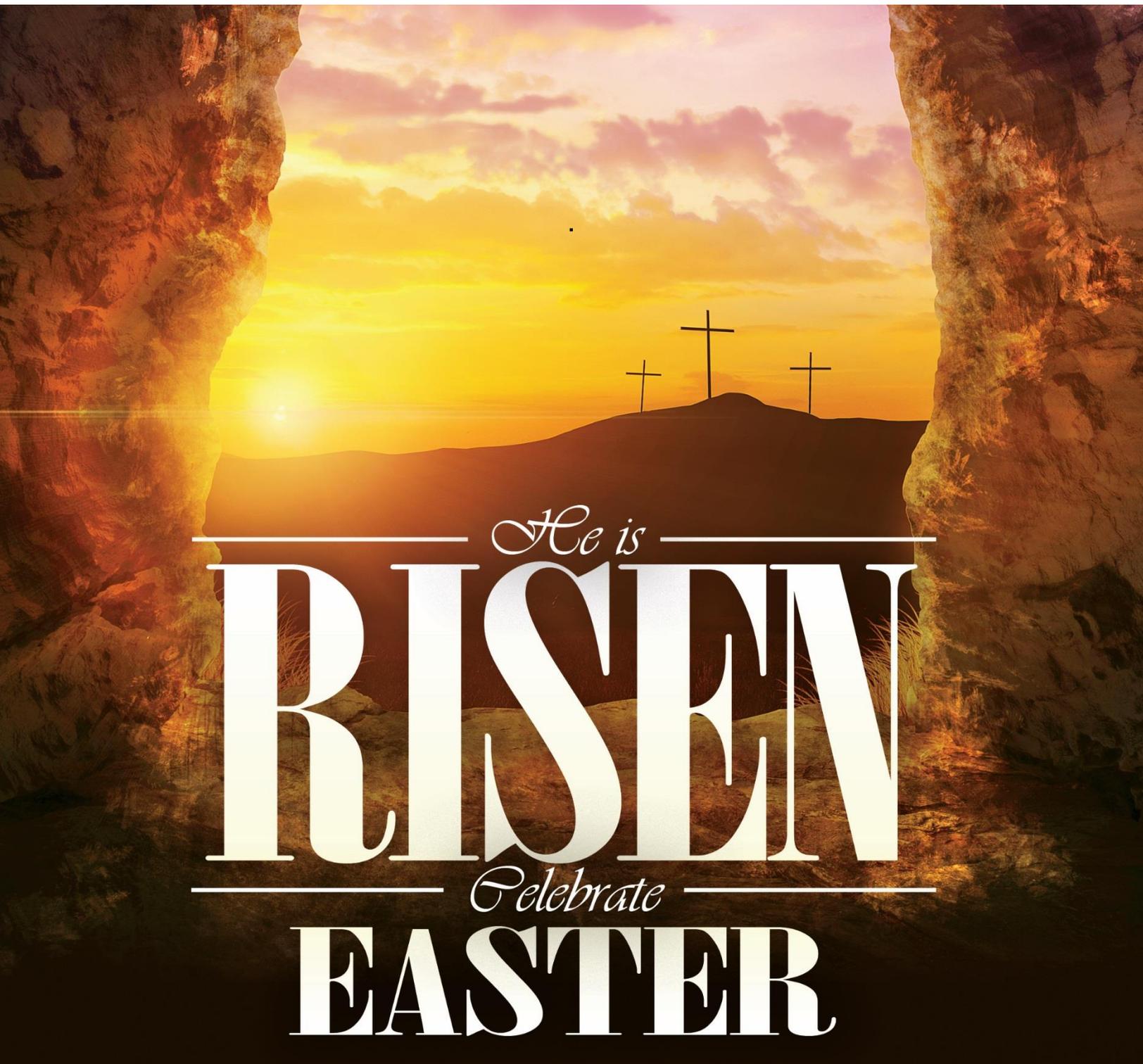
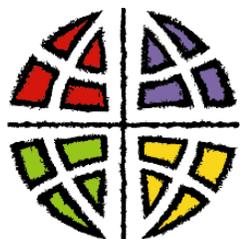


April 21, 2019 • 8:15am

Easter Sunday



He is
RISEN
Celebrate
EASTER



Elk River ELCA
LUTHERAN ELCA

Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
joyful community, serving God & neighbor.



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 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

PARENTS

We 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.

