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Elk River Lutheran Church

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. If this is your **first time visiting** us, please let an usher know as we have **a special gift for you!***

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. If your children are feeling a little squiggly in worship, you are welcome to accompany them to the playground in the middle of the sanctuary by the north wall where soft toys are available for their use. 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.

Serving Us Today

Greeters:	Kerry and Joe Livingston
Ushers:	Lance Swancutt, Steve Brosko, Rick Bock
Lector:	Matt Rotz
Musicians:	ERLC Choir, Katie Carlson, Kara Hennig, Justin Howland
A/V:	Emily Rotz
Communion Steward:	Judy Lipka
Communion Servers:	Sarah Chur, Karen Maher, Sheila Swancutt
Basket Holders:	Beckett and Genevieve Chur
Communion Clean-Up:	Mary Forster and Donna Varty
Mid-Week Communion Set-Up:	Jana Lundquist
Hospitality Coordinator:	Arrangements Team

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

GATHERING SONG

"All Are Welcome"

VERSE 1

**Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

CHORUS

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

VERSE 2

**Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:**

CHORUS

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

VERSE 3 (Choir)

Let us build a house where love is found
in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:

CHORUS (ALL)

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

VERSE 4 (Choir)

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

CHORUS (Choir)

All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

VERSE 5 (All)

**Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:**

CHORUS

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

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)

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

“Thanks Be to Our God”

CHORUS

Hallelujah.

Everlasting songs will rise for all You've done.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Thanks be to our God!

VERSE 1

**For the road that leads from darkness into light,
For the hope that rescues us from endless night,**

For the grace that covers sin,

At the door where life begins,

For salvation reaching in to guide us through,

Thanks be to our God.

CHORUS

Hallelujah.

Everlasting songs will rise for all You've done.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Thanks be to our God!

VERSE 2

**For the healing that no mortal can explain,
For deliverance that breaks the sinner's chains,**

For the strength to carry on,

And forgiveness great and strong,

And the promise of Your mercies ever new,

Thanks be to our God.

CHORUS

Hallelujah.

Everlasting songs will rise for all You've done.

Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Thanks be to our God!

VERSE 3

**For the emptiness that cries out to be filled,
For the promise that Your Word is deeper still,
For the longing and the need
To have more of You in me,
Because nothing satisfies the way You do,
Thanks be to our God.**

CHORUS

**Hallelujah.
Everlasting songs will rise for all You've done.
Hallelujah. Hallelujah.
Thanks be to our God!**

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Holy God, as we are transformed by your extravagant love, make us a people committed to this life of faith you have called us to, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Joel 2:28-32

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Then afterward
I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire
and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and
the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD

³² comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be
saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who
escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be
those whom the LORD calls.

Here ends the reading...

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap
sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

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Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not

reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

⁹ As it is written,
"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others,¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

POWERED BY LOVE
People of Commitment

SONG OF THE DAY

"Generous Giver"

CHORUS
You are the Gen'rous Giver.

**Your mercy overflows.
Your blessing is a river:
On and on and on it goes.
You are an endless fountain.
You're filling up my life.
My heart must sing Your praises.
Jesus, You be glorified.**

VERSE 1

**You don't withhold Your love from us,
Arms open wide upon a cross,
You give no matter what the cost.
Jesus, we see You.**

CHORUS

**You are the Gen'rous Giver.
Your mercy overflows.
Your blessing is a river:
On and on and on it goes.
You are an endless fountain.
You're filling up my life.
My heart must sing Your praises.
Jesus, You be glorified.**

VERSE 2

**All of these worlds Your hands have made,
A billion stars stretched out in space,
These are just echoes of Your grace.
Jesus, we see You.**

CHORUS

**You are the Gen'rous Giver.
Your mercy overflows.
Your blessing is a river:
On and on and on it goes.**

**You are an endless fountain.
You're filling up my life.
My heart must sing Your praises.
Jesus, You be glorified.**

RECEIVING OF COMMITMENTS

VERSE 3

**Jesus, You reach us in our pain,
Your mercy meets us ev'ry day,
Your love will never turn away.
Jesus, we see You.**

CHORUS

**You are the Gen'rous Giver.
Your mercy overflows.
Your blessing is a river:
On and on and on it goes.
You are an endless fountain.
You're filling up my life.
My heart must sing Your praises.
Jesus, You be glorified.**

SHARING AND RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – BIDDING PRAYERS

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

“No Outsiders”

By Chris Llewellyn, Gareth Gilkeson, Hank Bentley, & Ed Cash
featuring Katie Carlson, Kara Hennig, & Justin Howland

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. May the generosity of these gifts lead us to a life of generosity grounded in your extravagant love through 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

“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 3

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again;
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

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.**

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, filled us with your love, and**

renewed our hope for the future. 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 **(#641) "All Are Welcome"^{v1}**

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

REFRAIN

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

SENDING DIALOG

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

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- *Generosity of Commitment: thank you for everyone who has made the decision to commit of their time and resources to the life of Elk River Lutheran Church.*
- Anna K

For Support:

- *All Military Personnel and their families*
- *Rod Werk & Kids*
- *Linda and Mike Cheney*
- *Marti Kinsley*
- *Harriet Eckland*
- *CinDee Torkelson*
- *Brian and Aimee Johnson, house fire*

In Sorrow:

- *Family and friends of Arthur Simpson, Jim Simpson's brother*

Health concerns:

