



May 27th, 2018
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:
(#412) "Come, Join the Dance of Trinity"

Verse 1

**Come, join the dance
of Trinity,
before all worlds
begun—
the interweaving of
the Three,
the Father, Spirit,
Son.**

**The universe of
space and time
did not arise by
chance,
but as the Three, in
love and hope,
made room within
their dance.**

Verse 2

**Come, see the face of
Trinity,**

**newborn in
Bethlehem;
then bloodied by a
crown of thorns
outside Jerusalem.
The dance of Trinity
is meant
for human flesh and
bone;
when fear confines
the dance in death,
God rolls away the
stone.**

Verse 3

**Come, speak aloud of
Trinity,
as wind and tongues
of flame
set people free at
Pentecost**

to tell the Savior's
name.
We know the yoke of
sin and death,
our necks have worn
it smooth;
go tell the world of
weight and woe
that we are free to
move!

Verse 4
Within the dance of
Trinity,

before all worlds
begun,
we sing the praises of
the Three,
the Father, Spirit,
Son.
Let voices rise and
interweave,
by love and hope set
free,
to shape in song this
joy, this life:
the dance of Trinity.

CONFESSION 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

(p. 204)

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace,
goodwill to all the earth.**

**Mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you,**

**we lift high our thanks and praise.
Saints and angels bow before you;
here on earth our songs we raise.
Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior,
you have come from heav'n above;
on the cross you died to save us;
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your promise
firm we stand.
Holy One we now acclaim you;
Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendor bright.
For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

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, ¹⁷and 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;

**⁶the 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.

**⁸The 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!"

**¹⁰The 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (P.205A)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior:

open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us;

speak until our hearts are stirred.

**Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you
bring.**

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.** ¹²**If 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, ¹⁵that 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

HYMN OF THE DAY:

(#413) *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

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!

**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 shalt be.**

**3 Holy, holy, holy!
Though the darkness
hide thee,
 though the eye of
sinfulness thy glory may
not see,**

**only thou art holy;
there is none beside
thee,
 perfect in pow'r, in
love and purity.**

**4 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!**

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

"This is My Song"

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.**

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 Lord,

God of power and might,

heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest,

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. 208)

Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now,
we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now,
we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away;
eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace,
we pray.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION SONG

(#498) "United at the Table"

Refrain

United at the table:

all our joy is joined in
song.

United in the faith:

all our joy to God
belongs.

1 We will praise God, we
will sing
alleluias with hymns and
with psalmody;
we will praise God for
the love
that sustains us
eternally. *Refrain*

2 We will praise God, we
will feast

at the bountiful table of
life and grace;
we will praise God and
give thanks
for communion with
every race. *Refrain*

3 We will praise God, we
will play
alleluias with rhythm and
instruments;
we will praise God for
the love
that invites all creation
to dance. *Refrain*

COMMUNION SONG

(#414) "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

1 Holy God, we praise
your name;
Lord of all, we bow
before you.
All on earth your
scepter claim,
all in heav'n above
adore you.
Infinite your vast
domain,
everlasting is your
reign.

2 Hark! The glad
celestial hymn
angel choirs above
are raising;
cherubim and
seraphim,
in unceasing chorus
praising,
fill the heav'ns with
sweet accord:

**"Holy, holy, holy
Lord!"**

**3 Lo, the apostolic
train
join your sacred
name to hallow;
prophets swell the
glad refrain,
and the white-robed
martyrs follow;
and from morn to
set of sun
through the church
the song goes on.**

**4 Holy Father, holy
Son,
Holy Spirit, three we
name you,
though in essence
only one;
undivided God we
claim you
and, adoring, bend
the knee
while we own the
mystery.**

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

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

(#893) "Before You, Lord, We Bow"

**1 Before you, Lord, we
bow,
our God who reigns
above
and rules the world
below
with boundless
pow'r and love.**

**Our thanks we bring
in joy and praise,
our hearts we raise,
to you we sing!**

**2 May ev'ry mountain
height,
each vale and forest
green,**

**shine forth in
wisdom's light,
and its rich fruits be
seen!**

**May ev'ry tongue
be tuned to praise
and join to raise
a grateful song.**

**3 Earth, hear your
maker's voice;
your great redeemer
own;
believe, obey,
rejoice,
and worship God
alone.**

**Cast down your
pride,
your sin deplore,
and bow before
the Crucified.**

**4 And when in pow'r
he comes,
oh, then may ev'ry
land**

**from all its rending
tombs
send forth a glorious
band,
a countless throng,
with joy to sing
to heav'n's high king
salvation's song!**

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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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