



**January 13, 2019  
10:30am Service  
Large Print Bulletin**

**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 are a child friendly congregation and 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.**

**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.**

# ***The Gathering of God's People***

WELCOME

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK – ERLC YOUTH

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**GATHERING SONG**

***“I Will Call Upon the Lord”***

**VERSE**

**I will call upon the Lord**

**(ECHO)**

**Who is worthy to be praised**

**(ECHO)**

**So shall I be saved from my  
enemies (ECHO)**

**The Lord liveth**

**And blessed be the Rock**

**And may the God of our  
salvation be exalted**

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**CHORUS**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father,

and of the ✝ Son,

and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

**Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

**SONG OF PRAISE**

***“Everlasting Love”***

### **VERSE 1**

**Your everlasting love is  
higher,  
Higher, higher than the sky.  
Your everlasting love is  
higher,  
Higher, higher than the sky.  
Higher than the sky.  
Oh, the wonder of Your  
everlasting love  
Is higher than the sky**

### **VERSE 2**

**Your everlasting love is  
deeper,  
Deeper, deeper than the sea.  
Your everlasting love is  
deeper,  
Deeper, deeper than the sea.  
Deeper than the sea.  
Oh, the wonder of Your  
everlasting love  
Is deeper than the sea.**

### **VERSE 3**

**Your everlasting love is  
reaching,  
Reaching, reaching out to  
me.  
Your everlasting love is  
reaching,  
Reaching, reaching out to  
me.  
Reaching out to me.  
Oh, the wonder of Your  
everlasting love  
Is reaching out to me.**

### **VERSE 4**

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Reaching out to me.  
Oh, the wonder of Your  
everlasting love  
Is reaching out to me.**

**Prayer of the Day: Let us pray.**

**Holy God, in Jesus you turn the ways of the world upside down. Turn us from our self-centeredness and guide us to a life of humble service through your Son, Jesus Christ our**

**Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**FIRST READING:**

**Psalm 8:1-9**

<sup>1</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!  
You have set your glory above the heavens.

<sup>2</sup>**Out of the mouths of babes and infants  
you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,  
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

<sup>3</sup>When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars that you have established;

<sup>4</sup>**what are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
mortals that you care for them?**

<sup>5</sup>Yet you have made them a little lower than God,  
and crowned them with glory and honor.

<sup>6</sup>**You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;  
you have put all things under their feet,**

<sup>7</sup>all sheep and oxen,  
and also the beasts of the field,

<sup>8</sup>**the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,  
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

<sup>9</sup>O LORD, our Sovereign,  
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Gospel Reading:**

**Matthew 20:1-16**

<sup>1</sup>For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with

the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' <sup>7</sup>They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

**P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD**

**ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

**SERMON      JODY JOHNSON, LUTHER CREST BIBLE CAMP**

**SONG OF THE DAY:    “*HUMBLE THYSELF / AWESOME GOD*”**

L: Humble thyself in the sight of  
the Lord,

**C: Humble thyself in the  
sight of the Lord,  
(REPEAT)**

And God (**And God**) will lift  
(will lift)

**You up higher and higher**

And God (**And God**) will lift  
(will lift)

**Our God is an awesome God,  
Who reigns from heaven  
above;**

**With wisdom, pow'r, and love**

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**Our God is an awesome God.**

L: Walk together in the light of  
the Lord,

**C: Walk together in the light  
of the Lord,  
(REPEAT)**

And God (**And God**) will lift  
(will lift)

**You up higher and higher**

## **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.**

And God (**And God**) will lift  
(will lift)

**Our God is an awesome God,  
Who reigns from heaven  
above;**

**With wisdom, pow'r, and love**

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**Our God is an awesome God.**

L: Pray together in the sight of  
the Lord,

**C: Pray together in the sight  
of the Lord,  
(REPEAT)**

And God (**And God**) will lift  
(will lift)

**You up higher and higher**

And God (**And God**) will lift  
(will lift)

**Our God is an awesome God,  
Who reigns from heaven  
above;**

**With wisdom, pow'r, and love**

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**Our God is an awesome God.**

## OFFERTORY

### Verse 1

in my wrestling, and in my doubts,  
in my failures, you won't walk out.

