

ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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20th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST/LWML SUNDAY

Sunday, October 11 – 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

LWML Pledge

In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen.

Prelude

In Thee Is Gladness BWV 615 – Johann S. Bach

Hymn of Invocation

818 In Thee Is Gladness

Confession and Absolution

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Introit

Isaiah 61:10; antiphon: Psalm 146:2

P I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

C I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

P I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;

C my soul shall exult in my God,

P for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

C he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,

P as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,

C and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

**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.**

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Kyrie - Collect of the Day

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(Hymn of Praise: This Is the Feast)

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 25:6–9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine,
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

⁷And he will swallow up on this mountain
the covering that is cast over all peoples,
the veil that is spread over all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever;
and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces,

and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
⁹It will be said on that day,
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Choral Response

I Can Do All Things Through Christ - Virgil T. Ford

Epistle

Philippians 4:4–13

⁴Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; ⁶do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

¹⁰I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity. ¹¹Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. ¹²I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. ¹³I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse

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Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:1–14

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

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Again Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying, ²"The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, ³and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other servants, saying, 'Tell those who are invited, See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.' ⁵But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. ⁷The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as

many as you find.' ¹⁰And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹"But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. ¹²And he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day

510 A Multitude Comes from the East and the West

Sermon

"The Wedding Feast" (Matthew 22:1-14)

Nicene Creed

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Prayer of the Church

Offering (*sung*)

Lutheran Women, One and All

1. Lutheran women, one and all,
We have heard the Gospel call.
We by faith have seen our Lord
Crucified and then restored.
We have seen Him pay the price,
For our sins a sacrifice.
Him we Lord and Christ acclaim
And unite to praise His name.
2. Lutheran women, young and old,
Well we know His challenge bold:
Help to take the Gospel light
To a world in darkest night,
By example in the home,
By inviting those who roam,
By our prayers for sinners lost,
By our gifts for missions' cost.
3. Lutheran women, coast to coast,
In the Lord a mighty host,
Let us all united be
In the Holy Trinity,
One in faith, in hope, and love,
Working for the Lord above,
Till, our earthly labors done,
We in heaven shall all be one.

*Tune: 892 LSB, 495 LW, 574 TLH
Elmer A. Kettner*

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

Offertory

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Service of the Sacrament

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Hymns During Distribution

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Leader – Exultate Singers

All – Congregation

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(Cantic: Thank the Lord)

Hymn to Depart

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Postlude

In Thee Is Gladness – Johannes Matthias Michel

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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: The altar flowers are given by Jim & Diane Olson in honor and appreciation of their parents.

Participants

Presiding Minister
Assisting Minister
Organist/Choir Director
Choir
Piano
Elder
Chancel Assistant
Usher Team
Altar Guild

Pastor Teggatz
Pastor Skovgaard
Richard C. Ewert
Exultate Singers
Karla Bessert
John Wolck
Dan Berry
Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke,
Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox
Nancy Ewert, Carol Ewert

SERVING NEXT WEEK
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Jason Krueger

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mattias Goldenstein

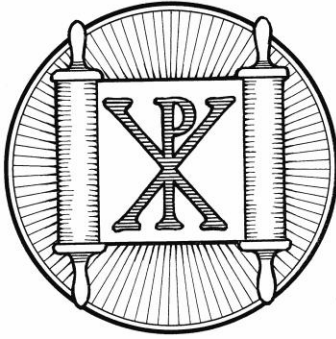
TEAM 3: Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner,
Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Andrew Alles

CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert

TEAM 4: Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Emily Ewert, Peter Holzwart,
Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch



EGL in the Word (Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost)

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah's vision of the eternal feast comes in a section focusing on cosmic judgment on all the earth (24:1). All nations that reject God and His ways (and this includes God's own people) will be subject to God's justice. Every city and high place will become a heap (25:2). And yet, as so often happens in Isaiah, the mountain of the LORD stands strong (see Isa 2:1-5; 24:23). And for that reason, Isaiah 25-26 resounds in praise: "...I will praise your name, for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure"

(25:1). All earthly mountains will fall but God's mountain stands fast for all who heed His call and come to the feast. This is what God's people have been waiting for (25:9). They swallow up the feast. And God? He swallows up death.

- To see how Isaiah 25 finds its fulfillment in Christ, read 1 Corinthians 15 sometime this week. Pay special attention to verse 58. How does this reality of the feast guide our living now?

Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-13

Always remember that Paul's letter to the Philippians is a prison letter. You wouldn't know it from these verses. It's just fantastic, beautiful stuff. Rejoice always! Bring your anxieties to God, whose peace surpasses all! Think on and practice the good and gracious will of God. Remember that, as you bear the name of Christ out into the world, all things can be done through the One strengthening you in that. I see verse 9 as summing all of this up: "What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me- practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you." We keep learning and receiving, hearing and seeing, and by doing so, are equipped to actually practice what we preach. This is what it looks like to be a Christian, one who knows Christ's victory and who knows the certainty of the end- the feast awaiting us!

