

**March 24, 2019
10:30am Service
Large Print Bulletin**

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH
presents

ROCKIN' ON THE RIVER

A Lenten Exposition



Lent 2019

Lent 1 - March 10
The Temptations
"Get Ready"

Lent 4 - March 31
"Fortunate Son"
Creedence Clearwater
Revival

Lent 2 - March 17
**"The Times They
Are A Changin'"**
Bob Dylan

Lent 5 - April 7
"Let It Be"
The Beatles

Lent 3 - March 24
"Stayin' Alive"
The Bee Gees

Palm Sunday - April 14
"Redemption Song"
Bob Marley

**40 DAYS
of PEACE
& MUSIC**

Easter Sunday - April 21
"I'm A Believer"
The Monkees

Sundays in Lent
Free Admittance
729 Main St. NW
Elk River, MN 55330



 **Elk River** ELCA
LUTHERAN

Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
joyful community, serving God & neighbor.



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

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 THE PEACE

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

GATHERING SONG:

"The Table"

CHORUS

Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden is light.
He is able; He will restore
At the table of the Lord

VERSE 1

I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I won't hunger anymore at His table.
(Repeat)

CHORUS

Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden is light.
He is able; He will restore
At the table of the Lord

VERSE 2

There is peace at the table of the Lord.
There is peace at the table of the Lord.
I won't worry anymore at His table.

VERSE 3

**There is healing at the table of the Lord.
There is healing at the table of the Lord.
Oh, and I won't suffer anymore at His table.**

CHORUS

**Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden is light.
He is able; He will restore
At the table of the Lord.**

BRIDGE

**I know He has a place for me.
Oh, what joy will fill my heart
With the saints around the mercy seat of God.**

CHORUS

**Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden is light.
He is able; He will restore
At the table of the Lord.**

VERSE 4

**I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
I'm invited to the table of the Lord.
He says come just as you are to His table**

ACT OF RECONCILIATION

**P: Dear members of God's family, let us come together honestly to
tell God that we have not lived as we could and ask for forgiveness:**

Holy God, we have not fulfilled the hope in which you created us. We repent and ask your mercy that our sin might be forgiven and our guilt removed.

Help us to learn from scripture and from one another your will for our lives so that with your help we can claim the inheritance of unlimited freedom which you have willed to us through your son.

You came to our world in Jesus. Come now to us.

God does care about us and sent Jesus Christ to us, and for us Jesus gave his life. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creature. Old things have passed away and all things are new. And all things are of God who has reconciled us to Godself through Jesus Christ, and who has entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

“Desert Song”

CHORUS

I will bring praise.

I will bring praise.

No weapon formed against me shall remain.

I will rejoice.

I will declare.

God is my victory, and He is here.

VERSE 1

This is my prayer in the desert,

When all that's within me feels dry.

This is my prayer in my hunger and need.

My God is the God who provides.

CHORUS

I will bring praise.

I will bring praise.

No weapon formed against me shall remain.

I will rejoice.

I will declare.

God is my victory, and He is here.

VERSE 2

This is my prayer in the fire,

In weakness or trial or pain.

There is a faith proved of more worth than gold.

So refine me, Lord, through the flame.

CHORUS

I will bring praise.

I will bring praise.

No weapon formed against me shall remain.

I will rejoice.

I will declare.

God is my victory, and He is here.

BRIDGE

All of my life, in ev'ry season,

You are still God.

I have a reason to sing.

I have a reason to worship.

(REPEAT 2 X)

CHORUS

I will bring praise.

I will bring praise.

No weapon formed against me shall remain.

**I will rejoice.
I will declare.
God is my victory, and He is here.**

VERSE 4

**This is my prayer in the harvest,
When favour and providence flow.
I know I'm filled to be emptied again.
The seed I've received I will sow.**

GREETING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day: Let us pray.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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:

Psalm 63:1-8

1O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**2Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

3For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

**4So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

5My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**6when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

7For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

**8My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 13:1-9

1At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.2[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?3No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

6Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ 8He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Jeremy Hallquist

SONG OF THE DAY:

“Blessed Be Your Name”

