



**September 23, 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

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**GATHERING SONG**

**“Rejoice in the Lord Always!”**

**Chorus**

**Rejoice in the Lord always,**

**Again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice in the Lord always,**

**Again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Again I say, rejoice!**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Again I say, rejoice!**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Holy God, sometimes we close ourselves off and keep our joys and hardships to ourselves

**May we regularly share our highs and lows**

Sometimes we neglect your holy Word and let our Bibles collect dust

## **May we regularly read the Bible**

Sometimes we give no thought to what the Bible might have to say to our everyday lives

## **May we regularly talk about how the Bible relates to our highs and lows**

Sometimes we skip praying or pray only for ourselves

## **May we regularly pray for one another's highs and lows**

Sometimes we rush through life and don't pause to bless others or receive blessings from God and others.

## **May we regularly bless one another**

Sometimes we try to do faith alone, turning our backs on our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, and turning our backs on you God.

**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.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**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 “May The Peoples Praise You”**

### **VERSE 1**

**You have called us out of  
darkest night  
Into Your glorious light  
That we may sing the  
wonders of  
The risen Christ**

### **VERSE 2**

**May our every breath retell  
the grace  
That broke into our strife  
With boundless love and  
deepest joy  
With endless life**

### **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**

### **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**

### **VERSE 5**

**This our holy priv'lege to  
declare  
Your praises and Your name  
To every nation tribe and  
tongue  
Your church proclaims**

### **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**

### **CHORUS**

**May the peoples praise You  
Let the nations be glad  
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May praise the Name of  
Jesus**

**Prayer of the Day: Gracious God you call us to experience faith together. May we regularly share together, read together, talk together, pray for one another, and bless one another. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen**

### **FIRST READING: Deuteronomy 6:4-9**

<sup>4</sup> Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

<sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. <sup>7</sup> Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, <sup>9</sup> and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

### **Gospel Reading:**

**Matthew 7:7-12**

<sup>7</sup> "Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. <sup>8</sup> For everyone

who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. <sup>9</sup> Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? <sup>10</sup> Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? <sup>11</sup> If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him! <sup>12</sup> "In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets.

**P: The gospel of the Lord**

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

PASTOR NATHAN MUGAAS

**SONG OF THE DAY:**

***"Blessed Assurance"***

### **VERSE 1**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine.  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God;  
Born of His Spirit, and washed in His blood.

### **CHORUS**

This is my story, this is my song;

Praising my Savior all the day long.  
This is my story, this is my song;  
Praising my Savior all the day long.

### **VERSE 2**

Perfect submission, all is at rest;  
I, in my Savior, am happy and blessed.  
Watching and waiting, looking above;

Filled with His goodness,  
and lost in His love.

### CHORUS

This is my story, this is my  
song;  
Praising my Savior all the  
day long.  
This is my story, this is my  
song;  
Praising my Savior all the  
day long.

### VERSE 3

Perfect submission, perfect  
delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst  
on my sight;

### APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,

Angels descending bring  
from above,  
Echoes of mercy, whispers  
of love

### CHORUS

This is my story, this is my  
song;  
Praising my Savior all the  
day long.  
This is my story, this is my  
song;  
Praising my Savior all the  
day long.

**the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **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**

## **OFFERTORY**

### **“Seek Ye First”**

*By Karen Lafferty, Arr. By Douglas E. Wagner*

Featuring Donna Heaston, Kara Hennig, & the ERLC Choir with  
Valerie Behling, piano & Marsha Emmons, violin

## **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Let us pray,

**Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, 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

**"IT IS WELL"**

#### **VERSE 1**

**Grander earth has quaked  
before,  
Moved by the sound of Your  
voice.  
Seas that are shaken and  
stirred**

**Can be calmed and broken  
for my regard.**

#### **CHORUS 1**

**Through it all, through it all  
my eyes are on You.**

Through it all, through it all it  
is well.

Through it all, through it all  
my eyes are on You,  
And it is well with me.

### VERSE 2

Far be it for me to not  
believe,  
Even when my eyes can't  
see.  
And this mountain that's in  
front of me  
will be thrown into the midst  
of the sea.

### CHORUS 1

Through it all, through it all  
my eyes are on You.  
Through it all, through it all it  
is well.

### **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**

Through it all, through it all  
my eyes are on You,  
And it is well with me.

### BRIDGE

So, let go my soul and trust  
in God.

The waves and wind still  
know Your name.

So, let go my soul and trust  
in God.