- *Linda Kopp, recovery from shoulder surgery*
- *Evelyn Duffy, in hospice (mother of Sue Moe)*
- *Keely Franklin, open heart surgery (niece of Dawn Kultala)*
- *Marti Kingsley*
- *Linda Horne, heart issues (friend of Vicki Sackmeister)*
- *Dean Johnson, heart surgery*
- *Peggy, sister of Lori Sundman*
- *Kyle Tonsags, friend of Michele Smith (cancer surgery)*
- *Pat Hanson*
- *Harv Torkelson (pancreatic cancer and colon surgery)*
- *Chuck Hulse, shoulder surgery 11/6*
- *Cathy Klieber (ALS), friend of Cara Rule McGrath*
- *Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen*
- *Shari Howland, serious surgery procedure*
- *Derrick Dorholt, Complications after surgery*
- *Richard Boyer, Linda Nielsen's dad*
- *Carol Vikstrom*
- *Chad Harding, son of Brian and Diane Harding*
- *Carol Sindelir*
- *Nancy Scott, sister of Bonnie Swedal (chemo treatments)*
- *Mike Cheney*
- *Jim Jones and family, father-in-law of Taylor Quinn*
- *Duane Jerde*
- *Steve Lindberg, cancer treatment*
- *LeRoy Wegscheid*
- *Gary Ristau, battling cancer*
- *Hazel Norris*
- *Erich VanRyn*
- *Gene Conley*
- *John Ernst, recent surgery (Monticello Hospital)*

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

Commitment Sunday

- 8:15am – Traditional Worship
- 9:20am – LiFT!: Jesus, the Light of the World is Born
- 9:20am – Fellowship Hour
- 9:30am – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 10:30am – Contemporary Worship
- 2pm – Pokemon League

MONDAY

- 6:30pm – Riverside Ringers Handbell Rehearsal

TUESDAY

- 9am – Quilting
- 9:30am – Bible Study with Pastor
- 10:30am – Prayer Team
- 6:30pm – Church Council
- 7pm – Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

- 9:30am – Adult Faith Formation
- 5:30pm – Choir
- 6:30pm – Confirmation
- 6:30pm – t5 High School Youth
- 7:30pm – Worship Band rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 10am – Genealogy Group
- 11:30am – Singles of a Certain Age Luncheon
- 7pm – The Way Out (AA Group)

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- 8am – Men's Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

Pie and Quilt Blessing Sunday

- 8:15am – Traditional Worship
- 9:20am – LiFT!: Wise Men Worship King Jesus
- 9:20am – Fellowship Hour
- 9:30am – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 10:30am – Contemporary Worship
- Baptism: Finneus and Zalena Welton*
- 2pm – Pokemon League

VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

The Communion Team is looking for a person to do a **mid-week fill/setup for communion** the following Sunday.

It would be for the second Sunday of the month only. You pick your day and time to fill. Task takes about 30-40 minutes, often less depending on carry-over from previous Sunday's communion.

Please contact Pam Black at 763-441-5255 or pammiepuddin@yahoo.com or leave your name with Linda in the church office.

Training available.

CAMPAIGN EVENTS PHOTO REQUEST

Call for any photos. We would like to feature a photo collage of the capital campaign in the next issue of the *ERLC Current*.

If any of you have any photos from the events, could you please send them to Linda in the church office **by November 27**.
linda@elkriverlutherna.org

Minnesota's Next Steps To Grow Renewable Energy

Great River 350 and Elk River Union Congregational Church, UCC, invite you to an informative and engaging evening presentation on Minnesota's climate and energy policies.

Join Fresh Energy's Science Policy Director J. Drake Hamilton as she discusses Minnesota success stories on the path towards building a clean energy future.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

6:00 – 7:30 PM: Presentation (including Q&A)

7:30 – 8:00 PM: Refreshments

Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
1118 4th St. NW, Elk River, MN 55330

This event is free and open to the public.



J. Drake Hamilton is Science Policy Director of St. Paul, MN based Fresh Energy. For 25 years, Fresh Energy has helped lead Minnesota's transition to a clean energy economy through advocacy, policy analysis, and public outreach. Hamilton represented Fresh Energy at the Paris Climate Summit, and was invited by President Obama to meet with him in the White House. In her spare time, J. grows organic peaches, pears, and plums that have won blue ribbons at the Minnesota State Fair.

Great River 350's mission is to educate residents of along the Mississippi Corridor in Wright and Sherburne counties about climate change and its effect on our area.



CASCADE MOUNTAINS, WA

HOLDEN VILLAGE

Summer 2020

For more information and to start the dialogue about this adult and family experience, contact Jeremy jeremy@elkriverlutheran.org



"The Greatest Story Ever Told"

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN
2019 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
DEC 15TH AT BOTH SERVICES



Our 2019 LiFT Christmas pageant is starting to take shape. We will begin rehearsing music November 10th during the LiFT hour and full pageant rehearsals will be early December. If your child is interested in speaking parts please let Jeremy know. We look forward to sharing with the congregation on December 15th at both services "The Greatest Story Ever Told." Email Jeremy at jeremy@elkriverlutheran.org



PIE SUNDAY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24TH
IN BETWEEN SERVICES

- SIGN UP ON SHEET IN CAFÉ OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE
- TELL US YOUR NAME AND HOW MANY PIES ARE YOU BRINGING



FAMILY CAMP

Friday – Sunday
July 10-12, 2020



COST PER FAMILY

- by Feb 14 = \$230
 - Feb 15 - April 25 = \$305
 - On or after April 26 = \$380
- www.luthercrest.org



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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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Treasurer: Jennifer Stanley

John Auel
Sarah Chur
Jodie Dahlheimer
Ryan Herbert
Brian McFarlane
Michele Smith



Please Recycle Me!

LAST WEEK UPDATE

Worship Attendance:
8:15am Traditional 84
10:30am Contemporary 114

Online giving: bit.ly/erlcgive

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Office Hours

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 am – 4 pm; Fri Closed