

*December 24, 2020 • 10:30am*

*Christmas Eve Family Online Service*

**Joyous Light**  
Christmas 2020



**Christmas Eve Family Service**

Online



 **Elk River** ELCA  
LUTHERAN  
Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,  
joyful community, serving God & neighbor.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

**OPENING CAROL:** "Deck the Halls"

## ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Today we celebrate the joyous light of Christ as we light all of the candles on the Advent wreath.

*Light Candles*

Scripture tells us:

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Isaiah 60:1-3

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. John 1:1-5

Let us pray together,

**All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

CAROL: "Go Tell It on the Mountain" v1

ELW #290

# Go Tell It on the Mountain

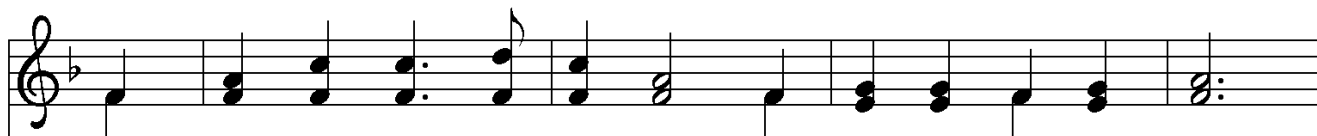
*Refrain*



Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;



go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!



1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,  
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth  
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum-ble Christ was born;



*Refrain*



be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.  
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.  
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.



Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.  
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

## Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,  
 2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?  
 3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun-tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.  
 What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?  
 come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo -

- ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864  
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887-1958

## HOLY COMMUNION

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND PRAYER TIME

## 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.**

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

As our prayers rise up, may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

**Amen.**

## OFFERING TIME



## OFFERING PRAYER

**Creator God, we are filled to overflowing with the hope of this season. As the Magi offered their best to the Christ child, we place before you our offerings from the gifts you have given to us. May they be used to further your work among us. Amen.**

## Joy to the World

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth re -  
 2 Joy to the earth, the Sav - ior reigns! Let all their  
 3 No more let sin and sor - row grow nor thorns in -  
 4 He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the

ceive her king; let ev - 'ry heart pre - pare him  
 songs em - ploy, while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and  
 fest the ground; he comes to make his bless - ings  
 na - tions prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous -

room and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture  
 plains re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing  
 flow far as the curse is found, far as the curse is  
 ness and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his

and heav'n and na - ture sing, and

sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.  
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.  
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.  
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.

heav'n and na - ture sing,

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING**

“Go in peace, share the good news”

**“We will, thanks be to God!”**

### **POSTLUDE**

Liturgy, songs and lyrics are reprinted with permission. Current copyright licenses held with CCLI, OneLicense, and Augsburg Fortress. Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.





## Operation Joyous Light Memorials & Honorariums



*In memory of our Parents & Grandparents*

*In Memory of Gary Becker*

*In Memory of Walter & Elma Scroggins & Martha & Otto Burandt*

*In Memory of loved ones*

*In Memory of husband Neil Dietz*

*In Loving Memory of grandson Riley*

*In Memory of our Parents*

*In Memory of my beloved of 64 years who passed October 16, Carl Hary*

*In Memory of Brian and Sue Rieken*

*In Memory of Carter Corpe - A light that brightened all who knew him*

*In Honor of our little joyous light, Kai*

*ERLC Staff for bringing us so much joy in 2020!*

*In Memory of Harriet Walburn*

*In Memory of Dale, my brother Gary, my parents & grandparents*

*In Memory of David Clough*

*In Honor of mother, Doris Nelson*

*In Memory of parents, Lorenz Nelson, Forest and Pearl Abbott and Brother-in-law Steve Sindelir*