Your great love will lead me through;  
you are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,  
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

### Chorus

My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness,  
I will follow you! Oh,  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise:  
You will carry me safe to shore,  
Safe to shore, safe to shore,  
safe to shore.

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in my failures, you won't walk out.

Your great love will lead me through;

## *"MY LIGHTHOUSE"*

you are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,  
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

### Chorus

My lighthouse, my lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness,  
I will follow you! Oh,  
My lighthouse, my lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise:  
You will carry me safe to shore,  
Safe to shore, safe to shore,  
safe to shore.

### Verse 2

In the silence, you won't let go.

In the questions, your truth will hold.

Your great love will lead me through;

You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh,  
You are the peace in my troubled sea.

### Chorus

**My lighthouse, my  
lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness,  
I will follow you! Oh,  
My lighthouse, my  
lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise:  
You will carry me safe to  
shore,  
Safe to shore, safe to shore,  
safe to shore.**

**Bridge  
Fire before us,  
You're the brightest.  
You will lead us  
Through the storms. (hey)  
(repeat 3x)**

**Verse 3  
I won't fear what tomorrow  
brings.**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

**Let us pray,  
Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the  
earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward  
those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and  
prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and Lord. Amen.**

### **WORDS OF INSTITUTION:**

**P:** In the night in which he was betrayed,

**With each morning, i'll rise  
and sing.  
My god's love will lead me  
through;  
You are the peace in my  
troubled sea, whoa oh,  
You are the peace in my  
troubled sea.**

**Chorus  
My lighthouse, my  
lighthouse  
Shining in the darkness,  
I will follow you! Oh,  
My lighthouse, my  
lighthouse,  
I will trust the promise:  
You will carry me safe to  
shore,  
Safe to shore, safe to shore,  
safe to shore.**

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 DISTRIBUTION

**COMMUNION SONG  
KING)”**

**VERSE**

I'm forgiven because You  
were forsaken,  
I'm accepted, You were  
condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your spirit  
is within me  
Because You died and rose  
again.

**VERSE**

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Because You died and rose  
again.

**CHORUS a**

Amazing love, how can it be  
That You, my king, would die  
for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's  
true;  
It's my joy to honor You.

**CHORUS b**

Amazing love, how can it be  
That You, my king, would die  
for me?

**“AMAZING LOVE (YOU ARE MY**

Amazing love, I know it's  
true;  
It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do. I honor You.

**VERSE**

I'm forgiven because You  
were forsaken,  
I'm accepted, You were  
condemned.  
I'm alive and well, Your spirit  
is within me  
Because You died and rose  
again.

**CHORUS**

Amazing love, how can it be  
That You, my king, would die  
for me?  
Amazing love, I know it's  
true;  
It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do. I honor You.

**BRIDGE**

You are my King  
You are my King  
Jesus, You are my King.  
Jesus, You are my King.

**CHORUS**

**Amazing love, how can it be  
That You, my king, would die  
for me?**

**Amazing love, I know it's  
true;  
It's my joy to honor You.**

**That You, my king, would die  
for me?**

**Amazing love, I know it's  
true;**

**It's my joy to honor You.  
In all I do. I honor You.  
In all I do. I honor You.**

## **CHORUS**

**Amazing love, how can it be**

## **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.**

**We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us  
through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy,  
strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in  
fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ  
our 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 HYMN**

### ***“THE CHURCH SONG (WE ARE THE CHURCH)”***

#### **CHORUS**

**We are the church,  
the body of our Lord;  
we are all God’s children.  
We have been restored.**

#### **VERSE 1**

**The church is not a building  
where people go to pray;  
it’s not made out of sticks  
and stones,  
it’s not made out of clay.**

#### **CHORUS**

**We are the church,  
the body of our Lord;  
we are all God’s children.  
We have been restored.**

#### **VERSE 2**

**You can go to worship  
but you cannot go to church;  
you can’t find a building  
that’s alive  
no matter how you search.**

