



January 13, 2019
8:15am 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

GATHERING HYMN: (#857) “Lord I Lift Your Name on High”

***Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your
praises.***

***I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save
us.***

***You came from heaven to
earth***

To show they way,

From the earth to the cross,

My debt to pay,

From the cross to the grave,

From the grave to the sky;

Lord, I lift your name on high.

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.

Hymn of Praise “Glory be to God

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you,
we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ,
only Son of the Father,**

**Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,
⁷all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.
⁹O LORD, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Allelulia”

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 20:1-16

¹For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; ⁴and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And 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?' ⁷They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' ⁸When 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.' ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also

received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, '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.' ¹³But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' ¹⁶So 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

HYMN OF THE DAY: *"SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD"*

VERSE 1
**Seek ye first the kingdom of
God**
And His righteousness,
And all these things
Shall be added unto you -
Allelu, alleluia!

VERSE 2
We shall not live by bread
alone
But by ev'ry word

That proceeds
From the mouth of God -
Allelu, alleluia!

VERSE 3
Ask and it shall be given
unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door
Shall be opened unto you -
Allelu, alleluia!

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.**

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

"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.

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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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,
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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.**

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.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give
our thanks and praise.

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of pow'r and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

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”

**Lamb of God you take away
the sin of the world; have mercy on us.**

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

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

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN “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

-

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
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

-

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)

above;
With wisdom, pow'r, and love
-

Our God is an awesome God,
Who reigns from heaven

Our God is an awesome God.

COMMUNION HYMN “AMAZING LOVE (YOU ARE MY 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.

CHORUS b

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.

VERSE

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CHORUS

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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.**

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.
In all I do. I honor You.**

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.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK – ERLC YOUTH

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!

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 †⁵ 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
- **SUNDAY 1/27: 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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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*