

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.

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Thursday, August 8, 2019 – 6:30 p.m. & Sunday, August 11, 2019 – 9:00 a.m.

Preparatory Prayer: Heavenly Father, by Your grace we are children of Abraham because we too believe the promises You made to us in Baptism. Give us courage to bear up under the challenges we face in college, work, relationships, and our nation. At all times enable us to be faithful to You who sent Jesus to be our Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Divine Service – Setting 4

Preservice

Welcome and Announcements

Hymn of Invocation

*The God of Abraham Praise – LSB 798 (Stanzas 1-4)
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CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Confession and Absolution

LSB p. 203

SERVICE OF THE WORD

Introit

Psalm 147:8-11 (Antiphon Psalm 147:7)

P: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;

C: make melody to our God on the lyre!

P: He covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth;

C: he makes grass grow on the hills.

P: He gives to the beasts their food,

C: and to the young ravens that cry.

P: His delight is not in the strength of the horse,

C: nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,

P: but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him,

C: in those who hope in his steadfast love.

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 LSB p. 204

Gloria in Excelsis LSB 204

Salutation and Collect of the Day LSB pp. 204-205

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First Reading The LORD's promise and Abram's faith Genesis 15:1-6 (p. 10)

Gradual Psalm 34:9, 19, alt.

P: Fear the LORD, you his saints,

C: for those who fear him lack nothing!

P: Many are the afflictions of the righteous,

C: but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

P: How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news,

C: who publish peace and bring good news of salvation.

P: Their voice has gone out to all the earth,

C: and their words to the ends of the world.

Epistle God's gifts received: by faith Hebrews 11:1-16 (p. 1007)

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Alleluia and Verse LSB p. 205

Holy Gospel Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also Luke 12:22-40 (p. 871)

Nicene Creed LSB p. 206

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Hymn of the Day *The God of Abraham Praise* – LSB 798 (Stanzas 5-9)

Sermon *"Abram Was Righteous Because He Believed"*
Genesis 15:6

-stand as you are able-

Prayer of the Church

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Offering (6:30) *Abide, O Dearest Jesus* – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

(9:00) *The God of Abraham Praise* – Paul O. Manz

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

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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.

Preface-Agnus Dei

LSB pp. 208-210

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Hymns during Communion Distribution

How Firm a Foundation – LSB 728
Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses – LSB 667

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Post-Communion Canticle

Nunc dimittis – LSB p. 211

Post-Communion Collect

LSB p. 212

Benedicamus & Benediction

LSB p. 212

Closing Hymn

God of Grace and God of Glory – LSB 850

Postlude

God of Grace and God of Glory – Paul O. Manz

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ALTAR PARAMETERS: 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: Placed anonymously for blessings received.

Participants

Presiding Minister

Pastor Skovgaard

Organist

(6:30) Gene Traas; (9:00) Richard C. Ewert

Elder

Jim Aldinger

Assisting Elder (9:00)

Doug Grelk

Chancel Assistant

(6:30) John Schaefer; (9:00) Norm Seeger

Assisting Chancel Assistant (9:00)

David Busse

Usher Team on duty

(6:30) Grace Dennis, William Dennis, Matt Diven, Amalia Seeger,

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

Maddie Wilinski, Jeff Wilinski, Luke Wilinski

(9:00) 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

(6:30) Sherri Bond, Sue Schmalzer; (9:00) Shelly Skovgaard, Rose Lee, Irma Witzke

About Pentecost 9 (August 7-13 – Proper 14)

Theme: The Outcome of Faith

- *highlighting the Scriptures for the week* –

Abram was childless in his old age, and feared that he would be left without an heir. (Genesis) The Word of the Lord came to bring him good news: Abram's descendents would be as numerous as the stars of the sky. Abram believed the LORD despite all evidence to the contrary; that faith counted as His righteousness. Faith is certainty about things not seen. (Hebrews) By faith all the great saints of old conquered obstacles, believing the LORD in spite of all they saw and felt. By faith we all look forward to what we do not yet see – the better heavenly country, where God Himself has prepared for us a lasting city. So also the Lord Jesus promised the kingdom to His "little flock." (Luke) In His Kingdom giving is better than receiving, and spiritual treasures are more valuable than earthly goods. So we remain watchful for His return, ready and waiting for our heavenly Bridegroom.

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	Genesis 15:1-6 What was Abram's problem? What was the LORD's answer? How did Abram respond? Where did Abram get righteousness? How do we? What, therefore is our central focus as Christians?
Monday	Hebrews 11:1-16 What is faith? Where do we get it? What does faith accomplish – in our life? before God? What "better country" awaits all the faithful? What does this mean for you right now?
Tuesday	Luke 12:22-40 What treasure does God the Father give Christ's "little flock?" When? Where? Where, therefore, is our heart fixed already now? What feast awaits? How may we be prepared? What does this mean?
Wednesday	Psalm 33:12-22 Which nation is blessed? Why? In what does a nation's hope rest? Why? Who is your help and shield? Why?
Thursday	Jeremiah 23:16-29 Where is God located? Why is it impossible to hide from the LORD? What is the problem with false prophets? What is the only sure and certain means of revelation from God? Where do we find this now? What does this mean?
Friday	Hebrews 11:17-12:13 What is it that hinders the race marked out for us in the Christian life? How therefore should we daily start our race? Who is the author and perfecter of our faith? What did He do to win our salvation? What did His struggle cost Him? What loving purpose lies behind the struggles we face in Christian living? What is the positive outcome of pain for those who abide faithful? What final harvest awaits them? What does this mean?
Saturday	Luke 12:49-56 What is the cleansing function of fire? For what purpose did Jesus come? What "baptism" did He undergo to accomplish our salvation? What creates division among people regarding Christ? Is peace therefore always the highest goal? What does this mean?