The waves and wind still  
know Your name.

### CHORUS 2

It is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul.

It is well with my soul.

It is well, it is well with my  
soul.

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 SONG**

*"Praise the Lord"*

### **CHORUS**

Praise the Lord, o my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long  
as I live.

I will sing praises to my God,  
Even with my dying breath.

### **VERSE 1**

He is the One who made the  
Heaven and earth,

The sea and ev'rything in it.

He is the One who keeps  
every promise forever.

He gives justice to the  
oppressed

And sets the pris'ner free.

### **CHORUS**

Praise the Lord, o my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long  
as I live.

I will sing praises to my God,  
Even with my dying breath.

### **VERSE 2**

He is the One who feeds the  
hungry

And opens the eyes of the  
blind.

He lifts up the burdens of  
those

beneath heavy loads;

The stranger, He protects  
and righteous one, He loves.

### **CHORUS**

Praise the Lord, o my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long  
as I live.

I will sing praises to my God,  
Even with my dying breath.

**Bridge**

The Lord will reign forever.

Our God is King to all  
generations.

The Lord will reign forever,  
our God.

(REPEAT)

**CHORUS**

**Sending Dialog**

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

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

Praise the Lord, o my soul!  
I will praise the Lord as long  
as I live.

I will sing praises to my God,  
Even with my dying breath.

**CHORUS**

Praise the Lord, o my soul!  
I will praise the Lord as long  
as I live.

I will sing praises to my God,  
Even with my dying breath.



**Health concerns:**

**Carol Sindelir**

**Hazel Norris, who is recovering from brain surgery.**

**Gary Ristau**

**Brad Hansen**

**Kris West**

**Sophie Zabee**

**Elayna Ditschler**

**Duane Jerde**

**Kyle Dietz recovery from kidney surgery, son of Delphine Dietz**

**Sandy Charles, mother of Paula Rotz**

**Partee Zakama**

**LeRoy Wegscheid**

**Steve Lindberg, pancreatic cancer surgery 10/9/18**

**Julie Kellett, Sister-in-law to Joe and Kerry Livingston (breast cancer)**

**Duane Jerde**

**Larry Erickson, cousin of Nancy Naig awaiting surgery and chemo**

**Mike Elliason**

**In Sorrow:**

**Family and Friends of Larry Vaske**

**Family of Pastor Richard Dahlin, nephew of Ardelle Dahlin**

**Vaughn Smith's Mother**

**Family of Jean Kolberg, Daughter of Retired Pastor Dick and Arlene Erickson**

**Family of Phil Peterson, friend of Ardelle Dahlin**

**For Support:**

**Prayers for all the residents of NC and SC affected by Hurricane Florence and resulting floods and bad weather**

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

**Life Groups Beginning!**

**50th Anniversary of Brian and Diane Harding**

**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](http://www.elkriverlutheran.org/prayer-concerns)

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Monday 9/24:** ERLC-CAER Volunteer Day 12:15 pm
- **Tuesday 9/25:** NO Bible Study; Quilting at 9:30 am
- **Wednesday 9/26:** ERLC-CAER Volunteer Day 12:15 pm; Feed My Starving Children 5:30 PM (Registration is FULL); Choir Rehearsal at 6:30 PM; Confirmation at 6:30 pm and High School Youth Group at 7:30 PM
- **Thursday 9/27:** Worship Band Rehearsal at 6:30 pm
- **Saturday 9/29:** Men's Bible Study at 9 AM; Dare Funeral Luncheon at 11:30 am
- **Sunday 9/30: Hymn Sing at Guardian Angels** at 1:30 pm. The music ministry of ERLC is planning to provide a hymn-sing for the residents of Guardian Angels on Evans St. If you're interested in participating, contact Taylor for more details. Everyone is welcome to sing as long as you have a heart to give the gift of music to those who need it the most
- **Worship Volunteers Needed** – Basket Holders (4 years and up), Lector, Greeters, Ushers. Please call or email the church office if you are able to be added to the listing.
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Bibles:** NOW: Contact Martha Herbert so we can order/inscribe bibles. 10/6 at 11 AM-Noon: Bible Introduction; 107 Both Services: Bible Presentation
- **Tuesday 10/2: Beer & Hymns at Pour Bistro** at 6:30 PM
- **Sunday 10/14 at 9:20am – Grandparents Day at LiFT!** – Grandparents bring grandkids; Kids bring Grandparents.

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### Office Hours

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