# ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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## ALL SAINTS' DAY
YOUTH CONFIRMATION

Sunday, November 1 – 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** **Behold a Host, Arrayed in White - John A. Ferguson**

**Hymn of Invocation** **676 Behold a Host, Arrayed in White**

**Confession and Absolution** **p. 167**

**Introit** **Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Revelation 7:14b**

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
**C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
P In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;
**C in your righteousness deliver me.**
P For you are my rock and my fortress;
**C and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.**
P Into your hand I commit my spirit;
**C you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.**
**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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**C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

**Kyrie - Collect of the Day** **pp. 168-172**
*Hymn of Praise: This is the Feast*

**First Reading**

2 Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God,
and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and
sea, 3 saying, "Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of
our God on their foreheads." 4 And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every
tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,
6 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,
7 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,
8 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

9 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation,
from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed
in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation
belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 11 And all the angels were standing
around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces
before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and
thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and
from where have they come?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the
ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in
the blood of the Lamb.

15 "Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

A This is the Word of the Lord.
**C Thanks be to God.**

**Gradual** **Revelation 7:14b; Psalm 84:5**

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
**C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**
P Blessèd are those whose strength is in you,
**C in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

**Epistle** **1 John 3:1–3**

1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God;
and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. 2 Beloved,
we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he
appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in
him purifies himself as he is pure.

A This is the Word of the Lord.
**C Thanks be to God.**

**Alleluia and Verse** **p. 173**

**Holy Gospel** **Matthew 5:1–12**

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

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

[1]Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.
[2]And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
[3]"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[4]"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
[5]"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
[6]"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
[7]"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
[8]"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
[9]"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
[10]"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
[11]"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12]Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

**Hymn of the Day** **677 For All the Saints**

**Sermon** **"Knowing the End" (Revelation 7:2-17)**

## Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

P Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us in the faith, for they were created by God to give Him praise and worship forever, and He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism, and nourished them in the company of His people in His Holy Supper, and in His mercy has now summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

*Patsy Alles + Steven Genack + Charles Ewert + Joan Komschlies +*

1 I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need and well provides me,
Loves me ev'ry day the same,
Even calls me by my name.
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P I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth.
**C And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God. (***Job 19:25-26)*
P I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;
**C And whoever lives and believes in Me will never die.** *(Jn 11:25-26)*
P I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
**C Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness**. *(2 Tim 4:7-8)*

*Arnold Will + Doris Moore + Sandra [Joppe] Sprague + Louis Scheer, Jr. +*

2 Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my staff and stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.
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Text: Public domain

P Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
**C and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.** *(Ps 23:6)*
P My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
**C I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand.** *(John 10:27-28)*
P Precious in the sight of the Lord
**C is the death of His saints.** *(Ps 116:15)*

*Virginia Moeller + Selma Leaf + Barbara Schuldt + Nancy Schuchardt +*

3 Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?
And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.
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P For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we belong to the Lord.

**C So then, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord**. *(Rom 14:7-8)*

P Almighty God, in whose glorious presence live all who depart in the Lord and before whom all the souls of the faithful who are delivered of the burden of the flesh are in joy and felicity, we give You hearty thanks for Your loving-kindness to all Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors, and we humbly implore Your mercy that we, together with all who have departed in the saving faith, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, in both body and soul, in Your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

**Confirmation Hymn** **687 Thine Forever, God of Love**

## Rite of Confirmation

**pp. 272-274**

+ Alfred Aurelius Colucci +
*Romans 1:16-17*
+ Roland Constantine Colucci +
*Ephesians 2:8-9*
+ Benjamin Daniel Garcia +
*John 6:40*
+ Austin Paul Garcia +
*Matthew 6:33*

**Prayer of the Church**

**Offering** **For All the Saints - Flor Peeters**

**Offertory** **p. 176**

## Service of the Sacrament

**Preface -Agnus Dei** **pp. 177-180**

**Hymns During Distribution** **725 Children of the Heavenly Father**
**932 Jesus Sat with His Disciples**
**674 Jerusalem, O City Fair and High**

