

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

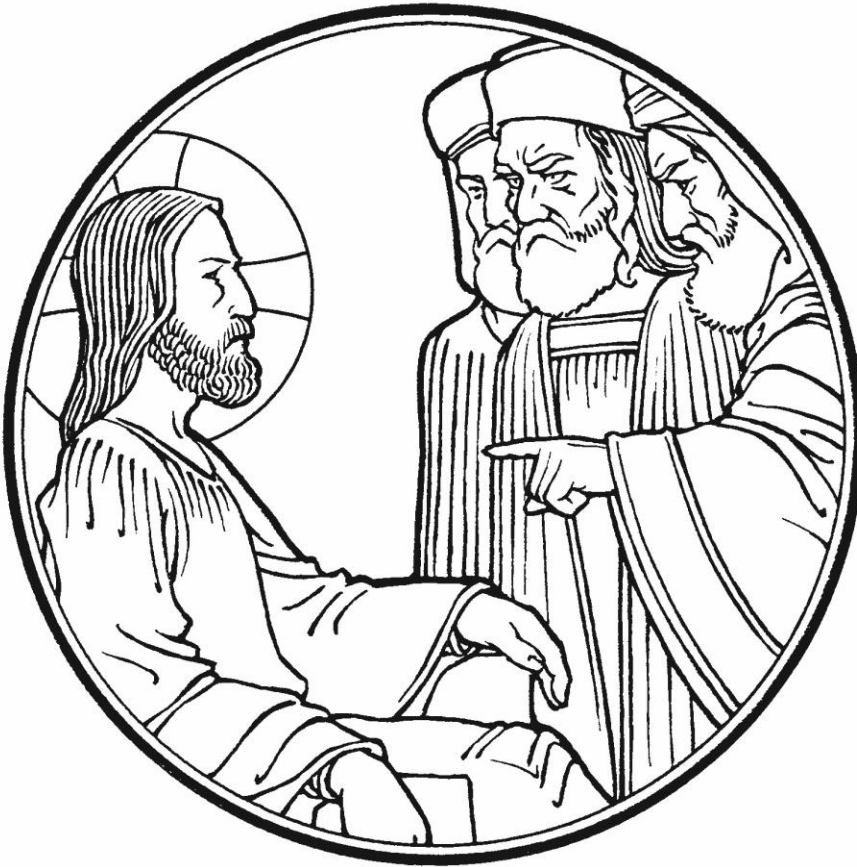
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18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, September 27 – 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

When Morning Gilds the Skies – Benjamin M. Culli

Hymn of Invocation

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Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Psalm 147:1–5; antiphon: v. 6

L The LORD lifts up the humble;

C he casts the wicked to the ground.

L Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God;

C for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

L The LORD builds up Jerusalem;

C he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

L He heals the brokenhearted

C and binds up their wounds.

L He determines the number of the stars;

C he gives to all of them their names.

L Great is our Lord, and abundant in power;

C his understanding is beyond measure.

**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.**

L The LORD lifts up the humble;

C he casts the wicked to the ground.

Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast)

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32

¹The word of the LORD came to me: ²“What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, ‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’ ³As I live, declares the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. . . .

²⁵“Yet you say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are not just? ²⁶When a righteous person turns away from his righteousness and does injustice, he shall die for it; for the injustice that he has done he shall die. ²⁷Again, when a wicked person turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is just and right, he shall save his life. ²⁸Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions that he had committed, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²⁹Yet

the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is not just.' O house of Israel, are my ways not just? Is it not your ways that are not just?

³⁰"Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, declares the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions, lest iniquity be your ruin. ³¹Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed, and make yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³²For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, declares the Lord GOD; so turn, and live."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Gradual

Psalm 91:11; 103:1

P He will command his angels concerning you

C to guard you in all your ways.

P Bless the LORD, O my soul,

C and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Epistle

Philippians 2:1–4, 14–18

¹If there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ²complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³Do nothing from rivalry or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. . . .

¹⁴Do all things without grumbling or questioning, ¹⁵that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, ¹⁶holding fast to the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. ¹⁷Even if I am to be poured out as a drink offering upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. ¹⁸Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23–32

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-first chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

²³When [Jesus] entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" ²⁴Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵The

baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' ²⁶But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." ²⁷So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.

²⁸"What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' ²⁹And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. ³⁰And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. ³¹Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. ³²For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

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Sermon

"Repent on Repeat" (Matthew 21:23-32)

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Postlude

Lord, Whose Love through Humble Service – Dale Wood

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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: Today's altar flowers are given by Heidi Anderson in memory of family and in thanksgiving to God for 25 years of marriage.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Organist

Elder

Chancel Assistant

Usher Team

Altar Guild

Pastor Teggatz

Karla Bessert

Andrew Alles

Doug Grelk

Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner,

Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner

Karen Clark, Shelly Skovgaard

SERVING NEXT WEEK

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Doug Grelk

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: James Drabiszczak

TEAM 4: Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Peter Holzwart,

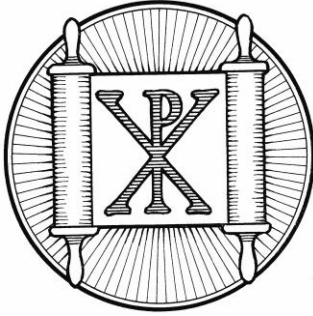
Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Bruce Bessert

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Jim Olson

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



EGL in the Word (Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost)

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32 In this section of Ezekiel, God confronts a proverb and, behind that proverb, a mindset His people are wrestling with: "The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge" (18:2). In other words, this generation in exile for their faithlessness is blaming their current circumstances on their fathers and previous generations. They sinned and we get the fallout of all that! Through Ezekiel, God corrects that mistaken mindset: "...the soul

who sins shall die" (18:4). Did the previous generation forsake the LORD and sin? Absolutely. Does that exempt this generation from their own sins and the just punishment of those sins? Absolutely not. Thus, our verses end with a call to repentance. We see both God's justice and God's love here: "I have no pleasure in the death of anyone...so turn, and live" (18:32). We do well to remember this as we hear Jesus confront and condemn the religious leaders (Matt 21 below).

