ELM GROVE EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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24TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Thursday, November 5 – 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, November 8 – 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 **Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray - Philip Gehring**

Hymn of Invocation **663 Rise, My Soul, to Watch and Pray**

Confession and Absolution **p. 167**

Introit **Psalm 84:1, 9–12; antiphon: v. 3**

P Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
C at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.
P How lovely is your dwelling place,
C O LORD of hosts!
P Behold our shield, O God;
C look on the face of your anointed!
P For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.
P For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor.
C No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.
P O LORD of hosts,
C blessèd is the one who trusts in you!
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 Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young,
C at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

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

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Old Testament Reading **Amos 5:18–24**

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
19 as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
20 Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,

and gloom with no brightness in it?
21"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
23Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
24But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream."

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 Thessalonians 4:13–18**

13But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep. 15For this we declare to you by a word from the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. 16For the Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the voice of an archangel, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. 17Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will always be with the Lord. 18Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Alleluia and Verse **p. 173**

Holy Gospel **Matthew 25:1–13**
P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

[1][Jesus said:] "The kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2]Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3]For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4]but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5]As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept. [6]But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7]Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. [8]And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9]But the wise answered, saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' [10]And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. [11]Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12]But he answered, 'Truly, I say to you, I do not know you.' [13]Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Hymn of the Day — **516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying**
(9:00 a.m. Choir only on stanza 2)

Sermon — **"Ready to Go" (Matt 25:1-13)**

Nicene Creed — **p. 174**

Prayer of the Church

Offering — **Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying - Paul O. Manz**

Offertory — **p. 176**
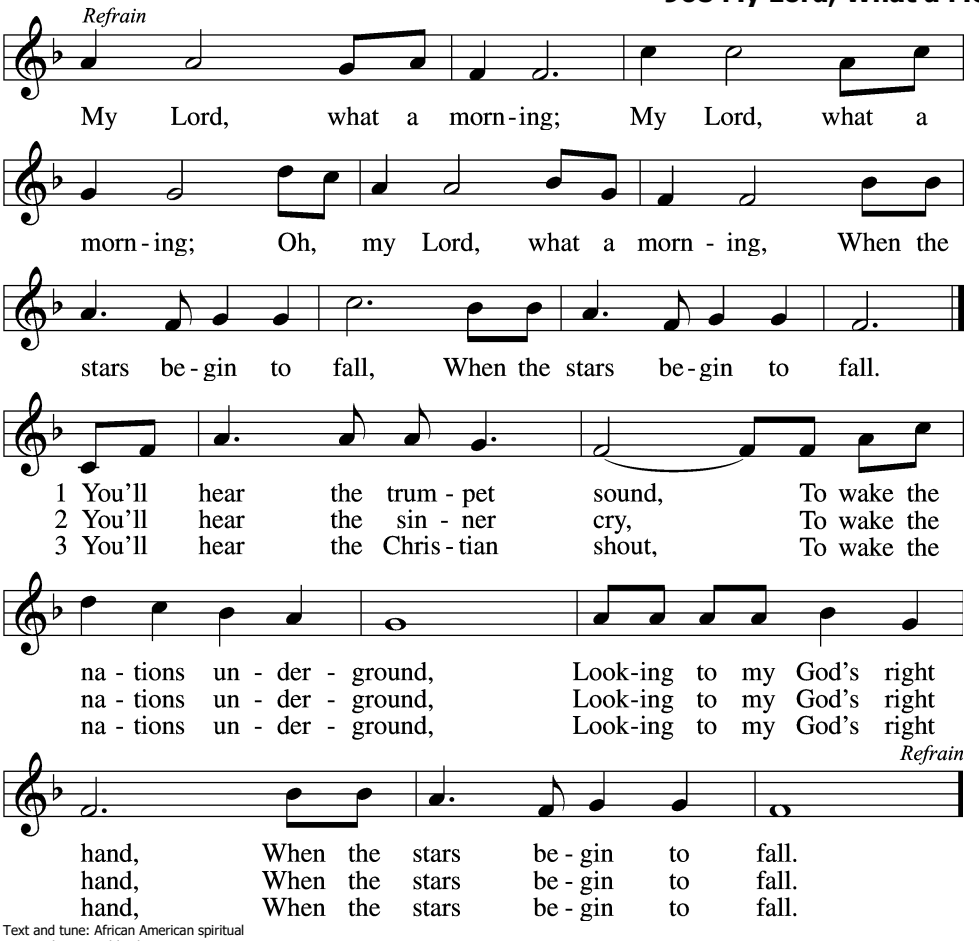
Service of the Sacrament