Whether you have been coming for years or this is your first time, our LiFT! Family Sunday School is open to all families. Focus is for kids preschool to 6th grade. Grandparents with their grandkids are also encouraged to join us at LiFT! It meets between services downstairs in the community room.

The Gathering of God's People

Invocation and Call to Worship

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.

Behold, an empty cross, an empty grave. Light breaks forth from the tomb. He is Risen!!

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!!

Remember His words; "The Son of Man must suffer many things, be handed over to sinful men, be crucified and on the third day rise." He is risen!!

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!!

All who believe and are baptized in His name are united with Him in His death. All will be raised just as He is risen.

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!!

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

HE IS RISEN, INDEED!!

GATHERING HYMN

(#365) "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" v1, 2 & 4

**1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today,
Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day,
Alleluia!**

**who did once upon the cross,
Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss.
Alleluia!**

**2 Hymns of praise then let us
sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king,
Alleluia!
who endured the cross and
grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save.
Alleluia!**

**4 Sing we to our God above,
Alleluia!
praise eternal as his love;
Alleluia!
praise him, all you heav'nly
host, Alleluia!
Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia!**

Easter Call and Response

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
HE IS RISEN, INDEED!!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (p 94)

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.

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 (p 138)

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 140)

“This is the Feast”

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Power, riches, wisdom and strength,
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Sing with all the people of God,
and join in the hymn of all creation:**

**Blessing, honor, glory, and might
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

This is the feast of victory for our God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Reading:

Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

¹Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God's mercy endures forever.

²**Let Israel now declare, "God's mercy endures forever."**

¹⁴The Lord is my strength and my song, and has become my salvation.

¹⁵**Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!**

¹⁶The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!"

¹⁷**I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.**

¹⁸The Lord indeed punished me sorely, but did not hand me over to death.

¹⁹**Open for me the gates of righteousness; I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.**

²⁰“This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

²¹**I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.**

²²The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

²³**By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.**

²⁴This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Gospel Acclamation p. 142

“Alleluia”

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia. Alleluia.

Gospel Reading:

John 20:1-18

¹Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ²So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; ⁹for as yet they did not

understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. 10Then the disciples returned to their homes.

11But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; 12and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. 13They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” 14When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. 15Jesus said to her, “**Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?**” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” 16Jesus said to her, “**Mary!**” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). 17Jesus said to her, “**Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’**” 18Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord”; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
HE IS RISEN, INDEED!!

Children’s Message

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Hymn of the Day

(#367) "Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds" v. 1, 3, & 4

**1 Now all the vault of heav'n
resounds**

**in praise of love that still
abounds:**

**"Christ has triumphed! He is
living!"**

**Sing, choirs of angels, loud
and clear!**

**Repeat their song of glory
here:**

**"Christ has triumphed! He is
living!"**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with
dauntless love;
set heart and will on things
above
that we conquer through your
triumph;**

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.**

**grant grace sufficient for life's
day**

**that by our lives we truly say:
"Christ has triumphed! He is
living!"**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**4 Adoring praises now we
bring
and with the heav'nly blessed
sing:**

**"Christ has triumphed!
Alleluia!"**

**Be to the Father, and our
Lord,**

**to Spirit blest, most holy God,
all the glory, never ending!**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

**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 – Bidding Prayer

Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offertory

“Proclaim the Glory of the Lord”

By Dwight Lilies & Niles Borop

Arranged by Don Hart & David S. Winkler

Featuring Lori Sundman

Offering 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 (p 144)

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

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

**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

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.
You are invited to join in Holy Communion.
Children are welcomed to join us at the altar for a blessing.
Gluten free wafers available.
Both wine and grape juice are available.

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 Hymn

(#369) “*Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; Alleluia!*”

**1 Christ the Lord is ris'n
today; Alleluia!
Christians, hasten on your
way; Alleluia!
offer praise with love replete,
Alleluia!
at the paschal victim's feet.
Alleluia!**

**2 For the sheep the Lamb has
bled, Alleluia!
sinless in the sinner's stead.
Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on
high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die.
Alleluia!**

**3 Christ, the victim undefiled,
Alleluia!
God and sinners reconciled,
Alleluia!
when contending death and
life, Alleluia!
met in strange and awesome
strife. Alleluia!**

**4 Christians, on this holy day,
Alleluia!
all your grateful homage pay;
Alleluia!
Christ the Lord is ris'n on
high; Alleluia!
now he lives, no more to die.
Alleluia!**

Communion Hymn

**(#374) “*Day of Arising*”
*to the tune of “Morning is Broken”***

**1 Day of arising,
Christ on the roadway,
unknown companion
walks with his own.
When they invite him,
as fades the first day,
and bread is broken,
Christ is made known.**

**2 When we are walking,
doubtful and dreading,
blinded by sadness,
slowness of heart,
yet Christ walks with us,
ever awaiting**

our invitation: Stay, do not part.

