

January 14, 2018

8:15am Service



The Gathering of God's People

Welcome to Elk River Lutheran Church

You are invited to share in the Lord's Supper.

Children are invited to participate in worship and communion.

Nursery is available, should you desire it.

Restrooms: in fellowship area and lower level.

GATHERING SONG:

(# 514) "O Word of God Incarnate"

VERSE 1

**O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:
we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.**

VERSE 2

**The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.
It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,**

**mid mists and rocks and
quicksands still guides, O Christ,
to you.**

VERSE 3

**Oh, make your church, dear
Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;
oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.**

CONFESSIONS AND FORGIVENESS (P.94):

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, who comes to wake us from sleep,
who leads us into the light of grace.

Amen.

God of all time,

We confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbors in need and fail in the labor of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory.

Amen.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. In the name of ✝ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news.

Amen.

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:

(p. 176) "Gloria"

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

Gloria, gloria, gloria, glory to God on high!

And on earth peace to God's people. Glory to God.

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PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

First Reading: Samuel 3:1-10

1Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord under Eli. The word of the Lord was rare in those days; visions were not widespread.

2At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; 3the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the

ark of God was. 4Then the Lord called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" 5and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. 6The Lord called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." 7Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. 8The Lord called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. 9Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

Psalm: Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

1Lord, you have searched me out;

O Lord, you have known me.

**2You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

3You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**4Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

5You encompass me, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**6Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

13For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**14I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

15My body was not hid- den from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

**16Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of
them were written in your book;
my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

17How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!

18If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Please stand for the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p.179)

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia! Alleluia!**

The holy gospel according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 1:43-51

43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, **"Follow me."** 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." 46Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, **"Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!"** 48Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, **"I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you."** 49Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50Jesus answered, **"Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these."** 51And he said to him, **"Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."**

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

PASTOR NATHAN MUGAAS

GATHERING SONG:

(# 574) "Here I Am, Lord"

VERSE 1

"I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and
sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of
night, I will make their
darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to
them?
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in
the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead
me.
I will hold your people in my
heart.

VERSE 2

"I, the Lord of snow and
rain, I have borne my
people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of
stone, give them hearts for
love alone.
I will speak my word to

them.

Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in
the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead
me.
I will hold your people in my
heart.

VERSE 3

"I, the Lord of wind and
flame, I will tend the poor
and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?"

Refrain

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in
the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead
me.
I will hold your people in my
heart.

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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy,
healing, and comfort for all God's people.

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

"This Little Light of Mine" in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Arranged by Neil A. Johnson, featuring ERLC Choir

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.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give
our thanks and praise.**

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy Lord God,

God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God,

God of might and power; holy is the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth.

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

LAMB OF GOD

(p. 182)

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.**

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;
grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG

(#817) "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

Verse 1

**You have come down to the
lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the
wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.**

Refrain

**Sweet Lord, you have looked
into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out
my name.**

**On the sand I have abandoned
my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other
seas.**

Verse 2

**You know full well what I have,
Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons
for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will
for working.**

Refrain

**Sweet Lord, you have looked
into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out
my name.**

**On the sand I have abandoned
my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other
seas.**

Verse 3

**You need my hands, my
exhaustion,
working love for the rest of the
weary--
a love that's willing to go on
loving.**

Refrain

**Sweet Lord, you have looked
into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out
my name.**

**On the sand I have abandoned
my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other
seas.**

COMMUNION SONG

**(#696) "Jesus Calls Us; O'er the
Tumult"**

VERSE 1

**Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea,
day by day his clear voice
sounding,
saying, "Christian, follow me":**

VERSE 2

**As of old Saint Andrew heard it
by the Galilean lake,
turned from home and toil and
kindred,
leaving all for Jesus' sake.**

VERSE 3

**Jesus calls us from the worship
of the vain world's golden store,**

Verse 4

**You who have fished other
waters;
you, the longing of souls that
are yearning:
O loving Friend, you have come
to call me.**

Refrain

**Sweet Lord, you have looked
into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out
my name.**

**On the sand I have abandoned
my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other
seas.**

**from each idol that would keep
us,
saying, "Christian, love me
more."**

VERSE 4

**In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls, in cares and
pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than
these."**

VERSE 5

**Jesus calls us! By your mercy,
Savior, may we hear your call,
give our hearts to your
obedience,
serve and love you best of all.**

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.

God for whom we wait, you come to us in the broken bread and the cup we share.

Make us ready always to welcome Christ into our hearts, and send us forth to be your people in the world, announcing your coming among us in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

(#841) "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

VERSE 1

**Lift ev'ry voice and sing till
earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of
liberty. Let our rejoicing rise
high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling**

**sea. Sing a song full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us;
sing a song full of the hope that
the present has brought us;
facing the rising sun of our new
day begun, let us march on till
victory is won.**

VERSE 2

**Stony the road we trod, bitter
the chast'ning rod, felt in the
days when hope unborn had
died; yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our
parents sighed?**

**We have come over a way that
with tears has been watered;
we have come, treading our
path through the blood of the
slaughtered, out from the
gloomy past, till now we stand
at last where the white gleam of
our bright star is cast.**

SENDING DIALOG

**Go in peace. Share the good news.
We will! Thanks be to God.**

VERSE 3

**God of our weary years, God of
our silent tears, thou who hast
brought us thus far on the way;
thou who hast by thy might led
us into the light, keep us forever
in the path, we pray.**

**Lest our feet stray from the
places, our God, where we met
thee; lest, our hearts drunk with
the wine of the world, we forget
thee; shadowed beneath thy
hand may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our
native land.**