



**January 20, 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

SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

"Oh How Good It Is"

VERSE 1

**Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit,
In faith and unity;
Where the bonds of peace,
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us.**

CHORUS

**So, with one voice we'll sing
to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live
out His word;
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the
presence of His people.**

VERSE 2

**Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy,
And weep with those who
mourn;
For the weak find strength,
The afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging.**

CHORUS

**So, with one voice we'll sing
to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live
out His word;
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the
presence of His people.**

Interlude [continued]
Da, da, da...

VERSE 3

Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another,
Forgive as He forgives;
When we live as one
We all share in the love

Of the Son, with the Father,
And the Spirit.

CHORUS

So, with one voice we'll sing
to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live
out His word;
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the
presence of His people.

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

“My Lighthouse”

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.**

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.**

Chorus

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.**

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.
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.

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

Your Word, O God, is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.
Help us always walk together in your light, 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 119: 1-16

¹Happy are those whose way is blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD.

²**Happy are those who keep his decrees,**
who seek him with their whole heart,

³who also do no wrong,
but walk in his ways.

⁴**You have commanded your precepts**
to be kept diligently.

⁵O that my ways may be steadfast
in keeping your statutes!

⁶**Then I shall not be put to shame,**
having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.

⁷I will praise you with an upright heart,
when I learn your righteous ordinances.

⁸**I will observe your statutes;**

do not utterly forsake me.

⁹How can young people keep their way pure?

By guarding it according to your word.

¹⁰**With my whole heart I seek you;**

do not let me stray from your commandments.

¹¹I treasure your word in my heart,

so that I may not sin against you.

¹²**Blessed are you, O LORD;**

teach me your statutes.

¹³With my lips I declare

all the ordinances of your mouth.

¹⁴**I delight in the way of your decrees**

as much as in all riches.

¹⁵I will meditate on your precepts,

and fix my eyes on your ways.

¹⁶**I will delight in your statutes;**

I will not forget your word.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 20:1-16

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

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming

into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

**P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD
ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

JEREMY HALLQUIST

SONG OF THE DAY:

“Jesus Messiah”

VERSE 1

**He became sin, who knew no sin;
The we might become His righteousness;
He humbled Himself, and carried the cross.
Love so amazing, Love so amazing.**

CHORUS

Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;

**Blessed Redeemer;
Emmanuel.**

**The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesu, Messiah, Lord of all.**

VERSE 2

**His body the bread, His blood the wine
Broken and poured out, all for love.**

The whole earth trembled, and the veil was torn.

Love so amazing, Love so amazing.

CHORUS

**Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer;
Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesu, Messiah, Lord of all.**

BRIDGE

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.**

OFFERTORY

“THY WORD”

*BY AMY GRANT & MICHAEL W. SMITH
FEATURING ERLC CHOIR*

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.

**All our hope is in You,
All our hope is in You,
All the glory to You, God,
The Light of the world.**

CHORUS

**Jesus, Messiah; Name above all names;
Blessed Redeemer;
Emmanuel.
The Rescue for sinners, the Ransom from heaven;
Jesu, Messiah, Lord of all.**

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 DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG

"Here I Am to Worship"

VERSE 1

Light of the world, You
stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart
adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

So, here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're
my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

CHORUS

So, here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're
my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

BRIDGE

And I'll never know how
much it cost
To see my sin upon that
cross.
And I'll never know how
much it cost
To see my sin upon that
cross.

VERSE 2

King of all days, oh so highly
exalted,
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the
earth You created,
All for love's sake became
poor.

CHORUS

So, here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're
my God.
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

CHORUS

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

"A Mighty Fortress"

VERSE 1

**A mighty fortress is our God,
a sword and shield
victorious;
he breaks the cruel
oppressor's rod
and wins salvation glorious.**

**The old satanic foe
has sworn to work us woe!
With craft and dreadful might
he arms himself to fight.**

On earth he has no equal.

VERSE 2

**No strength of ours can
match his might!
We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes
to fight,
whom God himself elected.**

**You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he!**

**Christ Jesus, mighty Lord,
God's only Son, adored.
He holds the field victorious.**

**VERSE 3 [from #509]
God's word is our great
heritage
And shall be ours forever;
To spread its light from age
to age
Shall be our chief endeavor.**

**Through life it guides our
way;
In death it is our stay.
Lord, grant while time shall
last
Your church may hold it fast
(continued...)**

Sending Dialog

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

All: We will! Thanks be to God!

Throughout all generations.

VERSE 4

**God's Word forever shall
abide,
no thanks to foes, who fear
it;
for God himself fights by our
side
with weapons of the Spirit.**

**Were they to take our house,
goods, honor, child, or
spouse,
though life be wrenched
away,
they cannot win the day.
The kingdom's ours forever!**

Prayer Request

We are here to *Pray for you*



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

- Give thanks for faith communities, church leaders, Christian educators, friends and mentors who help us understand the mystery of Christ and the gospel, leading us to greater boldness and confidence of faith.

In Sorrow:

- Family and friends of Carol Hoffman, whose Dare funeral luncheon was at ERLC on 1/19

For Support:

- All Military Personnel and their families
- Jim Pennington's daughter Rebecca in loss of a friend
- Charity Zrust

We would like to thank Pastor Linda Campbell, member of ERLC for her role in worship today!

Health concerns:

- Carol Sindelir
- Steve Lindberg, continued recovery
- Hazel Norris
- LeRoy Wegscheid
- John Ernst
- Gary Ristau, battling cancer
- 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
- 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
- Arla Frederickson, cousin of Dawn Kultala
- Jean Haugen, Erin Pelletier's Grandma
- Duane Jerde
- Pauline Kuhn
- Judy Sloan, healing from knee surgery

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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**
- **MONDAY 1/21:** ERLC-CAER Volunteer 9:30am – 12:15am
- **TUESDAY 1/22:** 9:30am Bible Study and Quilting;
- **WEDNESDAY 1/23:** ERLC-CAER Volunteer 9:30am – 12:15am; 6:30pm Choir Rehearsal and Confirmation; 7:30pm †⁵ Youth Group
- **THURSDAY 1/24:** **5:45pm Financial Peace University Begins**; 6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal; 7pm The Way Out (AA)
- **FRIDAY 1/25:** ERLC-CAER Volunteer 9:30am – 12:15am
- **SATURDAY 1/25:** 8am Men's Bible Study
- **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
- **SUNDAY 1/27:** 8:15am Traditional Service; 9:20 am LiFT! Family Sunday School and Worship Band Rehearsal; 10:30am Contemporary Worship; **11:45am ERLC Annual Meeting**
- **Flamingo Flocking Fundraiser** runs through January 30th. 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 27th & 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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