

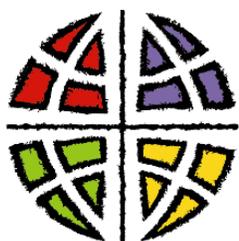
June 2, 2019 • 10:30am

7th Sunday of Easter

“Every Exit Is Also An Entrance”

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope.

JEREMIAH 29:11



WELCOME TO ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We are a forward-thinking congregation, striving to create community that brings joy and hope. Worshipping together since December 2009, we believe that all people are welcome in the Lord's house, to hear the Word, share the Sacraments, and become strengthened for the life of faith.

We encourage everyone to take a moment to sign the worship registration slip and place it in the offering plate.

We hope and pray you have a wonderful worship experience here today and invite you to join us again.

Please feel free to take home your worship bulletin for people and families to keep in your prayers.

PARENTS

We welcome kids with their wiggles and noises in worship. We are also aware that as a parent, time away from wiggles and noises can be a blessing too. You will find our staffed nursery (For children 5 and under) in the far corner of the fellowship hall.

Whether you have been coming for years or this is your first time, our LiFT! Family Sunday School is open to all families. Focus is for kids preschool to 6th grade. Grandparents with their grandkids are also encouraged to join us at LiFT! It meets between services downstairs in the community room.

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

VERSE 1

Blessed assurance, Jesus is
mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory
divine.
Heir of salvation, purchase of
God;
Born of His Spirit, and washed in
His blood.

CHORUS

This is my story, this is my song;
Praising my Savior all the day
long.
This is my story, this is my song;
Praising my Savior all the day
long.

VERSE 2

Perfect submission, all is at rest;

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We continue with a Litany of Confession and Forgiveness...

Jesus said, "Just as I have loved you, you should love one another." (John 13:43)

"Blessed Assurance"

I, in my Savior, am happy and
blessed.
Watching and waiting, looking
above;
Filled with His goodness, and lost
in His love.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

Perfect submission, perfect
delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on
my sight;
Angels descending bring from
above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of
love.

CHORUS

Help us to live powered by love.

The Apostle Paul calls us to “a true living faith, active through love.” (Galatians 5:6)

Help us to live powered by love.

We are encouraged to “be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:32)

Help us to live powered by love.

Most merciful God,

We have fallen short in our calling to love one another. Our selfishness, greed, and apathy, we confess to you. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may live Powered by Love. Amen.

Hear the good news! While we were yet sinners, Jesus Christ died for us to forgive our sins. You are wonderfully and marvelously created in God’s image, filled with God’s love, and called to share that love with the world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“In Christ Alone”

VERSE 1

**In Christ alone, my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my
song;
This cornerstone, this solid
ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought
and storm;
What heights of love, what depths
of peace,
When fears are stilled, when
strivings cease;
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

VERSE 2

**In Christ alone, who took on
flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe;
This gift of love and
righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to
save;
‘Til on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied,
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

VERSE 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
 This is the power of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath,
 Jesus commands my destiny;

No power of hell, no scheme of
 man
 Can ever pluck me from His hand;
 'Til He returns or calls me home,
 Here in the power of Christ I'll
 stand.

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING:**Jeremiah 29: 10-14**

¹⁰ For thus says the LORD: Only when Babylon's seventy years are completed will I visit you, and I will fulfill to you my promise and bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

SECOND READING:**Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39**

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

SONG OF THE DAY

CHORUS

Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
Go make a diff'rence.
We can make a diff'rence.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

VERSE 1

We are the salt of the earth,
Called to let the people see
The love of God in you and me.
We are the light of the world,
Not to be hidden but be seen.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

CHORUS

VERSE 2

"Go, Make a Difference"

We are the hands of Christ
Reaching out to those in need,
The face of God for all to see.
We are the spirit of hope;
We are the voice of peace.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

So let your love shine on,
Let it shine for all to see.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.
And the Spirit of Christ
Will be with us as we go.
Go make a diff'rence in the world.