Preface -Agnus Dei — **pp. 177-180**

Hymns During Distribution — **759 This Body in the Grave We Lay**



968 My Lord, What a Morning



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Text and tune: Public domain

595 O Blessed Spring

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

Hymn to Depart **802 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

Postlude **Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying - Robert A. Hobby**

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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 flowers are given by Linda, Greg, and Brandon in honor of Arlene Malnar's 80th birthday.

Participants

Presiding Minister	Pastor Eric Skovgaard
Preacher	Pastor Christian Tiews
Assisting Minister	Pastor Joshua Teggatz
Organist/Choir Director	Richard C. Ewert
Choir	Exultate Singers
Organ/Harpsichord	Samuel Grosskreutz
Violin	Carol Jagusch
Elder	6:30 John Wolck; 9:00 Jason Krueger
Chancel Assistant	6:30 Steve Hipenbecker; 9:00 Dan Berry
Usher Team	6:30 Tom Brojanac, Ben Ewert, Danny Boettcher, Emily Boettcher, Peter Holzwart, Ken Schuppner, Duane Wunsch 9:00 Sharon Boudro, Kirk Midtbo, Diane Olson, Jim Olson, John Schaefer
Altar Guild	6:30 Joan Knuteson, Meg Grelk; 9:00 Jean Kruse, Carol Ewert

SERVING NEXT WEEK

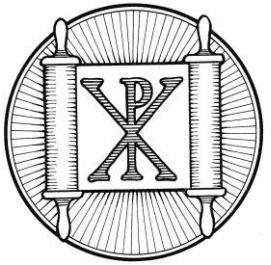
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12 (6:30 P.M.)

ELDER: Andrew Alles
CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mattias Goldenstein
TEAM 1: Pam Ganswindt, Andrea Kysely, Steve Nelson, Shelly Skovgaard, Cathy Tuttrup, Matt Zientek, Mikayla Zientek

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 (9:00 A.M.)

ELDER: Paul Haut
CHANCEL ASSISTANT: Mark Ewert
TEAM 2: Chase Hipke, Connor Hipke, Rob Hipke, Thomas Hipke, Tyler Hipke, Carter Klein, Ian Klein, Michael Klein, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox

EGL in the Word (Twenty-Fourth Sunday After Pentecost)



Old Testament Reading: Amos 5:18-24

The prophet Amos is tasked with prophesying against the northern kingdom of Israel in the eighth century BC. One major theme we see in the book is the people's empty worship. They pay lip service to God through the temple sacrifices and feasts (5:21-23) but their hearts are far from true worship and fear of God (see Isaiah 29:13). For those who reject God in how they live, despising true justice, righteousness, and faithfulness to God (5:24), the day of the LORD is not good news. It's utter terror (5:18-20). Not

only are they unprepared for God's coming, as the virgins we meet in Matthew 25 today, but they actively resist God's will and act unjustly, as we'll see in next week's parable. God's people who repent of their sins and cling to the Savior rejoice on that day. Those who persist in unrepentance have nothing to look forward to on that day. That's the sobering reality Amos delivers to Israel and to us.

- What does it mean to pay "lip service" to someone or something? What message does that send to the recipient? How are we prone to paying God lip service in our lives?

Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We hopped over a few sections of 1 Thessalonians in our focus on Reformation and All Saints the last two weeks, but we'll carry on through the letter for two more weeks. Here, Paul addresses a particular question the Thessalonian congregation had been wrestling with: the day of the LORD and, specifically, the status of those who have already died in the faith when that day comes. This connects us back to All Saints' Day and the hope of every saint, dead or alive: the return of Jesus on the Last Day. For the unbelieving and unrepentant, this day is terrifying. For the saints of God, this day is more glorious than we can possibly imagine. Those who have fallen asleep will rise first and be reunited with those still left. Notice the basis for this hope and encouragement in times of grief: "...since we believe that Jesus died and rose again" (4:14). Since Jesus has died and risen, so we too shall die and rise "through Jesus" to always be with the Lord.

