



September 23, 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:
"Rejoice in the Lord Always!"

**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 "Glory to God

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

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

Choir:

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

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

Choir:

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.

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

Choir:

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.

**Glory to God in the highest,
Amen, Amen.**

Prayer of the Day: **Let us pray.**

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

⁴ Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

⁵ You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶ Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷ 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. ⁸ Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹ and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION “Alleluia”

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

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Gospel Reading:

Matthew 18:14-22

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

who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ⁹ Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for bread, will give a stone? ¹⁰ Or if the child asks for a fish, will give a snake? ¹¹ 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! ¹² "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

HYMN OF THE DAY:
(#873) "Build Us Up, Lord" ^{v1, 3 & 6}

1 Rejoice, ye pure in heart!
Rejoice, give thanks, and
sing;
your festal banner wave on
high,
the cross of Christ your king.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and
sing!

3 With all the angel choirs,
with all the saints on earth

pour out the strains of joy
and bliss,
true rapture, noblest mirth.
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and
sing!

6 Praise God who reigns on
high,
the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Spirit
blest,
one God forevermore.

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Rejoice, give thanks, and
sing!

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

"Seek Ye First"

By Karen Lafferty, Arr. By Douglas E. Wagner

Featuring ERLC Choir with Marsha Emmons, violin

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Let us pray,

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. 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 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.174)

**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, grant us peace.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

(#646) *"The Peace of the Lord"*

VERSE 1

**The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is for you and for me,
and also for all of God's children.
The peace of the Lord is for you and for me,
and also for all of God's children.**

VERSE 2

**The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord is among us right now,
so open yourselves to receive it.
The peace of the Lord is among us right now,
so open yourselves to receive it.**

VERSE 3

**The peace of the Lord, the peace of the Lord,
the peace of the risen Lord Jesus:
the peace of the Lord kept within cannot live,
so open yourselves now to share it.
The peace of the Lord kept within cannot live,
so open yourselves now to share it.**

COMMUNION HYMN

(#650) "In Christ There is No East or West"

VERSE 1

**In Christ there is no east or
west,
In him no south or north,
But one community of love**

**Throughout the whole wide
earth**

VERSE 2

**In Christ shall true hearts
ev'ry-where**

**Their high communion find;
His service is the golden
cord
Close-binding human man-
kind**

VERSE 3

**Join hands disciples of the
faith,
What-e'er your race may be.
All children of the living God**

are sure-ly kin to me.

VERSE 4

**In Christ now meet both east
and west,
In him meet south and north;
All Christ-ly souls are one in
him
Through-out the whole wide
earth**

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 HYMN

(#544) *“Praise the Lord, Rise up Rejoicing”*

**1 Praise the Lord, rise up
rejoicing,
worship, thanks, devotion
voicing:
glory be to God on high!
Christ, your cross and
passion sharing,
by this eucharist declaring
yours the final victory.**

**2 Scattered flock, one
shepherd sharing,
lost and lonely, one voice
hearing,
ears attentive to your word;**

**by your blood new life
receiving,
in your body, firm believing,
we are yours, and you the
Lord.**

**3 Sins forgiven, wrongs
forgiving,
we go forth alert and living
in your Spirit, strong and
free.
Partners in your new
creation,
seeking peace in ev'ry
nation,
may we faithful foll'wers be.**

Sending Dialog

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

All: We will! Thanks be to God!

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.
- **3rd 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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M-Th 9am–4pm, F Closed

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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

Generally, names will run for 3 weeks. If more time is needed, please call the church office.