- What does it mean to "repent?" Why is repentance important in the Christian life?

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-4, 14-18 Last week, we read the majority of Philippians 1, pondering Paul's imprisonment and how, in his perspective, it's actually advanced the mission of the gospel! In this light, then, Paul moves into proclaiming Christ and encouraging the Philippians to persevere in love, unity, and joy, even and especially when they are persecuted. They are to have the same mind, heart, and mission, and they do so by looking to the interests and needs of others before their own (2:3-4). In the verses missing (2:5-13), we see the prime example of such living in Jesus himself and his willingness to humble himself to the point of death on a cross for the sake of others. Such should be the mindset and mission of those who reflect His light to the world (2:14-18).

- Take a minute this week to read Philippians 2:5-11. Most argue this served as a hymn for the early Church. With these verses in mind, how did Jesus adopt the mindset of counting others before himself?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21:23-32 Last week, we had a vineyard parable. This week, we have a vineyard parable. And next week? Another vineyard parable. Jesus talks a lot about vineyards because the vineyard serves as an image of God's kingdom in both Testaments. Last week, we saw groups of workers recruited throughout the day to work in the vineyard. This week, it gets more personal. A father calls his two sons to work in the vineyard. One shames his father by rejecting his command but later repents. The other shames his father by feigning obedience while never actually working. And neither of these sons are as bad as the religious leaders Jesus is talking to, who are supposed to be honorable sons of the kingdom, but have rejected John and Jesus at every turn. His call to them here? Repent. Just as God called out His people in Ezekiel's time and now here, so God in His love calls His people of every time and place to live lives of repentance and faith.

- As we talked about in the sermon this week, one way to live a life of repentance is to simply be in the Word, for this Word is no ordinary human word. Read Hebrews 4:12. What does this verse tell us about the function of God's Word as it pertains to repentance and faith?

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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.

THE WEEKLY NEWSLETTER OF ELM GROVE LUTHERAN

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WEEK OF SEPT. 27

- S 9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Youth Bible Study
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)
5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
- W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BC)
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (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 **138** people that attended services last week in person and **85** households streamed the services for a total of **223**. "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!

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

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY THIS TUESDAY: Please note – Due to the Pastors being away this Tuesday, the 10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study will not meet on September 29.

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.

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!

FROM APOLLO TO ARTEMIS: Hosted by Concordia University Wisconsin's National Security and Space Center, on Tuesday, September 29, Buckley Brinkman will be presenting a lecture about "The Changing Mindset of Space Exploration." The event will start at 4:00 p.m. in the CCES Building. A reception with light refreshments begins at 5:00 p.m.

37TH ANNUAL MILWAUKEE AREA LIFECHAIN: On Sunday, October 4, from 2:00 – 3:30 p.m., please join your fellow EGL members as we prayerfully stand in support of the unborn. Young and old alike can participate by standing or sitting holding pro-life signs that will be provided. Our location is near the northeast corner of Pilgram and Bluemound. Meet in the parking lot of North Shore Bank at 1:50 p.m. Please contact Sue Schmalzer at 414-313-3888 with questions.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Plan to attend the October 15 discussion on the book, **Theo of Golden**, written by Allen Levi beginning at 9:30 a.m. in the BAAC. This is a heartwarming story of Theo moving to the town of Golden and making a huge impact on the community.

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 10:00 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.

ANOTHER SPRINKLE OF LOVE: The Teggatzes are preparing for a new bundle of joy! Please join us for a **BABY SHOWER** celebration on **Sunday, November 1 at 11:30 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall (after the Bible study hour). All of EGL is invited to attend to enjoy a light luncheon and fellowship, so be on the lookout for a sign-up sheet in the weeks to come! They are registered at Target. If you would like to contribute to a surprise group gift or have questions, please reach out to Shelly Skovgaard or Sue Schmalzer.

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.

PICKLEBALL: Add our future dates to your calendar: October 4 & 18, November 8 & 22, and December 6 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

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. – 12:00 p.m.

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.

TRINITY LUTHERAN CLASSICAL HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE: In reviewing some of the student work from the opening days of school, I ran across some responses to this prompt: *One word to describe how I feel about this year...* One gentleman wrote "Free" and one of our young ladies wrote "Unprepared but ultimately blessed." These ideas are meaningful as we've had an interesting start to the year. As we sing together God's words in chapel, we know we are free by faith in Jesus Christ of all earthly troubles and have a secure eternity with God. I have to admit I was unprepared for some of the twists and turns of these first few weeks, but through it all, God has not forsaken us. We have courage and diligence (our first two month's focus virtues) as we continue on this lifelong path of learning and walking in God's way until we meet face to face. Thank you for your support and prayers. They are vital to us every day.

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