**3 Lo, I am with you,
Jesus has spoken.
This is Christ's promise,
this is Christ's sign:
when the church gathers,
when bread is broken,
there Christ is with us in
bread and wine.**

**4 Christ, our companion,
hope for the journey,
bread of compassion,
open our eyes.
Grant us your vision,
set all hearts burning
that all creation with you
may rise.**

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

“Hallelujah Chorus”

ALL:

Hallelujah! hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

Hallelujah! hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Choir:

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Hallelujah!

The kingdom of this world is become

The kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ;

and He shall reign forever and ever

ALL:

King of kings, -

and Lord of lords, -

King of kings, -

and Lord of lords, -

**King of kings, -
and Lord of lords, - and Lord of lords,**

Choir:

and He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings, and Lord of lords,
Hallelujah,

and He shall reign forever and ever,
King of kings, and Lord of lords,
Hallelujah,

ALL:

**King of kings, and Lord of lords,
King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and He shall reign forever and ever.**

ALL:

**King of kings, and Lord of lords,
King of kings, and Lord of lords,
and He shall reign forever and ever.**

Easter Call and Response

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
HE IS RISEN, INDEED!!

Sending Dialog

Go in peace. Share the Good News!
We will! Thanks be to God.

Hallelujah Chorus

CONGREGATION PART

Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

MESSIAH

George Frideric Handel (1685-1750)

Setting by HAL H. HOPSON

Introduction
(Keyboard) *f* CONGREGATION (Unison voices)

Hal - le - lu-jah! Hal - le-lu-jah! Hal-le-

lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal - le - lu-jah! Hal - le-lu-jah! Hal - le-lu-jah! Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-

le - lu-jah! *mf* for the Lord God Om-nip - o-tent reign - eth. *f* Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-

lu-jah! *mf* Hal-le-lu-jah! *f* for the Lord God Om-nip - o-tent reign-eth. Hal-le - lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! Hal-le-

lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! **B** 12 **C** 7 **D** 10

lu-jah! Hal-le-lu-jah! For the Lord God Omnipotent The Kingdom of this world and He shall reign for ever
reigneth. Hallelujah. is become the kingdom of and ever.
our Lord and of His Christ;

E *mf* King of Kings, _____ and Lord of Lords, _____ King of Kings, _____

60 and Lord of Lords, _____ *f* King of Kings, _____ and Lord of Lords, _____ **F**

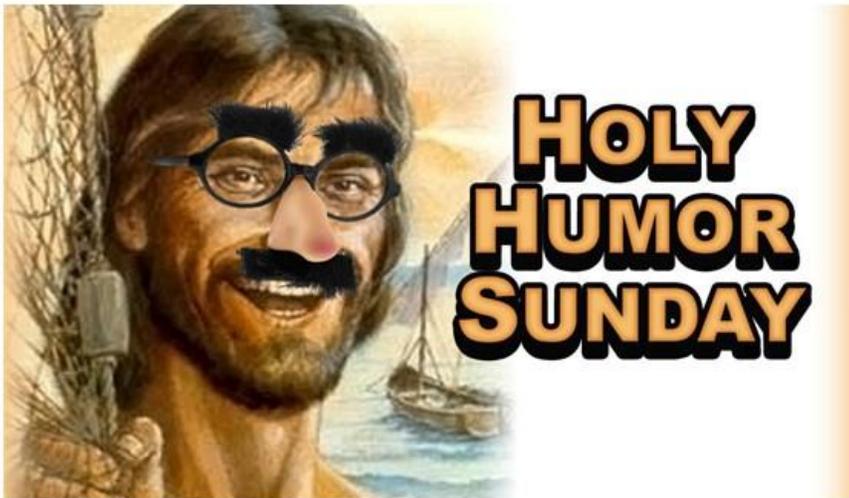
68 _____ and Lord of Lords, _____ **G** 11 *f* and He shall reign for ever and
ever, King of Kings, and Lord King of Kings, and Lord of
of Lords, Hallelujah, of Lords, Hallelujah,

83 Lords, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, _____ and He shall reign for ev - er and ev - er. King of

89 Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah, Hal-le-lu-jah, Hal-le - lu-jah, _____ *ff* Hal - le - lu - jah!