- We can often chalk up Paul's repeated descriptions in verse 8 as simply different ways of saying the same thing. However, I think each descriptor of the Christian life has its own value. What word in this verse sticks out to you? Why? Discuss this around the dinner table sometime this week.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

We continue on in the parables of Jesus during Holy Week, though with a different location: the wedding feast. Jesus continues to direct his teachings at the religious leaders who, in the terms of this particular parable, have rejected his Father's repeated invitations to the wedding feast, the culmination of all God's promises to His people. Even the one who comes into the feast but wants to come on his own terms (and not the king's) ends up in the same boat. Because they have rejected the Father and will soon murder the Son, Jesus prophesies judgment, pointing us ahead to the destruction of the temple in 70 AD. Yet, behind all this destruction and mess, the vision of Isaiah 25 still stands. God invites and desires His people to come to the feast, that eternal feast of life and victory that will have no end.

- How have you seen indifference toward the Church and the Christian life crop up in your own life? What are some ways you can reprioritize this?

KOINONIA

"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 OCT. 11

- Su 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)
6:30 P.M. LWML (FL)
7:00 p.m. Board of Directors (228)
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)
12:30 p.m. Nancy Schuchardt Visitation
1:30 p.m. Nancy Schuchardt Funeral
5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
6:30 p.m. Visitation Team Mtg (BC)
- W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BC)
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BC)
7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)
- Th 9:30 a.m. Book Discussion Group (BC)
6:30 p.m. Divine Service
7:30 p.m. Stammtisch (BC)
- F Happy Friday!
- Sa 2:00 p.m. Barbara Schuldt Visitation
3:00 p.m. Barbara Schuldt Funeral

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **133** people that attended services last week in person and **153** households streamed the services for a total of **286**. "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!

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.

SEASONS REMINDER: November Seasons has an EARLY deadline. Please submit all content for the November issue by Monday, October 12, 5:00 p.m. to seasons@egl.org.

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.

LUNCH BUNCH: On October 15, the Lunch Bunch group will meet at 1:00 p.m. at First Watch in Brookfield. Call Linda at 262-786-1203 to reserve your place.

STAMMTISCH: 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?!).

LADIES PM STUDY: There's still time to 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. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21, and we will continue to meet every other week through November 18, 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](tel:414-380-0171) or traaslm112@sbcglobal.net.

BIBLICAL WISDOM IN AN AGE OF AI: Is AI a phenomenally positive tool, or does it pose a serious threat to humanity and to the church? How does the use of AI affect our vocations as Christians? How can we develop the wisdom required to evaluate our use of AI?

On Tuesday, October 27, from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Concordia University Wisconsin - Mequon, Rev. Jonathan Conner will address these and many other questions in this informative and timely presentation. Now, more than ever, we need real wisdom in the face of an ever-spreading artificial intelligence. Light refreshments will be provided. Registration is optional but appreciated.

EGL REFORMATION PARTY: Join us on October 31 from Noon – 3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The afternoon will begin with a Medieval luncheon of breads, meats, cheeses, and fruit. (There will be a free-will offering.) Activities will include Luther trivia, puzzles, carnival-style games, and crafts. Consider bringing a friend or neighbor. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church or at this site: <https://egl.org/event/reformation-party-2026/register>.

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.

PICKLEBALL: Add our future dates to your calendar: October 18, November 8 & 22, and December 13 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. *Note: Due to Advent by Candlelight, the last Pickleball meet has been moved from December 6 to December 13.*

CHILDREN'S CHOIR CHORAL EVENING PRAYER SERVICE: Several area Lutheran school children's choirs are participating in a special festival led by Dr. Sam Eatherton, Kantor and Assistant Professor of Liturgics and Pastoral Theology at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. The festival will culminate in a beautiful Choral Evening Prayer Service. All are welcome! Join us for this wonderful opportunity to support Lutheran children's choir singing.

WHEN? Friday, November 6, at 6:30 p.m. WHERE? Historic Trinity Lutheran Church (1049 N. 9th Street, Milwaukee). Free parking in their lot.

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE: To be held on Wednesday, November 11, 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://tinyurl.com/ywsxr32w>, contact Rick Ewert: BloodDrive@egl.org / 262.289.9333, or scan the QR code :



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, 9:00 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.

CHURCH SECRETARY WANTED: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Menomonee Falls, is looking to hire a part-time church secretary. Competitive hourly rate. Office hours are mornings - Monday through Thursday. For a job description and application, please email the Church Office at office.popmf@gmail.com if interested.

COFFEE DONATIONS: The money that is donated during the time of fellowship after Church on Sundays is being donated to the signage project. Thank you for your generosity!

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