

March 25, 2018

8:15am Service



Welcome to all.

We are so glad you have chosen to join us for worship.

Elk River Lutheran Church is 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 be 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.

Please 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

#### Acclamation

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna in the highest.**

#### Processional Gospel

Mark 11:1-11

1When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, [Jesus] sent two of his disciples 2and said to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. 3If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.'" 4They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, 5some of the bystanders said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" 6They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. 7Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. 8Many people spread their cloaks

on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. 9Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,

“Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

10Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!”

11Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

### Blessing of the Palms

P: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**All: Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

*Please raise your palm branches in the air*

P: We praise you, O God, for redeeming the world through our Savior Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city in triumph and was proclaimed messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches long his way.

**All: Hosanna in the highest.**

P: Bless these branches and those who carry them. Grant us grace to follow our Lord in the way of the Cross, so that, joined to his death and resurrection, we enter into life with you; through the same Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**All: Hosanna in the highest heaven! Amen.**

### **PROCESSIONAL HYMN:**

**(#793) “Be Thou My Vision”**

**v. 1, 2 & 4**

**Refrain**

**All glory, laud, and honor  
to you, redeemer, king,  
to whom the lips of**

**children**

**made sweet hosannas**

**ring.**

**1 You are the king of Israel  
and David's royal Son,**

**now in the Lord's name  
coming,  
our King and Blessed  
One. Refrain**

**2 The company of angels  
are praising you on high;  
creation and all mortals  
in chorus make reply.**

**Refrain**

**3** The multitude of pilgrims  
with palms before you  
went;  
our praise and prayer and  
anthems  
before you we present.  
Refrain

**4** To you, before your  
passion,  
they sang their hymns of  
praise.

To you, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.  
Refrain

**5** Their praises you  
accepted;  
accept the prayers we  
bring,  
great author of all  
goodness,  
O good and gracious  
King. Refrain

**PRAYER OF THE DAY:**

Let us pray.

**Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

Please stand for the Gospel

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (p.142b)**

**Return to the Lord, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger,  
and abounding in steadfast love  
and abounding in steadfast love.**

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

**Gospel: Mark 14:1--15:47**

*The passion story in Mark's gospel presents Jesus as one who dies abandoned by all. He shows himself to be the true Son of God by giving his life for those who have forsaken him.*

### **Mark 14:1-31**

1It was two days before the Passover and the festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him; 2for they said, "Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people."

3While he was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at the table, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment of nard, and she broke open the jar and poured the ointment on his head. 4But some were there who said to one another in anger, "Why was the ointment wasted in this way? 5For this ointment could have been sold for more than three hundred denarii, and the money given to the poor." And they scolded her. 6But Jesus said, "**Let her alone; why do you trouble her? She has performed a good service for me. 7For you always have the poor with you, and you can show kindness to them whenever you wish; but you will not always have me. 8She has done what she could; she has anointed my body beforehand for its burial. 9Truly I tell you, wherever the good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.**"

10Then Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve, went to the chief priests in order to betray him to them. 11When they heard it, they were greatly pleased, and promised to give him money. So he began to look for an opportunity to betray him.

12On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb is sacrificed, his disciples said to him, "Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?" 13So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, "**Go into the city, and a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him, 14and wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, 'The Teacher asks, Where is my guest room where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?' 15He will show you a large room upstairs, furnished and ready. Make preparations for us there.**" 16So the disciples set out and went to the city, and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

17When it was evening, he came with the twelve. 18And when they had taken their places and were eating, Jesus said, "**Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me, one who is eating with me.**" 19They began to be distressed and to say to him one after another, "Surely, not I?" 20He said to them, "**It is one of the twelve, one who is dipping bread into the bowl with me. 21For the Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.**"

22While they were eating, he took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to them, and said, "**Take; this is my body.**" 23Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, and all of them drank from it. 24He said to them, "**This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 25Truly I tell you, I will**

**never again drink of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.”**

26When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. 27And Jesus said to them, **“You will all become deserters; for it is written,**

**‘I will strike the shepherd,  
and the sheep will be scattered.’**

**28But after I am raised up, I will go before you to Galilee.”** 29Peter said to him, “Even though all become deserters, I will not.” 30Jesus said to him, **“Truly I tell you, this day, this very night, before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.”** 31But he said vehemently, “Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.” And all of them said the same.

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

## **CHILDREN’S MESSAGE**

### **SERMON**

**PASTOR NATHAN MUGAAS**

Passion Story along with Hymn of the Day

Mark 14:31—15:47

*(#634) “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”*

*v. 1, 2, 3 & 5*

### **Mark 14:31-52**

32They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, **“Sit here while I pray.”** 33He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. 34And he said to them, **“I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.”** 35And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. 36He said, **“Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.”** 37He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, **“Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? 38Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”** 39And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. 40And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. 41He came a third time and said to them, **“Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.”**

43Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. 44Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “The one I will kiss is

the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.” 45So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, “Rabbi!” and kissed him. 46Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. 47But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. 48Then Jesus said to them, **“Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? 49Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.”** 50All of them deserted him and fled.