Serving Us Today

Greeters:	Ruth and Wayne Traaseth
Ushers:	Sharon and Roger Rinerson, Chuck Hulse, Jerry Jackson
Lector:	Larry Cook
Musicians:	ERLC Choir, Instrumental Ensemble, Lori Sundman, Jim Acers, Audrey Horner
Audio Visual:	Steve Boese
Communion Steward:	Jim Acers, Vicki Simpson
Communion Servers:	Jane Cazett, Adam and Kelli Horner, Pam Black, Marianne Jackson
Basket Holders:	Hannah and Henry Boese
Communion Setup before and after service	Delphine Dietz and Barb Burandt
Mid-Week Communion Fill:	Jana Lundquist and Pam Black
Hospitality Coordinator:	Toby Moe



April 28
8:15 AM and 10:30 AM

**A celebration of
The Resurrection
with fun, music,
laughter, and
praise.**

Wear funny outfits
(normal is ok, too!)

Practice smiling a lot

Bring clean (pulpit ok) jokes to share

Invite someone who likes to laugh.

Invite someone who needs to laugh.

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Thank you for welcoming my daughter and her family (Lizette Goddard)
- Jess is in treatment
- Those who partook in their First Communion on Maundy Thursday
 - Tyler Berklich
 - Hannah Boese
 - Henry Boese
 - Elizabeth Bryan
 - Ariaah Budish
 - Jordan Dickman
 - Lilly Hoefft
 - Jagger Sass

In Sorrow:

- Bernard & Joy Wilkinson in the death of Mother
- Family and friends of Joe Demars who lost his battle with cancer. Joe is uncle to Jeremy and Jodie.
- Family of Donna Domm whose Dare Funeral Luncheon was here 4/13.
- Family of Douglas Brown, grandpa of Gabby Klinkenborg
- Family of Ron Stricker in the death of his mother Mary Stricker

Health concerns:

- Carol Sindelir
- Steve Lindberg, continued recovery
- LeRoy Wegscheid
- Gary Ristau, battling cancer
- Hazel Norris
- Erich VanRyn
- John Ernst
- Joan Campbell
- Sharyn Mayer, Knee replacement on 3/27 followed by hip and back therapy
- Pat Hansen
- Gigi, daughter of Marsha Emmons home from the hospital, still in need of healing prayer.
- Janet Slam, CA Treatment
- Beverly Burtness
- David Preston, grandson of Sue Hales
- Jack Hales, brother-in-law of Sue Hales
- Pat Hansen

For Support:

- All Military Personnel and their families
- Jonas Maher has navy boot camp graduation April 26th then reports to Nuclear Tech School in Charleston SC
- Minnesota Linemen restoring power

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

Resurrection of Our Lord – Easter Sunday

- 8:15am – Traditional Service
- 9:20am – No LiFT! Family Sunday School
- 9:20am – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 10:30am – Contemporary Worship

MONDAY

Offices Closed – Easter Holiday Observed

TUESDAY

- 9:30am – Quilting
- 9:30am – Bible Study with Pastor
- 6:30pm - Gather (LGBTQ+ Community Group)

WEDNESDAY

- 6:30pm – Confirmation Resumes
- 7:30pm – †⁵ Youth Group

THURSDAY

- 10:00 am – Genealogy Group (all are welcome)
- 7:00pm – The Way Out (AA)

FRIDAY

The Way Out – AA Group Anniversary

SATURDAY

The Way Out – AA Group Anniversary

- 8:00am – Men's Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

Holy Humor Sunday

- 8:15am – Traditional Service
- 9:20am – LiFT! Family Sunday School
- 9:30am – Congregational Meeting
- 9:30am – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 10:30am – Contemporary Worship
- 11:30am – Prayground Team Meeting

SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Sunday April 28 at 9:30 AM

The Elk River Lutheran Church Council is excited to be taking initial steps toward launching a capital appeal later this year. We want to share with you the steps that have already been taken, and we want to invite you to get involved in this exciting process.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN PACKING EVENT

Saturday May 4

9 AM – 11 AM

70 Spots Available

*Contact Martha Herbert or sign
up in Fellowship Hall*

Gather

A secular group of LGBTQ+ people and allies
coming together to learn and grow

All are welcome

April 23rd, 6-7PM

At Elk River Lutheran Church

729 Main St NW, Elk River

Elk River Lutheran is a *new* church located in a remodeled bank building on the Mississippi River in downtown Elk River. We are a forward-thinking congregation made up of people of all ages.

