



**May 27th, 2018
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

**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)
I will call upon the
Lord

And may the God of
our salvation be
exalted

The Lord liveth
And blessed be the
Rock
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CHORUS

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CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS (ELW p. 94)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

All: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

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

Gracious God,

All: have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

P: 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.

All: Amen.

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

All: And also with you!

Song of Praise
“Our God Saves”

VERSE

**In the name of the
Father, in the name of
the Son,**

**In the name of the
Spirit, Lord, we come;**

**We're gather'd
together to lift up
Your name,
To call on our Savior,
to fall on Your grace;**

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PRE-CHORUS

**Hear the joyful sound
of our offering
As Your saints bow
down, as Your people
sing;
We will rise with You,
lifted on Your wings,**

**And the world will
see that**

CHORUS

**Our God saves, our
God saves;
There is hope in Your
name;
Mourning turns to
songs of praise;
Our God saves, our
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Our God saves!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Romans 8:12-17

¹²Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our

spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

PSALM: Psalm 29

¹Ascribe to the LORD, you gods,
 ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

²**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due God's name;
 worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders;
 the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

⁴**The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice;
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**

⁵The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees;
 the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

⁶**the LORD makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

⁷The voice of the LORD
 bursts forth in lightning flashes.

⁸**The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**

⁹The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

 And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, “Glory!”

¹⁰**The LORD sits enthroned above the flood;**

the LORD sits enthroned asking for evermore.

¹¹O LORD, give strength to your people;
give them, O LORD, the blessings of peace.

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: John 3:1-17

¹Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” ³Jesus answered him, “**Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.**” ⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” ⁵Jesus answered, “**Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.** ⁶**What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.** ⁷**Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’** ⁸**The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it**

comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” ⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” ¹⁰Jesus answered him, “**Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?**

¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe; how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵**that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.**

¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

SERMON

JIA STARR BROWN

SONG OF THE DAY: “Holy, Holy, Holy, (God With Us)”

CHORUS

**From the cradle to the cross,
God with us! God with us!
For this broken world,
You love.
God with us! God with us!
You gave up Your only Son,
God with us! God with us!
So that all the world will know our
God with us!**

VERSE 1

**Holy, holy, holy!
Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning,**

**Our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty;
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

VERSE 2

**Holy, holy, holy!
All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns
Around the glassy sea.
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before
Thee,
Which wert and art, and evermore shall be.**

CHORUS

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You gave up Your only Son,
God with us! God with us!
So that all the world will know our
God with us!**

VERSE 3

**Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall
praise Thy name,
In earth, and sky, and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful
and mighty!**

**God in three Persons
blessed Trinity**

CHORUS

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For this broken world,
You love.
God with us! God with us!
You gave up Your only Son,
God with us! God with us!
So that all the world will know our
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know our
God with us!**

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

"America The Beautiful"

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Let us pray,

**Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth.
Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you
have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and
generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond
to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and
Lord.**

Amen.

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.**

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.**

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

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here I am to bow down,
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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**

BRIDGE

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

So, here I am to worship,
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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

“All The People Said Amen”

VERSE 1

**You are not alone if you
are lonely.**
**When you feel afraid,
you're not the only.**
**We are all the same, in
need of mercy,**
**To be forgiven and be
free.**
**It's all you got to lean on,
But thank God, it's all
you need.**

CHORUS

**And all the people said,
“Amen.” Whoa.**
**And all the people said
“Amen.”**
**Give thanks to the Lord,
for His love never ends.**
**And all the people said
“Amen.”**

VERSE 2

**If you're rich or poor,
well, it don't matter.**

**Weak or strong, you
know love is what we're
after.
We're all broken, but
we're all in this together.
God knows we stumble
and fall,
And He so loved the
world,
He sent His son to save
us all.**

CHORUS

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BRIDGE

**Blessed are the poor in
spirit who are torn apart.
Blessed are the
persecuted and the pure
in heart.
Blessed are the people
hungry for another start,
For theirs is the
kingdom, the kingdom of
God.**

CHORUS

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(REPEAT CHORUS)**

Sending Dialog

**P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!
All: We will! Thanks be to God!**



ERLC Office will be closed, Monday, May 28th in observance of Memorial Day

VBS Registration now available!

Registration forms available on ERLC Website or in Martha's Office.

"Shipwrecked-Rescued by Jesus"

July 30-August 2nd 5:30-6pm Family Dinner; 6:00-8pm VBS

Graduation Sunday, June 3rd.

Please join us as we celebrate our High School Seniors

Beer & Hymns at Pour Wine Bar and Bistro

Monday, June 4th at 6:30pm

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Office Hours

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Prayer Request

We are here to **Pray for you**



Health concerns:

Carol Sindelir

Ray Daniels

**Hazel Norris, a baby that
suffers from seizures**

Gary Ristau

Brad Hansen

Kaye & Larry Vaske

Arlene Wells

**Steve Lindberg who has
pancreatic cancer**

**Michelle Spaniol who has
ovarian cancer**

Duane Jerde

Don McRae

Carol Vikstrom

Rick Hansen

Steve Dollar

Bill Campbell

Art Johnson

**Sophia Zabee, Heart
procedure/testing**

Arlene Smith, Vaughn

Smith's mother.

**Barb, Friend of Tom & Joyce
Hels**

Dennis Dahlheimer

LeRoy Wegscheid

In Sorrow:

**Daryl & Jean Holt in the
passing of Daryl's sister,
Deloris Holt.**

**Brian & Linda Felska in the
passing of their brother-in-
law Ed Mitchell**

For Support:

Rod Werk & his children

**Members & families of the
armed forces**

Deb Johnson