VERSE 1

Blessed be Your name

**In the land that is plentiful,
Where Your streams of abundance flow,
Blessed be Your name.**

VERSE 2

Blessed be Your name

**When I'm found in the desert place,
Though I walk through the wilderness,
Blessed be Your name.**

PRE-CHORUS

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,**

CHORUS

**“Blessed be the name of Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name.”**

VERSE 3

Blessed be Your name

**When the sun's shining down on me,
When the world's “all as it should be.”
Blessed be Your name.**

VERSE 4

Blessed be Your name

**On the road marked with suffering,
Though there's pain in the offering,
Blessed be Your name.**

PRE-CHORUS

**Ev'ry blessing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.
When the darkness closes in, Lord,
Still I will say,**

CHORUS

**"Blessed be the name of Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name."**

BRIDGE

**You give and take away,
You give and take away.
My heart will choose to say,
"Lord, blessed be Your name." (REPEAT)**

CHORUS

**"Blessed be the name of Lord,
Blessed be Your name.
Blessed be the name of the Lord,
Blessed be Your glorious name."**

BIDDING PRAYER

Each prayer petition ends with a time for silent prayer and reflection, and then the following call and response:

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

SHARING THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

“Just a Closer Walk”

Featuring Emily and Matt Rotz

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Let us pray,

Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Receive them for the sake of him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION - WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

P: 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:

**C: 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 *“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”*

VERSE 1

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
 That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
 Was blind but now I see.**

VERSE 2

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed.**

CHORUS

**My chains are gone.
I've been set free,
 My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
 Unending love, amazing grace.**

VERSE 3

**The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
As long as life endures.**

CHORUS

**My chains are gone.
I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.**

CHORUS

**My chains are gone.
I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.**

VERSE 4

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
The sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
Will be forever mine,
Will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

**The Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in God's Grace
Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

"May the People's Praise You"

CHORUS

May the peoples praise You

Let the nations be glad

All Your blessing comes

That we may praise

May praise the Name of Jesus

VERSE 1

You have called us out of darkest night

Into Your glorious light

That we may sing the wonders of

The risen Christ

CHORUS

May the peoples praise You

Let the nations be glad

All Your blessing comes

**That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus**

VERSE 3

**All the earth is Yours and all within
Each harvest is Your own
And from Your hand we give to You
To make Christ known**

CHORUS

**May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus**

VERSE 4

**May the seeds of mercy grow in us
For those who have not heard
May songs of praise build lives of grace
To spread Your Word**

CHORUS

**May the peoples praise You
Let the nations be glad
All Your blessing comes
That we may praise
May praise the Name of Jesus**

Sending Dialog

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

All: We will! Thanks be to God!

Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

- 8:15am – Traditional Service
- 9:20am – LiFT! Family Sunday School (Community Room)
- 9:20am – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 10:30am – Contemporary Worship
- 11:30am – Special Events Team Meeting

MONDAY

- 6:30pm – Riverside Ringers (Handbell) Rehearsal

TUESDAY

- 9:30am – Quilting
- 9:30am – Bible Study with Pastor on Next Week's Readings

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00pm – Dinner Church
- 7:00pm – Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm – †⁵ Youth Group

THURSDAY

- 6:30pm – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 7:00pm – The Way Out (AA)

SATURDAY

- 8:00am – Men's Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:15am – Traditional Service
- 9:20am – New Member Orientation (2nd Floor)
- 9:20am – *NO LiFT! Family Sunday School*
- 9:20am – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 10:30am – Contemporary Worship
- 11:45am – 1st Communion Class
- 1:00pm – Guardian Angels Hymn Sing
(Meet at Care Center - 400 Evans Ave NW)

DINNER CHURCH

Wednesdays during Lent
Now through April 10 at 6pm

**FOOD. FELLOWSHIP.
SCRIPTURE**

everyone is welcome to the table

sign up at bit.ly/erlcdinner

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Due Sunday April 7th

Spring Easter Flower Garden = \$16

Lily = \$7

**Flowers will be available to take home
after the 10:30am Easter Service**

See order form



Welcoming New Members

Those interested in becoming official members of ERLC are invited to join us for new member orientation:

- March 31: New Member Orientation Session 9:20am
- April 3: New Member Lenten Dinner Church
- April 7: New Member Sunday

Please contact the church office or note on your registration slip if you would like to be part of this New Member orientation!