- Notice: grief and hope are not mutually exclusive in Paul's theology. Our hope doesn't dismiss our grief. Our grief doesn't exclude our hope. Both go together in the Christian life. What's one way you've experienced hope in the midst of grief in your life?

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25:1-13

With these last few chapters of Matthew before the passion account (Matt 26-28), we turn our focus to the end times. You can think of Matthew 24 as Jesus' teachings on the end times and Matthew 25 as parables illustrating those teachings. Jesus has various encouragements to the disciples in Matthew 24. "See that no one leads you astray" (24:4). "Stay awake" (24:42). "...you also must be ready" (24:44). To be ready is to look to Jesus and cling to His Word, which never leads astray. The parable of the ten virgins displays the beauty and difficulty of these teachings. The bridegroom comes at midnight! Five are ready. Five are not. The five who are ready don't (and, in fact, can't) share with the five who are not. And in the end, the five prepared virgins are welcomed into the kingdom. The five unprepared ones are not even recognized! (25:11-12). Jesus concludes by repeating: "Watch." In the economy of the kingdom of heaven, faith isn't transferable (25:8-9). Rather, as Jesus soberly interprets the parable of the sower, "...to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance, but from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away" (Matt 13:12). The five unprepared virgins represent those who have persisted in unrepentance and, thus, taken aback when the Bridegroom arrives.

- What is your favorite routine and why? How does it prepare you for other things? How can spiritual routines prepare us for the Lord's coming? Bring these questions to the dinner table this week!

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"Our Life Together"

Acts 2:42

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship,
to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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WEEK OF NOV. 8

Su 9:00 a.m. Divine Service
10:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Germany FORO presentation
3:30 p.m. Pickleball (Gym)
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. 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)
5:00 p.m. Intrada Ringers (MC)
6:30 p.m. Visitation Team Meeting (BC)

W 10:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study (BC)
1:00 p.m. Sheepshead (BC)
2:00 p.m. Versiti Blood Drive (FH)
4:30 p.m. Jr Spartans Rental (Gym)
7:00 p.m. Exultate Singers (MC)

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

F Happy Friday!

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

IN THE LORD'S HOUSE: There were **164** people that attended services last week in person and **86** households streamed the services for a total of **250**. "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: 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: November 22 & December 13.

BABY SHOWER THANK-YOU: Thank you so much for your prayers, support, and the wonderful baby shower last weekend as we anticipate welcoming another little one into our family at the end of this year. A special thank you to the Events Committee for putting everything together. We are very thankful to be a part of the EGL family. The Teggatz Family

VERSITI BLOOD DRIVE: To be held on Wednesday, November 11, 2026, 2:00–6:30 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 :

2027 CALENDARS AVAILABLE: Around church are 2027 calendars generously given to EGLC by Harder Funeral Homes. If you would like to get one, please help yourself!

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.

GUEST PREACHER THIS SUNDAY: Today 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/.

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 three 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.

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.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP: Meet in the BAAC at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 19 to discuss the book *Magic Hour* written by Kristin Hannah. This is a contemporary drama about redemption, trauma, and the transformative power of love. Reluctantly giving up her California practice working with troubled children, Julia Cates is forced to draw on all her skills to deal with a young mute girl found abandoned and terrified in her Pacific Northwest hometown. Ladies, if you like to read and discuss books, please join us. We welcome new members! If you have any questions, please reach out to Paula Keefer at paulajkeefer@gmail.com.

EGL THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON: Please join our EGL family in gathering together for a family-style Thanksgiving luncheon on Sunday, November 22. The meal will begin at 11:30 a.m. following the Sunday morning Bible Studies and Sunday School. Turkey, gravy, and mashed potatoes will be provided. Watch for sign-up information with an opportunity to bring a dish to share.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR: Christ the Life Lutheran Church in Waukesha will be hosting a craft fair on Saturday, November 14, from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Admission is free with door prizes, 45+ unique vendors, and a bake sale. Come and enjoy!

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