Each week we have two vibrant Sunday morning worship services. The first, at 8:15 am is a traditional Lutheran service that follows liturgical settings from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal. Our 10:30 contemporary service has music led by our worship band and maintains many key elements of Lutheran worship.



We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and celebrate the work we're able to do together as a denomination (to learn more about the ELCA visit www.elca.org).



We welcome all people and as a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation that welcome extends to the GLBTQ community.

In December of 2009 a group of approximately 100 people, who would ultimately become Elk River Lutheran Church, gathered for their first worship service. These groups of people were committed to forming an ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America) congregation in Elk River to preach a message of God's grace, joy, and acceptance.

We continue to be committed to our mission:

*Trusting in God's grace, an accepting, joyful community,
serving God and neighbor.*



*THANK YOU FOR
JOINING US TODAY!*

CHILDREN YOUTH AND FAMILY

At Elk River Lutheran we strive not to be regular but, be remarkable in our faith formation programming. Our programs, from preschool through Senior High, strive to strengthen families and involve parents in many ways. The curriculum we use seeks to engage all of the senses in learning about God's great love.

Each week we work our hardest to provide fun, unexpected, engaging, creative, innovative and Christ-centered learning.

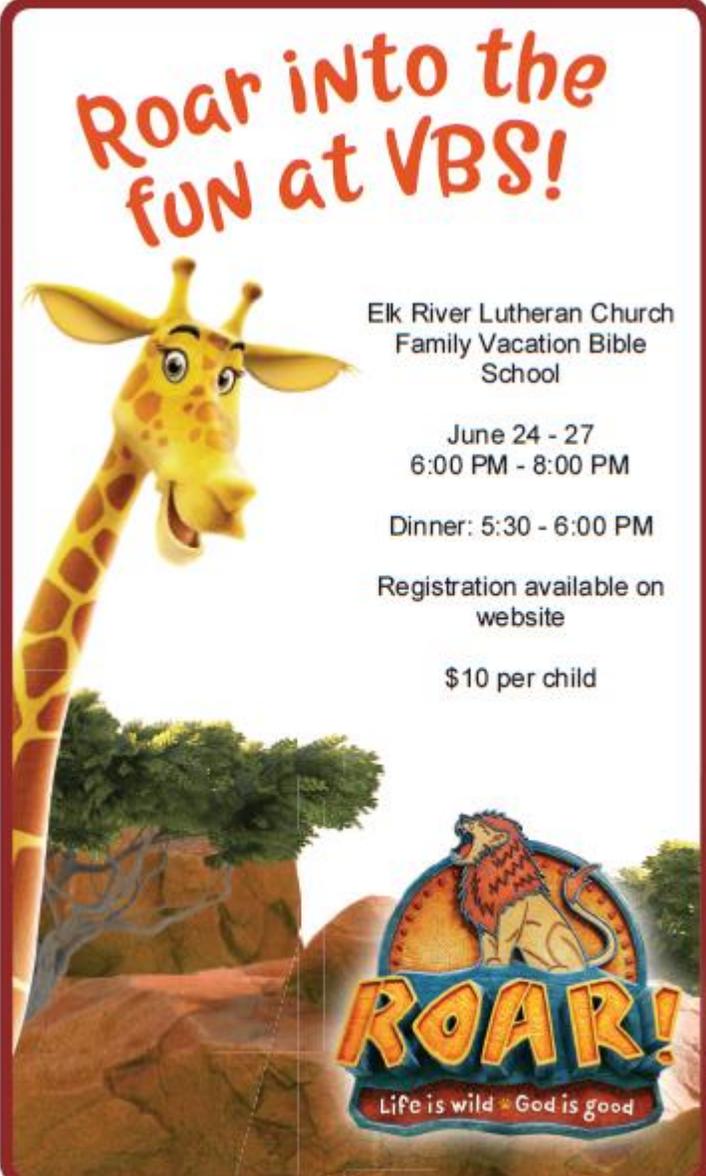
There is so much for our young people to do here at Elk River Lutheran Church! From family-centered Sunday School (LiFT!) to Confirmation, to Senior High Ministry (†⁵), our youth are invited to explore and grow deeper in their faith through service & mission, community outreach, fellowship, gatherings, milestone ministries and much more.