CHORUS

SHARING & RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2019

Tyler Becker
Mikayla Brooking
Caden Holt
Carly Jagodzinski
Gabby Klinkenborg
Madison Mitzuk

Julia Pierce
Madison Stevens
Sonja Tesdahl
Taylor Wiedner
Cassidy Wolcenski
TJ Wurtz

Dear Friends in Christ, there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe, and comforted. Very soon you will be launching a new adventure, a new phase in your journey. As you go out into the world, may this quilt be a reminder of your parents' love and the nurture of this Christian community. Wherever you go, when the night is cold and you feel alone, may it help you remember that you are never alone and always loved.

As a congregation, I ask you to covenant for the ongoing support of these graduating seniors as they celebrate this milestone and move forward in faith into this new phase of life. Will you routinely lift them up and their fellow graduates in prayer?

If so say we will and we ask God to help and guide us.
We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us celebrate with the graduating class of 2018.

THANK YOU Elk River Lutheran Church Quilters for all your time, energy, and love that went into these special gifts.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – BIDDING PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

“Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)”

By Matt Crocker, Joel Houston, & Salomon Ligthelm

Featuring Alana Budish, Amanda Murphy, Bella Hegvik, & Mikenzee Zins

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

We give you thanks O God for the many ways you have blessed us and filled us with your love. Receive these gifts and our very lives, that they may bear witness to your extravagant love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

COMMUNION INVITATION

COMMUNION SONG

"I Belong"

CHORUS

**Hallelujah, I belong here
In Your presence, safe and
secure.**

**I see hope coming on the horizon.
There's no need for hiding, 'cause
I belong.**

VERSE 1

**Here I am in the presence of the
great I Am,
Near to Your heart, oh God.
I have found my joy.
I've searched so long,
In darkness I walked so far,
Fighting, but I'm holding on
When Your love draws near.**

CHORUS

VERSE 2

**I often fail, but daily Your love
prevails.
Christ, my peace within.
I will trust in You.
In Your presence, Lord,
Joys will overflow.
You are God and friend.
I am whole again.**

CHORUS

BRIDGE

**I belong here, I belong here,
I belong here in Your presence.**

**I belong here, I belong here
I belong here in Your presence.**

CHORUS

**We belong here, We belong here,
We belong here in Your presence.
We belong here, We belong here,
We belong here in Your presence.**

**I see hope coming on the horizon
There's no need for hiding 'cause
I belong**

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Life giving God, with this cup of life and bread of salvation you have nourished your people and filled us with your love. Send us forth, powered by love to boldly live as your people in the world. Amen.

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BLESSING OF CONGREGATION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"How Great Thou Art"

VERSE 1

**O Lord my God! When I in
awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands
have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling
thunder,
Thy power throughout the
universe displayed.**

CHORUS

**Then sings my soul, my Savior
God to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great
Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior
God to Thee;
How great Thou art! How great
Thou art!
How great Thou art!**

VERSE 2

**And when I think that God, His
Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take
it in;
That on the cross, my burden
gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my
sin.**

CHORUS

SENDING DIALOG

*Go in peace. Share the Good News!
We will! Thanks be to God.*

VERSE 3

**When Christ shall come with
shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall
fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble
adoration
And there proclaim, my God how
great Thou art!**

CHORUS

2019 CLASS OF

CONGRATS graduates!



My name is Tyler Becker. I have a brother named Nick Baker. My dad's name is Eric Becker, my mom's name is Jodi Becker, and Heidi Halverson is my stepmom.

During high school I participated in Tae Kwon Do and National Honors Society.

My favorite memory at Elk River Lutheran Church also happens to be my first day here, as Pastor Nathan decided to dress up as a character named Island Boy during the children's message. The children were able to see through his disguise and decided to use their time by telling Pastor Nathan that they knew it was really him with a wig on. The

children even followed Pastor Nathan when he tried to secretly remove the disguise in the closet, and then they screamed triumphantly when they were proven right about Island Boy being a fake.

I will be attending Michigan Tech this coming fall, where I will major in computer science.



