellowship and intentional time in the Word of God. Please talk to Pastor or Rachel Teggatz with any questions.

WISCONSIN MEMORIAL CEMETERY: A grave plot at Wisconsin Memorial Cemetery was purchased a few years ago but is no longer needed because the man is moving out of the area. If you or someone you know would like more details on this offer to purchase a plot, please connect with Pr Sam Lee at 414-979-5503. The seller is prepared to offer the plot at a steep discount in comparison with the fair market value.

7 CHURCHES OF THE APOCALYPSE: The Tuesday 7:00 a.m. men's Bible study has recently started up a new study, this time of St John's Revelation. We're currently in chapters 2 and 3 as we read about Christ's letters to the pastors and 7 congregations committed to their care. The men of EGL are warmly invited to attend, even if this is your first time joining the group.

"NOTHING IN THE GLEN" EVENT: On Sunday, Sept. 13, we will enjoy the newly named "End of Summer Barbeque." We'll eat in the Fellowship Hall around 11:30 a.m. following the 10:00 a.m. indoor worship service with communion. (Note the time change for the worship service!) No Bible Study. The main dish will be provided. Plan to bring a dish to share. Sign-up will be available soon.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRE-K4-6TH GRADES: Mark your calendars for September 20 for the start of learning the Word in Sunday School. We will begin with the great prophet, Elijah. We meet in the lower hallway, Room 128 at 10:30 a.m. Teachers or helpers are needed! Contact Linda Hoffmann for details at 262-786-1203.

PICKLEBALL: Add our future dates to your calendar: August 30, September 20, October 4 & 18, November 8 & 22, and December 6 from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend, play, and/or watch to enjoy some fellowship and see what pickleball is all about.

LADIES PM STUDY: What is God calling me to do? What is the *one thing* I was born to do? Am I truly living out my calling? The truth is that there isn't just *one thing* you are meant to do. God calls you to *many* things throughout the ages and stages of life. Whether you are a recent graduate, settled into a stable job, or retired, all of us can experience seasons of feeling stuck. God's Word speaks truth about how we are meant to live and what we are called to do.

Please join the Ladies PM Bible Study as we take up the five part study of "Callings for Life: God's Plan, Your Purpose" by Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Leininger starting on Wednesday September 23, 2026 and meeting every other week through November 18, 2026, 5:30-6:45 p.m., in the BAAC. The book is available from several sources including Concordia Publishing House. Contact Laura Traas with questions at 414-380-0171 or traaslm@sbcglobal.net.

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!

FROM TLCHS HEADMASTER MELVIN BEVERSDORF: Thank you to all who spoke to me and listened to my presentation on the high school last Sunday. I left some information in the back of church if you'd like. We start school on Monday, August 24, and you are invited to attend our opening chapel at 8:00 a.m. Thank you for your prayers and your continued support and encouragement. We look forward to a great year! Questions - contact me at the School office phone 262-289-8267 (text ok) or head@trinitylutheranclassical.org.

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!

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