Varty's Annual Youth Fundraiser

Sunday, May 5, 5-7pm
Varty's Greenhouse, 13192
192nd Ave NW Elk River

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Roar into the fun at VBS!

Elk River Lutheran Church
Family Vacation Bible School

June 24 - 27
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Dinner: 5:30 - 6:00 PM

Registration available on website

\$10 per child

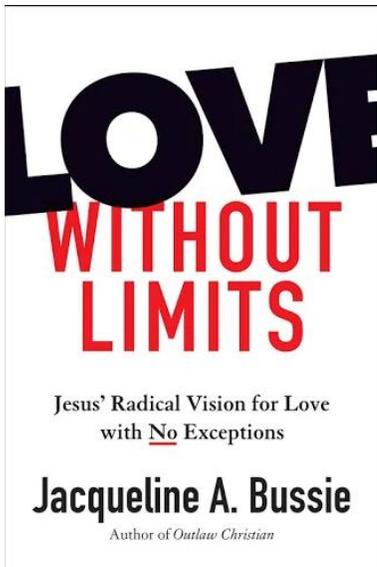


ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Book Study Sunday mornings May 5 & 12 and June 2 & 9

Meeting during the coffee hour: 9:20 am to 10:20 am

Love without Limits, written by Jacqueline Bussie, probes a deep question in the life of Christians around the world. Does Jesus' radical vision of love have limits? If you gathered from the title Jacqueline would argue no, love carries no limits in the expanse and wonder of God's creation. So, how do love without limits in a world that is divided, that polarizes people and seeks to create barriers to who is welcome? We are challenged to think about love not in the lens of our human stories, but rather through the limitless and powerfully redemptive love of Jesus.



LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS

Jesus' Radical Vision for Love with No Exceptions

Jacqueline A. Bussie
Author of *Outlaw Christian*

Service Opportunities

- CAER (Community Aid Elk River) Food shelf
- Meals on Wheels
- Lutheran World Relief Quilts
- Prayer Chain

Prayer requests may be called into the church office, submitted via the website or noted on the registration forms during worship service. Those interested in servicing weekly by lifting requests up in prayer can be asked to be added to the Prayer Chain on the registration slips

- Prayer Shawls

Yarn is available for volunteers to knit or crochet a prayer shawl. Given as a gift of warmth and love as they face surgery, grief, hardship, etc.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The music ministry of Elk River Lutheran Church provides a variety of opportunities for individuals who love music and want to share it with God's people and their community. Whether it be as a solo or in a group, you are welcome to share your gifts with us regardless of your abilities and age. We welcome all, including our LGBTQ+ family who are looking for a church home to share their music.



UPCOMING EVENTS & OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Choir Rehearsals, 6:30 PM Wednesdays

Multi-generational ensemble of fun-loving people who provide leadership in congregational singing and special music. They also share their abilities with the community by caroling and participating in "choir-sharing" events with other church choirs in the area.

Riverside Ringers – Handbell Ensemble Rehearsals 6:30 PM, Mondays

This ensemble is newly formed. Ringers of all skills come together to learn how to ring, read music and rehearse for special services.

Worship Band Rehearsals 6:30 PM, Thursdays

The worship band provides leadership for the contemporary service. Every week the band comes in various form from two vocalists and a piano to a full band with acoustic guitar, bass, drums and a keyboard. Musicians are not required to lead every week but asked to serve as they can.

Soloists / Small Groups / Instrumental Ensembles

We welcome all musicians of all ages and abilities to participate in special music opportunities.

IN THE COMMUNITY



**CAR SHOW AT SENIOR DAYS
at Elk River Farmers Market**



**KIDS DAYS
at Elk River Farmers Market**



**BEER & HYMNS
at Pour Bistro
Next on May 7th^h at 6:30 PM**



**ELK RIVERFEST
Saturday July 6**

Combined Outdoor Worship Service **Sunday, May 19 @ 9:30 AM***

Bring your own chair or blanket and join us for a worship service on the front lawn as we celebrate our 10th anniversary. This service will include great music, message celebrating ERLC's past and future, Holy Communion, and a dedication of our new "Powered by Love" mural.