Caden Holt

Parent: Denise Holt

Grandparents: Daryl and Jean Holt

High School Interests:

Elk River High School Varsity Golf Team

Summer Golf Tournaments

Summer Work - Elk River Golf Course

Elk River Lutheran Church - Youth Group activities

Future plans - Exploring school and career options.

*My name is **Gabby Klinkenborg**. My parents' names are Jessica Johnson and Chad Klinkenborg. My brother's name is Zach LaFontaine and my sister's name is McKenzie Brown. In high school, I played volleyball and was in track & field. I am a member of the national honor society, math league, and our school's pep band. I was also a student director for our school musical, "Wizard of Oz". I am the Big Lake high school class of 2019 valedictorian. My favorite memory from ERLC is hanging with kids during parents night, and playing Grog afterward. I will be attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities this fall. I intend to major in Biology and minor in Spanish. I want to become a pediatric surgeon.*



*Hi! My name's **Madison Mitzuk** and I'm graduating from Elk River High School! I'm so excited to see what my future holds! I can't wait to meet many new people and learn more than I could ever imagine. I'm planning on attending the University of Minnesota Twin Cities to major in something related to science or linguistics, possibly environmental engineering.*

My parents Carolyn and Patrick Mitzuk have been members of Elk River Lutheran Church for nearly 7 years, along with myself and my sister, MacKenzie. I

have three half siblings, Allison, Melissa, and Jeremy, who are all older than MacKenzie and me. I can't imagine life without any of them.

I've had a lot of extracurricular activities and interests throughout high school. I love being outside, so I ran Cross Country for several years, was in Nordic Skiing, and ran distance in Track & Field. I was also a member of NHS, helped the freshman as a LINK leader, and worked in Online Grocery Pickup at Walmart.

I've made so many great memories at Elk River Lutheran Church that I can't pinpoint a favorite. One I remember vividly was bringing my friend Maddie to our church for the first time. After that, she came with us almost every Sunday. I also enjoyed flocking people's homes with the high school group.

Thank you to everyone who's helped get me to where I am today! You will not be forgotten. ♡:)



My name is Sonja Tesdahl, my parents are Brad and Jennifer, I have an older brother named Grant and sister named Greta. In high school, I've participated in Youth in Government, serving this state-wide program as an appointed official for three conferences and an elected officer for one. I've also been able to work at ERLC's nursery for the last year and a half, volunteer with the middle schoolers in confirmation this year, and participate in t5, the youth group, for the last four years. Of all the great memories I've made at Elk River Lutheran, many of them are with the youth group. Specifically, all the naps and giggles and misadventures during the days in a van to and from our mission trip to Houston, Texas for the ELCA National Youth Gathering last summer. Next year, I

will be attending St. Olaf College, pursuing a major in mathematics and licensure in secondary education.

My name is Taylor Weidner, and my parents are Todd and RoxAnne Weidner. My sister is Natalie Lindberg.

I participated in choir and lots of art classes in high school. I lettered in choir once, and twice in art. I received superior ratings for my solo and art piece in Mississippi 8.

My favorite memory of being at ERLC is getting to meet so many new people and friends. It was fun staying at the cabin for being confirmed.

My plans for the future are to hug all the cats. I want to work for a year at my daycare job before figuring out what I want to do as a career



I'm Cassidy Wolcenski oldest child of Ryan Wolcenski and Erin Pelletier. I have a younger brother, Hunter, and two wonderful stepparents Laura Wolcenski and John Pelletier. In High School I started out playing volleyball but soon found my way leading a volunteering club called SERVE. I shot in the archery team for 3 years, always loved science, and loved football games. My favorite memory while being at Elk River Lutheran would have to be all my mission trips. The memories I made on each trip will stay with me forever. My plans for the future including studying Elementary Education at the University of Minnesota, Duluth.

Mikayla Brooking

Carly Jagodzinski

Julia Pierce

Madison Stevens

TJ Wurtz

GRADUATE QUILTS



"God wants us to know that life is a series of beginnings, not endings. Just as graduations are not terminations, but commencements. Creation is an ongoing process, and when we create a perfect world where love and compassion are shared by all, suffering will cease."