**Post-Communion Canticle-Benediction** **pp. 181-183**
*Canticle: Thank the Lord*

**Hymn to Depart** **950 Splendor and Honor**

**Postlude** **For All the Saints - Benjamin C. Culli**

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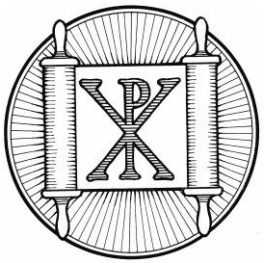
ALTAR PARAMENTS: White paraments remind us of the saints in glory joining in the heavenly song of "Holy, holy , holy" to the one true God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
ALTAR FLOWERS: Placed by Pam Ganswindt in loving memory of her parents, Ralph & Carla Ganswindt. *"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints." Psalm 116:15*

Participants

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| Presiding Minister | Pastor Teggatz |
| Assisting Minister | Pastor Skovgaard |
| Organist | Richard C. Ewert |
| Elder | Eric Thompson |
| Chancel Assistant | Jim Olson |
| Usher Team | Dan Berry, Caleb Nelson, Laura Traas, Aislyn Wegner, Jake Wegner, Randy Wegner, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner |
| Altar Guild | Karen Clark, Nancy Ewert |

**SERVING NEXT WEEK**
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5 (6:30 P.M.)**
ELDER: John Wolck
CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Steve Hipenbecker
TEAM 4: Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Danny Boettcher, Emily Boettcher, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 (9:00 A.M.)**
ELDER: Jason Krueger
CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Dan Berry
TEAM 5: Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, John Schaefer



**EGL in the Word (All Saints' Day)**

**First Reading: Revelation 7:2-17**

Last week, we heard the tail end of the second cycle in Revelation (see Rev 14). Today, we hear the tail end of the first cycle in Revelation, the vision of the church militant and church triumphant. Revelation 7 is neatly divided into two sections, giving us a look at the church militant (the saints still on earth) sealed by the living God and their eternal destination, the church triumphant (the saints in God's kingdom, praising him and receiving His eternal blessings in fullness). This whole

chapter answers the haunting question posed back in Revelation 6:17: "Who can stand?" Who can stand before God and the Lamb? The Church can. Here is the Church displayed in her fullness, earth and heaven, militant and triumphant, standing before the throne and sealed by God unto eternity. The heart of this chapter is verse 14. It's the reason the Church can stand before God, for she has cleansed herself white by the blood of the Lamb. For to be draped in Christ's righteousness- that is what it means to be a saint.

- What comes to mind when you hear the word "saint?" How does Revelation 7 help us clarify the meaning of the word? Have a conversation at dinner sometime this week about this!

## Epistle Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

The apostle John gives us both present and future encouragement in our short epistle. We look ahead to that final day of Jesus' return, where we experience the fullness of being saints in the kingdom of God, for "we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is" (3:2). Sin will be done away with! Death defeated! The devil cast out! And the result? We will see God in His full glory. But, don't think that this future promise has no implications for the present. In fact, that's where John starts! "See what kind of love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are…we are God's children now" (3:1-2). We don't become saints when Jesus returns. We're saints now! To be a saint in the kingdom is to be God's child, baptized and brought into the family! And we have this status "now," not just in the future. This is the outcome of God's love for us in Jesus. As John comments in the prologue of his gospel, "...to all who did receive him [Jesus], who believes in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born…of God" (John 1:12-13).

- Less a question, more a connection: notice how Luther explains the introduction to the Lord's Prayer. "...God tenderly invites us to believe that He is our true Father and that we are His true children, so that with all boldness and confidence we may ask Him as dear children ask their dear Father." What confidence we have as saints, children of the kingdom, to approach our heavenly Father in Christ!

## Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

I hope you can see a common theme in each of these readings: being a saint isn't just for the faithful departed. Being a saint applies to all of us, even now! We are the church militant, sealed by God for eternity. We are children of God, receivers of His great love. And, in Jesus' own words from Matthew 5, we are the poor and the persecuted (5:3,10). Most of the beloved Beatitudes are future-oriented. Mourners will be consoled (5:4). The meek will inherit the earth (5:5). The hungry will be satiated (5:6). The merciful will receive mercy (5:7). The pure will see God (5:8; see 1 John 3:2). The peaceful will be sons and daughters of the King (5:9). These are all rich promises we look forward to when we come out of the great tribulation of this brokenness and into the church triumphant (see Rev 7:14). However, notice the blessings that bookend the Beatitudes: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven…blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven" (5:3,10). Notice that? Is. Not will be. Is. The saints in the church militant, still in the throes of spiritual warfare, poor in spirit, beset on all sides by temptations and persecutions of body and soul, are blessed. Right now. And to be poor in spirit, the first of Jesus' blessings, is to despair of yourself and cling to Him, especially in times of persecution and temptation. That's what saints do- they look to Jesus.