#### **CHORUS**

**We are the church,  
the body of our Lord;**

**we are all God’s children.  
We have been restored.**

#### **VERSE 3**

**The church is not a  
business,  
a committee or a board;  
it’s not a corporation for  
the business of the Lord.**

#### **CHORUS**

**We are the church,  
the body of our Lord;  
we are all God’s children.  
We have been restored.**

#### **VERSE 4**

**The church, it is the people  
living out their lives,  
CALLED, ENLIGHTENED,  
SANCTIFIED  
for the work of Jesus Christ.**

#### **CHORUS**

**We are the church,  
the body of our Lord;  
we are all God’s children.  
We have been restored.**

#### **Sending Dialog**

**P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!**

**All: We will! Thanks be to God!**



**Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):**

- *Lutheran Camping and the truly unique opportunities in wonderful natural settings it provides for sharing faith and learning what it means to be the Church.*

**In Sorrow:**

**For Support:**

- *Newly elected leaders, judges and officials across our nation*
- *All Military Personnel and their families*
- *Jim Pennington's daughter Rebecca in loss of a friend*
- *Barbara Sherida, Mother of Melissa Macari-Coons, Demintia*
- *Tilly Tilford (Pastor Nathan's sister-in-law) Army National Guard, deployed in Kuwait*

**Health concerns:**

- *Carol Sindelir*
- *Steve Lindberg, continued recovery*
- *LeRoy Wegscheid*
- *Gary Ristau, battling cancer*
- *Gene Conley, battling cancer*
- *Hazel Norris*
- *Ruth Lemke, cardiac tests*
- *Marcia Walhaug (Pastor Nathan's Aunt) in treatments for breast cancer*
- *Josh Como*
- *Colette Horne, Bruce Bourdeaux's mom*
- *Ryan Vevle, upcoming surgery*
- *John Ernst, for John's recovery*
- *Gab Posteuca, co-worker of Matt Rotz (Speedy recovery from surgery)*
- *Duane Childs, stage 4 melanoma*
- *Janet Stam, recent cancer diagnosis*
- *Cheryl Hegvik, healing for back*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **SUNDAY 1/13: CAMP SUNDAY** 8:15am Traditional Service; 9:20am LiFT! Family Sunday School and Worship Band Rehearsal; 10:30am Contemporary Service
- **TUESDAY 1/15:** 9:30am Bible Study and Quilting; 6:30pm CYF Meeting and Church Council
- **WEDNESDAY 1/16:** 9:30am Adult Faith Formation Meeting; 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal and Confirmation; 7:30pm †<sup>5</sup> Youth Group
- **THURSDAY 1/17:** 10am Genealogy Group; **5:45pm Financial Peace University Begins**; 6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal; 7pm The Way Out (AA)
- **SATURDAY 1/19:** 8am Men's Bible Study
- **SUNDAY 1/20:** 8:15am Traditional Service; 9:20 am LiFT! Family Sunday School and Worship Band Rehearsal; 10:30am Contemporary Worship; **11:45am: ERLC Informational Meeting**
- **ERLC-CAER Volunteers:** Jan 21, 23 and 25 are volunteer days at CAER for ERLC 9:30am – 12:15pm. If you can help, please let Arlene Wells know at (763) 441-3381 or [gawells1972@q.com](mailto:gawells1972@q.com)
- **SUNDAY 1/27: 11:45am ERLC Annual Meeting**
- **Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser** runs through January 30<sup>th</sup>. Support our Youth on their Summer Mission Trip and bring a smile to someone's face with a yard full of flamingos!
- February is **Meals on Wheels Month** for ERLC. Contact Garnet Novotny if interested in serving. Call 763-370-7710
- **Life Groups:** A new round of Life (Living in Faith Everyday) groups are beginning the week of January 27<sup>th</sup> & goes through the month of February. Sign-ups will begin this week. We are looking for more Facilitators & Hosts if interested please let Lorie or Tom Werk, Conni Natwick, Pastor Nathan or Jeremy.

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