

ELM GROVE EV. LUTHERAN CHURCH

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A warm welcome to our guests! Regardless of whether being in church is new to you or just being at Elm Grove Lutheran is new to you, you enter not as a stranger but as a guest of God. This is His house, and He is your heavenly Father. He created you and sent His Son to live, die, and rise again for you. Therefore, come into His presence expecting to hear words of free and full forgiveness. Come, knowing that you are more than conquerors through Him who loved you. And, please come again. If you have no church home and are looking for one, please speak with one of the pastors. They are eager to help.

The Second Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 23, 2019 – 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 24, 2019 – 8:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Preparatory Prayer: "O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen"
(Collect for the 3rd Sunday in Lent)

Divine Service - Setting 2

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"As Surely as I Live," God Said – Benjamin M. Culli

Hymn of Invocation

"As Surely as I Live," God Said – LSB 614

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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LSB p. 167

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 5:4-8 (Antiphon Psalm 1:16)

P: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,

C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

P: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;

C: evil may not dwell with you.

P: The boastful shall not stand before your eyes;

C: you hate all evildoers.

P: You destroy those who speak lies;

C: the LORD abhors the bloodthirsty and deceitful man.

P: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.
C: I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.
P: Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies;
C: make your way straight before me.
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: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
C: but the way of the wicked will perish.

Kyrie LSB pp.168-169

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB p. 172

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First Reading Consequences of not repenting Ezekiel 33:7-20 (p. 721)

Psalmody Psalm 85

Epistle Temptation and strength I Corinthians 10:1-13 (p. 957)

Verse *Return to the Lord... - LSB 173*

Holy Gospel Parable of the fig tree Luke 13:1-9 (p. 872)

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Hymn of the Day *May God Bestow on Us His Grace – LSB 823*

Sermon *"The Worst of the Worst"*
Luke 13:1-9

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Nicene Creed LSB p. 174

Prayer of the Church

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The Offering *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me – Van Denman Thompson*
Those who are not communing may place their cards in the offering plate.

Offertory *What shall I render... LSB p. 176*

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT

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.

The Preface – Agnus Dei LSB pp. 177-180

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Distribution

Hymns during Communion

The Tree of Life – LSB 561
Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me – LSB 761

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Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc dimittis – LSB p. 182

Post-Communion Collect

LSB p.183

Benediction

LSB p. 183

Closing Hymn

All Who Believe and Are Baptized – LSB 601

Postlude

All Who Believe and Are Baptized – Max Drischner

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ALTAR PARAMENTS: Purple paraments suggest the somber, solemn mood of this penitential season while the symbols of torture bring to mind Christ's suffering and death to save us.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Peters

Assisting Minister (8:00 & 10:45)

Pastor Skovgaard

Organist

Richard C. Ewert

Elder

Paul Haut

Chancel Assistant

(5:30) Jim Olson; (8:00) Mark Ewert; (10:45) Jason Krueger

Usher team on duty

(5:30) Dan Berry, Dick Knutson, Brandon, Scepanski, Danielle Scepanski

Julianne Skovgaard, Zachary Skovgaard, Justin Speck, Nathan Van Schaick,

Henry Van Schaick, Ann Wilcox, Christine Wilcox, Bruce Wilcox

(8:00) Grace Dennis, William Dennis, Matt Diven, Tim Diven, Amalia Seeger,

Ben Seeger, Eric Seeger, Ben Thompson, Rick Wegner, Ryan Wegner, Kelsey Wegner,

Maddie Wilinski, Jeff Wilinski, Luke Wilinski

(10:45) Chloe Handrich, Sophie Handrich, Jamie Krueger, Owen Krueger,

Ben Krueger, Bobby LaFond, Angela Lee, Sam Lee, Cliff Menges,

Steve Nelson, Terry Sousek, Laura Traas

Altar Guild

(5:30) Sharon Boudro, Luanne Schaefer; (8:00) Diane Olson, Helen Moore

(10:45) Karen Clark, Shelly Skovgaard, Rose Lee

About the Third Sunday in Lent
Theme: The Necessity of Repentance
– *highlighting the Scriptures for the week* –

Ezekiel, addressed by the title, “son of man,” is warned that he must call his fellow Hebrews to repentance. If he does not do so, he will be held personally accountable. In addition, the people will die. The result of not repenting is described by the Apostle Paul in stating that his fellow Hebrews succumbed to temptation and left their bones in the desert (1Corinthians). God will settle for nothing less than repentance. He both plants His tree and seeks the fruit; He patiently cares for it. (Luke) Yet if it’s barren, it finally must be cut down. The Christian life is always a life of repentance.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE

Use the schedule below in your personal devotion. The first three readings are the lessons read today; the last three will be read next Sunday. The Wednesday reading is the psalmody for the week. Each day you may want to pray that Psalm or the prayer printed in our service folder today, followed by the suggested reading and your personal requests and Thanksgivings to our Heavenly Father.

Sunday	Ezekiel 33:7-20 Why is Jeremiah addressed by the title, “son of man”? What has he been asked to do? Why? What are the consequences if he doesn’t do as asked? What does this mean for us today?
Monday	1 Corinthians 10:1-13 What unique blessings did God give to the Israelites in the Sinai wilderness? What happened to them nonetheless? Why? What lesson can we learn from this? Why are idolatry and sexual immorality particularly disastrous to the people of God? What examples of both are prevalent in our society today? What is the responsibility of the baptized faithful in such surroundings? How is this done?
Tuesday	Luke 13:1-9 Do disasters happen only to sinners? What is the continuing responsibility of every faithful Christian? What was the man in the parable of Jesus looking for? What is God looking for in our lives? What did the man in the parable decide to do with his unproductive fig tree? How did the gardener plan to make it productive? What does God do to make His faithful people productive? How is He doing that in your life? What does this mean?
Wednesday	Psalms 85 How has the LORD shown favor both to the land and to His people? What, therefore, is the response of the psalmist? What does this mean for us today?
Thursday	Isaiah 12:1-6 What is the antidote to worry and fear? What is the content of the church’s song? How is the LORD’s saving work made known among the nations? How is His Name proclaimed? How is the Holy One present among His people? Why therefore does the church sing? What does this mean?
Friday	2 Corinthians 5:16-21 What is one part of the destiny of every human being? Why does Paul commend himself to his readers? What is the result of Christ having died for all? What difference does this make in our daily living? Why? What does this mean for us today?
Saturday	Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 What bothered the Pharisees about what Jesus did? Who are the characters in the parable of the lost son? How did the younger son show that he despised the father’s house? Where did he end up? What happened when he came to his senses? What was his planned solution to his dilemma? How did the Father change his plans? How did the older brother react to the Father’s love? How did the Father respond to the older brother? What does this parable show about God? About sinners? About how to respond to restored sinners? About the Father’s House?