*Please Note: There will be no 8:15 & 10:30 AM services this day



Downtown Block Party

Sunday, May 19 11:00am-1:00pm

Elk River Lutheran Church
729 Main Street - Elk River

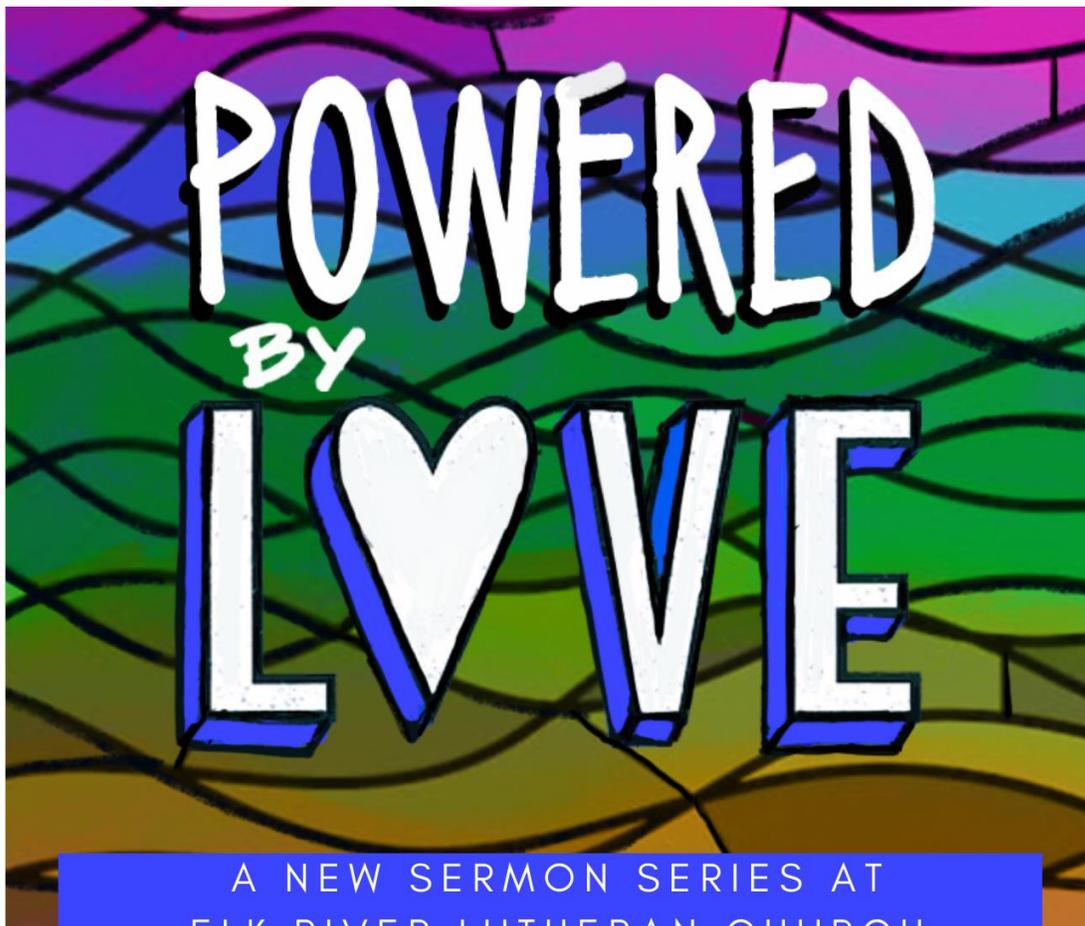


Free Food
Kids' Activities
Live Music
Bounce House
Prize Giveaways
Exotic Animal Show



 **Elk River** ELCA
LUTHERAN
Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,
joyful community, serving God & neighbor.





A NEW SERMON SERIES AT
ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 5 - We are neighbors helping neighbors.

We welcome Lutheran Social Services (LSS) to share how they put love into action on our behalf, as we think about our role as neighbors helping neighbors.

May 12 - There's no place like home.

Home is the place we find comfort and rest. Whatever home looks like, we celebrate the welcome created in those spaces, the people who make them, and the way we are empowered to live that out in the world. Join us as we celebrate the mothers in our lives.

May 19 - Love is where the story begins.