51A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, 52but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

### **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown him Lord of all.

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**Mark 14:53-72**

53They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. 54Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. 55Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. 56For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. 57Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, 58“**We heard him say, ‘I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands.’**” 59But even on this point their testimony did not agree. 60Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, “Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?” 61But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, “Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?” 62Jesus said, **“I am; and**

**‘you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power, and ‘coming with the clouds of heaven.’”**

63Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, “Why do we still need witnesses? 64You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?” All of them condemned him as deserving death. 65Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, “Prophecy!” The guards also took him over and beat him.

66While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. 67When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, “You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.” 68But he denied it, saying, “I do not know or understand what you are talking about.” And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. 69And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, “This man is one of them.” 70But again he denied it. Then after a little while

the bystanders again said to Peter, "Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean." 71But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, "I do not know this man you are talking about." 72At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, "Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times." And he broke down and wept.

### **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

2 O seed of Israel's chosen race  
now ransomed from the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.  
Hail him who saves you by his grace  
and crown him Lord of all.

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### **Mark 15:1-32**

15:1As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. 2Pilate asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" He answered him, "**You say so.**" 3Then the chief priests accused him of many things. 4Pilate asked him again, "Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you." 5But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

6Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. 7Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. 8So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. 9Then he answered them, "Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?" 10For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. 11But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. 12Pilate spoke to them again, "Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?" 13They shouted back, "Crucify him!" 14Pilate asked them, "Why, what evil has he done?" But they shouted all the more, "Crucify him!" 15So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

16Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. 17And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. 18And they began saluting him, "Hail, King of the Jews!" 19They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. 20After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

21They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. 22Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). 23And they

offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. 24And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

25It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. 26The inscription of the charge against him read, "The King of the Jews." 27And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. 29Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, "Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, 30save yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, "He saved others; he cannot save himself. 32Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe." Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

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### **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

3 Hail him, you heirs of David's line,  
whom David Lord did call  
the God incarnate, man divine  
and crown him Lord of all.  
The God Incarnate, man divine  
and crown him Lord of all.

### **Mark 15:33-47**

33When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. 34At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "**Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?**" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" 35When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." 36And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." 37Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. 38And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. 39Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

40There were also women looking on from a distance; among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome. 41These used to follow him and provided for him when he was in Galilee; and there were many other women who had come up with him to Jerusalem.

42When evening had come, and since it was the day of Preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, 43Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. 44Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. 45When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. 46Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. 47Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

### **All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!**

5 Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe  
on this terrestrial ball  
to him all majesty ascribe  
and crown him Lord of all.

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION-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 OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

### **OFFERTORY**

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”  
By Timothy Shaw  
Featuring ERLC Choir

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER:**

Let us pray,  
**God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our 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 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**

(p. 146)

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 SONG

(#431) "O Christ, What Can It Mean for Us"

1 O Christ, what can it mean for us  
to claim you as our king?  
What royal face have you revealed  
whose praise the church would sing?  
Aspiring not to glory's height,  
to power, wealth, and fame,  
you walked a diff'rent, lowly way,  
another's will your aim.

2 You came, the image of our God,  
to heal and to forgive,  
to shed your blood for sinners' sake  
that we might rise and live.  
To break the law of death you came,  
the law of love to bring:  
a diff'rent rule of righteousness,  
a diff'rent kind of king.

3 Though some would make  
their greatness felt

and lord it over all,  
you said the first must be the last  
and service be our call.  
O Christ in workplace, church, and home,  
let none to power cling;  
for still, through us, you come to serve,  
a diff'rent kind of king.

4 You chose a humble human form  
and shunned the world's renown;  
you died for us upon a cross  
with thorns your only crown.  
But still, beyond the span of years,  
our glad hosannas ring,  
for now at God's right hand you reign,  
a diff'rent kind of king!

## COMMUNION SONG

(#350) "They Crucified My Lord"

1 They crucified my Lord,  
and he never said a mumbalin'  
word;  
they crucified my Lord,  
and he never said a mumbalin'  
word;  
not a word, not a word, not a  
word.

2 They nailed him to a tree,  
and he never said a mumbalin'  
word;  
they nailed him to a tree,  
and he never said a mumbalin'  
word;  
not a word, not a word, not a  
word.

3 They pierced him in the side,  
and he never said a mumbalin'  
word;  
they pierced him in the side,  
and he never said a mumbalin'  
word;  
not a word, not a word, not a  
word.

4 The blood came streamin'  
down,  
and he never said a mumbalin'  
word;  
the blood came streamin'  
down,

and he never said a mumbalin'  
word;  
not a word, not a word, not a  
word.

5 He hung his head and died,

and he never said a mumbalin'  
word;  
he hung his head and died,  
and he never said a mumbalin'  
word;  
not a word, not a word, not a  
word.

### **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.

**Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our  
Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of  
peace; and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our  
Savior and 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 W/ LIFT! KIDS**

**"Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"**

#### **VERSE (LIFT)**

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.

#### **CHORUS (LIFT)**

You came from heaven to earth  
To show the 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.

#### **VERSE (Congregation)**

Lord, I lift Your name on high;  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises.  
I'm so glad You're in my life,  
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#### **CHORUS (Congregation)**

**You came from heaven to earth  
To show the 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.**

**CHORUS (Congregation)  
You came from heaven to earth**

**SENDING DIALOGUE**

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

**To show the 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.**

**Lord, I lift Your name on high,  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.**