~ Bernie Siegel

Serving Us Today

Greeters:	Peg and Lee Davies
Ushers:	Steve Brosko, Bob Krumwiede, Madison Mitzuk, Maddie Johnson
Lector:	Sarah Chur
Musicians:	Alana Budish, Bella Hegvik, Kara Hennig, Amanda Murphy, Aziley Smith, & Mikenzee Zins
Audio Visual:	Emily Rotz
Communion Steward:	Toby Moe
Communion Servers:	Greg/Debby Pouliot, Sheila Swancutt, Nancy Bock
Basket Holders:	Beckett and Genevieve Chur
Communion Clean Up:	Nancy Bock
Mid-Week Communion Set-Up:	Vicki Simpson
Hospitality Coordinator:	

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- *Those who are moving through graduation, this special time of accomplishment, transition, and change. May we, their community of faith, stand with them and support them as fellow believers in Jesus Christ.*

In Sorrow:

- *Family and friends of Jenny Stone*
- *Family of Richard Benson, Dare Funeral Luncheon here May 31*

For Support:

- *All Military Personnel and their families*

Health concerns:

- *Carol Sindelir*
- *Steve Lindberg, continued recovery*
- *LeRoy Wegscheid*
- *Gary Ristau, battling cancer*
- *Hazel Norris*
- *Erich VanRyn*
- *Gene Conley*
- *John Ernst*
- *Janet Stam, CA Treatment*
- *Bill Campbell*
- *Joan Campbell*
- *Darrel Osmeck, open heart surgery May 14th*
- *Duane Jerde*
- *Pat Hanson*
- *Todd Bucholz, heart surgery (Steve Bucholz's brother)*
- *Bev Burtness, slowly improving at Guardian Angels Transitional Care*

Prayer Concerns: can be shared by writing it on your registration slip, contacting the church office at **(763) 595-1216** or by visiting the church website at www.elkriverlutheran.org/prayer-concerns

Generally, names will run for 3 weeks. If more time is needed, please call the church office

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Graduating Senior Sunday

8:15am – Traditional Worship
9:20am – Cake Reception honoring Graduates
9:20am – *Love without Limits* Book Study
9:30am – Worship Band Rehearsal
10:30am – Contemporary Worship
1:00pm – Umbrella Meeting

MONDAY

10:30am – Hospitality Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00am – Quilting
9:30am – Bible Study with Pastor
6:00pm – Gather
6:30pm – Beer & Hymns

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

10:30m – Worship at Guardian Angels Riverview Landing
7:00pm – The Way Out (AA)

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

8:00am – Men's Bible Study
2:00pm – Dare Funeral Fellowship

NEXT SUNDAY

8:15am – Traditional Service
9:20am – Fellowship Hour
9:20am – *Love without Limits* Book Study
9:30am – Worship Band Rehearsal
10:30am – Contemporary Worship

“Love without Limits” Book Study By Jacqueline A. Bussie

Sunday mornings:

June 2 & 9

Meeting during the coffee hour
between services at 9:20 am

SENIOR SUNDAY

June 2nd – Both Services

A chance for us to recognize and
bless our senior graduates. Join us
for a cake reception between
services.



POWERED BY LOVE

Sermon Series

June 2 – Every exit is also an entrance

June 9 – Love is lit!

June 16 – Empowered to Love

BEER & HYMNS

DATE CHANGE

Tuesday June 4th @ 6:30pm

Pour Bistro, Otsego

*Donations Collected for
ReconcilingWorks*

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LAST WEEK UPDATE

Avg Weekly Giving Needed: \$ 9,200
Received Last Week: \$ 6,107
Monthly Total: \$29,557

Online giving: bit.ly/erlcgive

Worship Attendance:

8:15am	Traditional	83
10:30am	Contemporary	65

YOU'RE INVITED!



Please Recycle Me!

JUNE 24-27
6-8PM
DINNER
@ 5:30

VBS is coming to Elk River Lutheran! At Roar, kids explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life.

Register at bit.ly/erlcvbs

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Office Hours

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