GUARDIAN ANGELS HYMN SING

Singing at both
Guardian Angels Care Center

(400 Evans St NW)

& Guardian Angels by the Lake

(13439 185th Ln NW)

Sunday afternoon MARCH 31 – 1:00 PM

Meet at Guardian Angels Care Center

400 Evans St NW

All are Welcome



Take Stock in Our Youth

Purchasing stock certificates signify the owner as an investor in our Youth Mission Trip. As such the investor may attend the Mission Trip Stockholder's Dinner where the returns on the investment will be seen through stories and pictures by our youth and other attendees.

STOCKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE MARCH 15 – MARCH 31*

**Youth will be calling ERLC members*

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Tilly Tilford (Pastor Nathan's sister-in-law) Army National Guard, safely returned from deployment in Kuwait
- Everett Emmons is home from rehab
- Kathie Nielsen, Pete Nielsen's mother turned 80 Saturday the 23rd – overcoming terminal lung cancer diagnosed in 2015

In Sorrow:

- Friends and Family of Donna Severson, friend of Phyllis Lehrke
- Family of Don Kellett, father of Joe Livingston
- Family of Geraldine 'Jerry' Clapper, aunt of Joe Livingston
- Family of Ardys Wagner, mother of Carol Vevea
- Family of Van "Dude" Zoller, son-in-law of Wayne and Ruth Traaseth
- Family of Curt Shelander whose Dare Funeral Luncheon was at ERLC on Thursday March 21

Health concerns:

- Carol Sindelir
- Steve Lindberg, continued recovery
- LeRoy Wegscheid
- Gary Ristau, battling cancer
- Hazel Norris
- John Ernst
- Sandy Charles, Paula Rotz' Mother
- Gigi, daughter of Marsha Emmons is still in the hospital
- Marsha Emmons' granddaughter
- Joe DeMars
- David Preston, grandson of Sue Hales
- Evelyn Hitchcock in hospice, grandmother of Kerry Livingston
- Joan Campbell
- Erich Van Ryn, 38 yr old son of Linda Van Ryn diagnosed with rare Stage 4 Cancer
- Sean Molskness, Grandson of Bob and Shirley Schmidt
- Karen Acers
- Marlyne Dalzell
- John Hurt with kidney problemst, Friend of Brian and Diane Harding

For Support:

- All Military Personnel and their families
- Jonas Maher, entering US Navy Feb 13

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

SERVING US TODAY

Greeters:	Martha Hippe and Judy Lipka
Ushers:	TL, Alana, and Ariaah Budish, Rick Bock
Lector:	Linda Campbell
Musicians:	Emily & Matt Rotz, Donna Heaston, Kara Hennig, Aziley Smith
Audio Visual:	Heidi Halverson & Eric Becker
Communion Steward:	Joe Livingston
Communion Servers:	Nancy Bock, Jodi Dahlheimer, Janelle Dalzell
Basket Holders:	Clara Johnson
Communion Clean-Up:	Toby Moe and Marilyn Miller
Mid-Week Communion Fill:	Shirley Schmidt
Hospitality Coordinator:	Barb Burandt



JOIN US THIS LENTEN SEASON FOR:

DINNER CHURCH

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesdays @ 6pm
March 13- April 10



SIGN UP TO HELP: [BIT.LY/ERLCDINNER](https://bit.ly/ERLCDINNER)

everyone is welcome to the table

FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. SCRIPTURE

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CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

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Treasurer: Jennifer Stanley
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Jodie Dahlheimer Ryan Herbert,
Brian McFarlane Michele Smith

LAST WEEK UPDATE

Avg Weekly Giving Needed: \$9,200
Received Last Week: \$4,122
Monthly Total: \$11,749

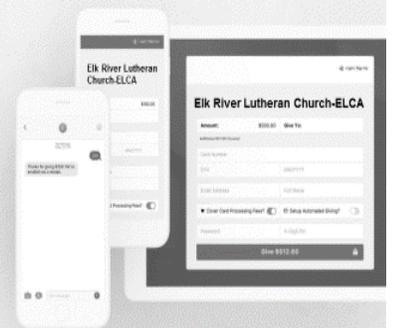
Visit www.elkriverlutheran.org/give for giving options

Worship Attendance:

8:15am: 44
10:30am: 67

4 Ways to Give

- Mobile Giving
- Online Giving
- Text Giving
- In Service (Cash/Check)



Find out more at www.elkriverlutheran.org/give

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Office Hours

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