

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, September 17 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 20 – 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

Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ – Thomas E. Lock

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 116:12–13, 15–16; antiphon: v. 17

P I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

C and call on the name of the LORD.

P What shall I render to the LORD

C for all his benefits to me?

P I will lift up the cup of salvation

C and call on the name of the LORD.

P Precious in the sight of the LORD

C is the death of his saints.

P O LORD, I am your servant;

C I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.

**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 offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving

C and call on the name of the LORD.

Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:6–9

⁶Seek the LORD while he may be found;
call upon him while he is near;

⁷let the wicked forsake his way,
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.

⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 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

Philippians 1:12-30

¹²I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, ¹³so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. ¹⁴And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

¹⁵Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. ¹⁶The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. ¹⁷The former proclaim Christ out of rivalry, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. ¹⁸What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

Yes, and I will rejoice, ¹⁹for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, ²⁰as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. ²¹For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. ²²If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. ²³I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. ²⁴But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. ²⁵Convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith, ²⁶so that in me you may have ample cause to glory in Christ Jesus, because of my coming to you again.

²⁷Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, ²⁸and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. ²⁹For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, ³⁰engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel**Matthew 20:1–16**

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹[Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. ³And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, ⁴and to them he said, 'You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.' ⁵So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. ⁶And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, 'Why do you stand here idle all day?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You go into the vineyard too.' ⁸And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Call the laborers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.' ⁹And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. ¹⁰Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. ¹¹And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, ¹²saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?' ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first last."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day**826 Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying****Sermon****"The Eleventh Hour" (Matthew 20:1-16)****Nicene Creed****p. 174****Prayer of the Church****Offering****Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying – Kevin Hildebrand****Offertory****p. 176**

Service of the Sacrament

Preface -Agnus Dei

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Hymns During Distribution

**557 Seek Where You May to Find a Way
612 As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly Have Wandered
747 No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone**

Post-Communion Cantic-Benediction

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(Cantic: Thank the Lord)

Hymn to Depart

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Postlude

The Saints in Christ Are One in Every Place – Benjamin M. Culli

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ALTAR PARAMETERS: 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: Today's altar flowers are given by Joanne Carstens in thanksgiving to God for another year of life.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Organist

Elder

Chancel Assistant

Usher Team

Altar Guild

Pastor Teggatz

Richard C. Ewert

6:30 John Wolck; 9:00 Jason Krueger

6:30 Mattias Goldenstein; 9:00 Mark Ewert

6:30 Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Jim Olson, Diane Olson, John Schaefer

9:00 Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard,

Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek

6:30 Julie Leaf, Meg Grelk; 9:00 Luanne Schaefer, Carol Ewert

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Paul Haut

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Kirk Midtbo

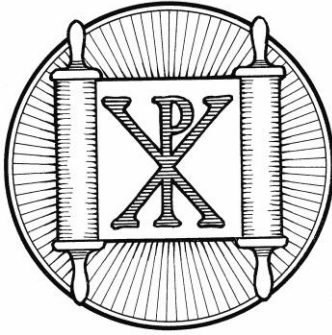
TEAM 2: Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke,
Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Andrew Alles

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Doug Grelk

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



EGL in the Word (17th Sunday After Pentecost)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9 Isaiah 55 wraps up the middle section of Isaiah's book (40-55) which focuses on the Servant of Yahweh and the work he is called to do to save Israel. Isaiah 55 wraps the section up, capturing the good news for us as a result of the Servant's work. Isaiah 55:1-5 paints the picture of a feast hosted by the LORD, where we are invited, free of charge. Isaiah 55:6-9 encourages God's people to seek the LORD now that salvation has been accomplished, salvation that defies the thoughts and ways of the world. And, Isaiah 55:10-13 points to the certainty

of all this coming to pass. This salvation doesn't make sense. It's not fair. And it's the best news possible for God's people, just like our parable today!

How do you seek God in the midst of things you don't understand? Read Isaiah 55 as a whole sometime this week and notice how even in the uncertain times, God's invitation to us remains.

Epistle Reading: Philippians 1:12-30 Paul shows us vividly what it means to live as if we are "last" in Philippians. He writes this letter in prison and prays that his suffering would inspire and encourage the church in Philippi (see 1:3-11), sees how his testimony has impacted those imprisoning him and those reluctant to speak the truth (1:12-18), and uses the moment to build his brothers and sisters in Christ in the faith, especially in times of suffering and cross-bearing (1:19-30). In verse 12, Paul remarks that "what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel." Even as he is last, Paul knows that he is first in the kingdom of heaven, a kingdom that is truly upside-down.