*In Memory of Harold Novotny*

*In Memory of Marvin & Mildred Lindroth*

*In Memory of Clifford & Ingeborg Olson*

*In Honor of our kids & grandkids*

*In Memory of our son, Jeff*

*In Memory of our loved ones no longer with us*

*In Honor of Diana's cousin Robin Skeie*

*In Memory of Diana's cousin Judy Gaalswyk*

*In Honor of our children & grandchildren*

*In Honor of Family & Friends*

*In Memory of Guy*

*In Memory of Steve Vevea*

*In Memory of our Parents & Lori's Brother*

*By Babs & Don Armagost*

*By Eric, Heidi & Tyler Becker*

*By Barbara Burandt*

*By Marlyne Dalzell*

*By Delphine Dietz*

*By Sharon Emerick & Chuck Hulse*

*By Mary & Rick Hansen*

*By Shirley Hary*

*By Julie Haugen*

*By Kara Hennig*

*By Martha Hippe*

*By The Horner Family*

*By The Katzner Family*

*By Phyllis Lehrke*

*By Julie & Ken Nathe*

*By Dan and Val Nelson*

*By Dan & Val Nelson*

*By Garnet Novotny*

*By Cedric & Marlys Olson*

*By Cedric & Marlys Olson*

*By Russ & Barbara Overbye*

*By Greg & Debby Pouliot*

*By The Rotz Family*

*By Diana Schansberg & Steve Bucholz*

*By Diana Schansberg & Steve Bucholz*

*By Ron & Gloria Stricker*

*By The Tschakert Family*

*By Donna Varty*

*By Carol Vevea*

*By Tom & Lorie Werk*

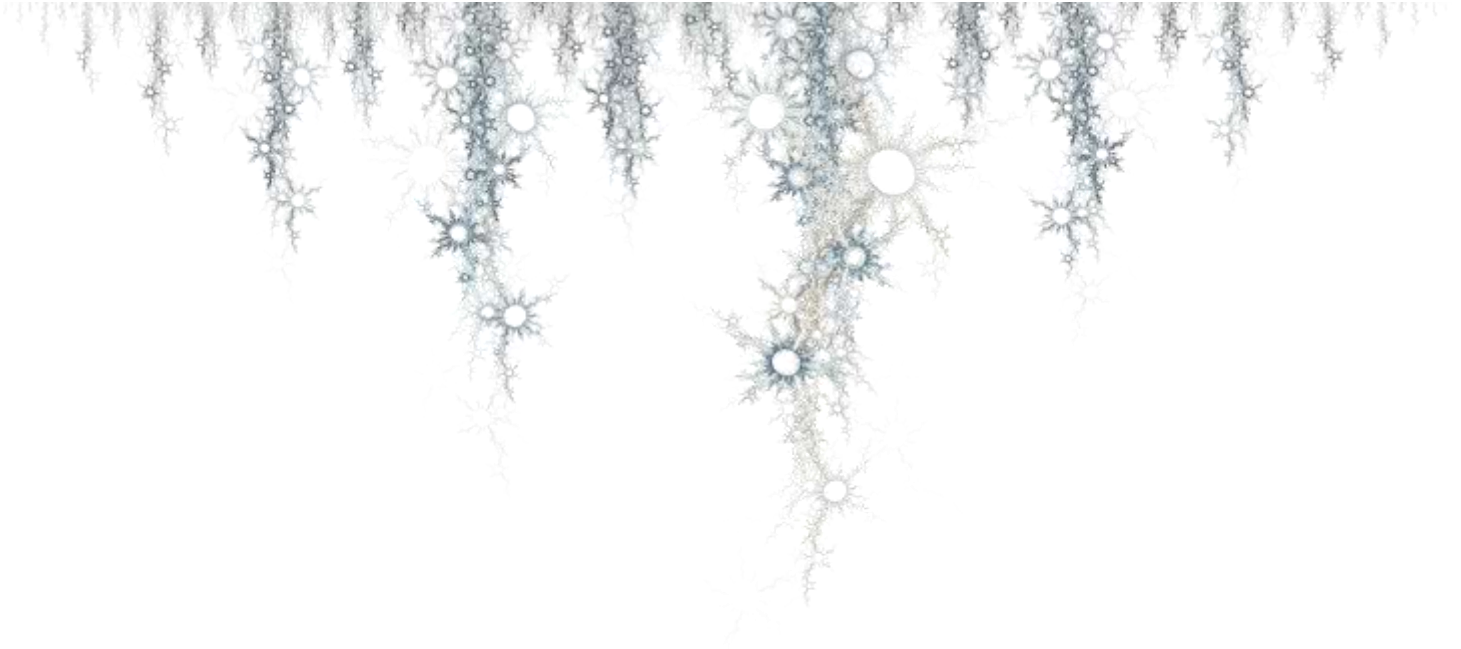


## *Operation Joyous Light Supporters*



*John & Debbie Campbell  
Larry & Jean Cook  
Mary Ernhart  
The Ethen Family  
Jack & Jenna Gasperlin  
Glenn & Lynette Geving  
Myron & Florence Grams  
By Sue Hales  
Dennis & Ann Hove*

*Pam & Glenn Johnson  
Gwen Krizek  
Bob & Sandy Krumwiede  
Eric & Jana Lundquist  
Harry & Karen Maher  
Bob & Paula Rotz  
David & Karen Rogers  
The Schwarze Family  
The Spaniol Family*



## STAFF

**Pastor:** Nathan Mugaas  
763-242-8347  
[pastornathan@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:pastornathan@elkriverlutheran.org)

**Intern Pastor** Jeremy Hallquist  
612-201-6382 [jeremy@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:jeremy@elkriverlutheran.org)

**Linda Nielsen**  
Office Manager  
612-845-7335  
[linda@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:linda@elkriverlutheran.org)

**Taylor Quinn,**  
Director of Music Ministry and Worship  
816-519-2719  
[taylor@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:taylor@elkriverlutheran.org)

**Lisa Sampson**  
Director of Children, Youth and Family  
612-750-3959  
[lisa@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:lisa@elkriverlutheran.org)

**Bookkeeper:** Lori Sundman  
763-595-1216  
[ERLCBookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:ERLCBookkeeper@gmail.com)

**Custodian:** Brian Harding

## CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

**President:** Kari Christianson  
**Vice President:** Sarah Chur  
**Secretary:** Sue Hales  
**Treasurer:** John Auel  
Jodie Dahlheimer  
Ryan Herbert  
Brian McFarlane  
Michele Smith  
Jennifer Stanley  
Ron Stricker

### **THIS WEEK**

#### **FRIDAY CHRISTMAS DAY**

Church Offices are Closed



#### **SATURDAY**

8am – Men's Bible Study

#### **SUNDAY**

9:30am – Lessons and Carols Worship

#### **TUESDAY**

9am Quilters

#### **WEDNESDAY**

NO Confirmation/High School Youth

#### **THURSDAY**

NO Thursdays with Taylor  
NO Musicians' Happy Hour

**Elk River Lutheran Church**  
729 Main Street – Elk River, MN 55330  
(763) 595-1216  
[www.elkriverlutheran.org](http://www.elkriverlutheran.org)