- Which Beatitude is your favorite? 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 NOV. 1

Su DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
9:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Rite of Confirmation
10:30 a.m. Sunday School & Bible Study
10:30 a.m. Youth Bible Study
11:30 a.m. Teggatz Baby Shower (FH)
7:00 p.m. AA (FH)

M 4:30 p.m. Jr Spartans Rental (Gym)
5:15 p.m. Exultate Ringers (MC)
7:00 p.m. Barbershop Group (FH)

T ELECTION DAY
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)
6:30 p.m. TLCHS Board (228)

W 9:00 a.m. LWML Soup Assembly (FH)
10:00 a.m. LWML (BC)
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BC)
4:30 p.m. Jr Spartans Rental (Gym)
5:30 p.m. Ladies PM Bible Study (BC)
7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)

Th 4:30 p.m. Jr Spartans Rental (Gym)
6:30 p.m. Divine Service

F Happy Friday!

**OFFICE HOURS**
Monday-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**IN THE LORD'S HOUSE:** There were **163** people that attended services last week in person and **106** households streamed the services for a total of **269**. "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

**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. Thank you for your generosity!

**PICKLEBALL:** Add our future dates to your calendar: November 8 & 22, and December 13 from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CONFIRMANDS**: Please keep Alfred & Roland Colucci, and Benjamin & Austin Garcia in your prayers as they make their public confession of faith and are confirmed today during the 9:00 a.m. Divine Service. We rejoice with them and their families as they receive the Lord's Supper for the first time. *"...Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go." - Joshua 1:9*

**EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE:** As Christians, we are called to be active and responsible members of our community. Election Day is coming up on Tuesday, November 3. Please remember to research the issues, pray for our leaders and our nation, and cast your ballot.

**ANOTHER SPRINKLE OF LOVE:** The Teggatzes are preparing for a new bundle of joy! We are celebrating with a **BABY SHOWER TODAY** at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall (after the Bible study hour).

**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. 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.

**GUEST PREACHER NEXT SUNDAY**: On Nov 8 we have the joy of welcoming Pr Christian Tiews as our guest preacher and presenter. Tiews serves with the Eurasia branch of The LCMS Office of International Mission (OIM). He and his wife Lula live in Hamburg, Germany, where they are primarily involved in the outreach to Persian (Iranian) refugees. After preaching for us in the Divine Service he will give us a presentation on OIM's work in Germany. You will be encouraged in your faith as you eavesdrop on what God is doing in that acre of His vineyard! If you'd like a brief introduction to him, you can read the written interview with him that was published in the spring edition of Lutherans Engage -- https://engage.lcms.org/q-a-christian-tiews-spring-2026/.

**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 :

**COOKIES FOR COLLEGE KIDS/HOMEBOUND:** Next month we will be collecting homemade cookies to send a special treat to our college students and homebound members. If you enjoy baking, we would love your help! On Friday, November 13, please drop off your cookies in the church office, so they can be packed for shipping by November 15. Thank you for sharing your time, talents and a little taste of home with members of our church community!

If you know of any college students from EGL who would like a box of cookies, please let the church office know by Friday, November 6. For any questions, please reach out to Amy Zientek.

**EGL NOVEMBER STAMMTISCH!!:** Guys! Lots to be THANKFUL for this and every year… Let's celebrate our Christian faith with fellowship and fun on Thursday, November 19, from 7:30 - 9:00(ish) p.m. Again, the November EGL Stammtisch will be at the EGL Bartelt Center. Bring your favorite beverage and snacks to share (and a friend?) Any questions? Contact Bruce Bessert by phone/text at 414-526-8430, or by email at bruce.bessert@gmail.com.

**LUTHERAN MISSIONS IN UGANDA:** You've heard Pr Bienfait Safari-Romeo preach here at Elm Grove Lutheran Church. You've read about his remarkable life story from refugee camp in Malawi to studying at the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. He has returned to Africa with a call to minister among the Congolese refugees in Uganda while also teaching at the seminary in Uganda. An email from the church office went out to the congregation two weeks ago. If you missed that email, ask Beth at Info@egl.org for another copy or look for a printed copy in the back of the nave.

## NOTES