How can you live as if you are the "last" this week? Think of one person you can serve.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 20:1-16 There are many expectations about the kingdom of God that Jesus will encounter during his earthly ministry. For most, the Messiah's coming meant the end of Rome and worldly prestige and prosperity. This necessitates Jesus' corrective teaching, particularly in the way he tells parables. Right before our text, Peter and the other disciples worry about wealth and what they'll get in return for everything they've sacrificed. And shortly after our text, James and John (through their mother) ask for thrones of power at Jesus' right and left hands. While the parables of Jesus have many different functions, one is to upend these kingdom expectations and show how upside-down the kingdom of God is, especially compared with how the world works and thinks. The last are first. All are called into the vineyard by grace alone. The economy and rankings of the world don't apply. This kingdom doesn't make sense. It's not fair. And it's the best news possible for God's people.

The eleventh hour doesn't scare Jesus off; he continues pursuing. Think of one person in your life who is disconnected from Christ. Pray for them this week. What is one way you can welcome them into the vineyard?

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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 SEPT. 20

- S 9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Youth Bible Study
3:30 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)
7:00 p.m. AA (FH)
- M 5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
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 (FL)
5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
- W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BC)
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BC)
5:30 p.m. Ladies Bible Study (BC)
7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
- Th 6:30 p.m. Worship Service
- F Happy Friday!

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **134** people that attended services last week in person and **81** households streamed the services for a total of **215**. "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 BIBLE STUDY: Join us every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. in the youth room as we begin a new topic for youth Bible study: "Themes of the Bible." This study is for middle and high schoolers. We hope to see you there!

EXULTATE SINGERS: You are invited to sing with the Exultate Singers, our congregation's adult vocal choir. You do not have to be a soloist to sing in the choir. The main function of a chorus singer is to blend in, not stand out. Fullness of voice is not really a requirement. Rehearsals are Wednesdays 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Music Center. We sing for Sunday worship twice a month. For more information contact Rick Ewert: REwert@egl.org.

INTRADA RINGERS: We need more people to ring handbells. Do you sit in amazement while listening to the handbell choir ring bells at worship wondering, "Can I do this?" You are invited to try ringing handbells with the Intrada Ringers. Please join our rehearsal/practice on a Tuesday evening 5:00-6:00 p.m. in the Music Center. Contact Rick Ewert REwert@egl.org / 262-289-9333.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRE-K4-6TH GRADES: Sunday School starts today! Come join us for the exciting stories of Elijah in lower hallway, Room 152, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

REGULAR WEEKLY ADULT BIBLE STUDIES: Sunday mornings after worship in the nave we are reading through the Pastoral Epistles of 1 & 2 Timothy and Titus. Tuesday mornings at 7:00 a.m. in the conference room the men of EGL are studying the book of Revelation. Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m. in the Bartelt Center the ladies of EGL are working their way through the story of the Bible through the lens of various people we meet along the way. Wednesday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in the Bartelt Center this co-ed study is in the middle of St Paul's magnum opus -- the epistle to the Romans.

PICKLEBALL: We play TODAY! Join us in the gym from 3:30-5:00 p.m. Please enter through the external Youth Room door. Add our future dates to your calendar: October 4 & 18, November 8 & 22, and December 6 from 3:30-5:00 p.m.

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!

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 traaslm112@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.

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

OCTOBER STAMMTISCH!! TWO FOR ONE!! Guys! Fall's here!! "Kick" back with us on Thursday, October 15, from 7:30-9:00ish p.m. for great libation and lively conversation...in a relaxed, fun informal atmosphere. Join us at the EGL Bartelt Center (BAAC) It's BYOB, so bring your favorite or "off-the-wall" fall beverage, snacks to share (and a friend?!).

Also, due to the positive response we had last August, we will host our 2nd Annual EGL Fall Brewing Social on Saturday, October 10, from 10 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. We'll set up at CLC/CLC Garage that morning. Feel free to drop in or out when you can; there will be a picnic lunch at 11:30. Help out with the brewing or just watch and learn. Any questions? Contact Bruce Bessert at 414-526-8430 or bruce.bessert@gmail.com.

HOW ARE PASTORS MADE: Have questions about how the LCMS is forming faithful pastors to meet the current and future demands of the holy ministry? Come and talk to the LCMS Pastoral Formation Committee, which includes the two seminary presidents, at the Listening Session hosted at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Arlington Heights, Ill., on Saturday, Nov. 14, 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE: We are almost through Week 4 of the new school year at Trinity Lutheran Classical High School! Students are diving deep into our Christian Faith, talking about Democracy in America, and learning about our American Government and monuments. The upper level students are embracing Calculus, learning some personal finance skills, practicing their rhetoric and preparing for debate. In art, we sketched some of the property trees as we are beginning with a walk through nature. Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we navigate our path forward. We have been extremely blessed by your gracious hands in prayer and generosity. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. If you have questions, please contact Melvin Beversdorf via phone 262-289-8267 or email head@trinitylutheranclassical.org.

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