Our church's journey began and continues in love. We kick off our 10th anniversary celebration year with a single joint outdoor worship service in our drive through at 9:30 AM. We dedicate our "Powered by Love" mural and host our Downtown Block Party from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM.

May 26 - Remember.

Our past tells our story. On this Memorial Day weekend we remember with gratitude loved ones who have died, including those who have died in service to our country.

June 2 - Every exit is also an entrance.

On this Sunday when we celebrate our graduating seniors we also acknowledge to importance of love to carry us through a variety of life transitions. Exits can simply be an entrance into somewhere else.

June 9 - Love is lit!

These days when the kids say something is "lit" it's a way of saying it is good, awesome, or exciting. The story of Pentecost is all of those things, including being literally "lit" as the Holy Spirit descends as tongues of flame. So this Pentecost Sunday, "Love is lit!"

June 16 - Empowered to Love

Martin Luther (our Lutheran Church namesake) described faith as always being active in love. The love we receive from God empowers us to love others.

Join us for worship this May and June! Sundays 8:15 & 10:30 AM

WEEKLY HAPPENINGS

Sunday	8:15 AM Traditional Worship
	9:20 AM LiFT! Family Sunday School
	9:20 AM Fellowship Coffee Hour
	10:30 AM Contemporary Worship
Monday	6:30 PM Riverside Ringers Handbell Ensemble
Tuesday	9:30 AM Bible Study
	9:30 AM Quilting
Wednesday	6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal
	6:30 PM Confirmation (7 th & 8 th Grades)
	7:30 PM †5 High School Youth Group
Thursday	6:30 PM Worship Band Rehearsal
	7:00 PM The Way Out (AA)
Saturday	8:00 AM Men's Bible Study

MONTHLY HAPPENINGS

Once a Month	6:30 PM Beer & Hymns (Pour Bistro Otsego)
2nd Tuesday	7:00 PM Women's Bible Study (ELCA Gather Magazine)
Sunday (as announced)	9:20 AM Parent Sessions with Jeremy

**Events held at Elk River Lutheran Church unless otherwise specified

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Worship Materials: Found under worship tab of
website

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN TAKES INITIAL STEPS TOWARD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



You are invited to a Special Congregational Meeting on April 28 at 9:30 AM in the Sanctuary to discuss Elk River Lutheran Church's upcoming capital campaign and formally vote to move forward with Blair Anderson of New Horizons Congregational Consulting.

Elk River Lutheran Church at 729 Main St NW

Six years ago, Elk River Lutheran Church (ERLC) entered into an agreement with Mission Investment Fund (MIF) to purchase and renovate our current building. The time has come for ERLC to move forward with securing a mortgage

and taking ownership of the building, and a capital campaign will help us manage the monthly mortgage payments while still supporting our day-to-day ministry to people.

Possible targets for the appeal:

- Immediate principal buy-down (Our current debt on this building is \$1.6 million)
- Augment General Fund monthly Principal and Interest payments for the next 36 months
- Remodel/enhance sanctuary space- improving aesthetics and functionality (Some specific plans will be shared at the meeting)
- Beautification of outdoor spaces
- Improved signage which enhances hospitality and welcome

Much listening to everyone will be factored into the early weeks of the appeal, so each of you will be able to have a voice and help us to shape these plans!

How will this appeal be implemented?

Last fall the ERLC Church Council and a special Capital Campaign Interviewing Taskforce investigated six capital campaign consultants, interviewed six, and now recommends ERLC hire Blair Anderson of New Horizons Congregational Consulting.

Blair Anderson served as an ELCA pastor for many years, including 21 years as Senior Pastor at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Ramsey. He has been conducting capital appeals for the past twelve years with small and large congregations throughout the USA. By hiring a professional consultant like Blair Anderson, this campaign will be set up to succeed in ways that will dramatically further the mission and ministry of ERLC.

Laying the groundwork for this campaign would begin later this spring, with the campaign officially kicking off in the fall. I hope you'll join us for the meeting on April 28 as we take this next exciting step in our congregations future.

"I am so excited for this next step in our congregation's life! This capital campaign gives us the opportunity to prayerfully consider the future God is calling us into as we celebrate the ERLC's first 10 years of ministry."

~Pastor Nathan Mugaas

"In my career as an architect I worked with many churches like ERLC. I saw that the process of working with a capital campaign consultant became a powerful tool, not only for meeting the financial goals, but in building disciples within the membership."

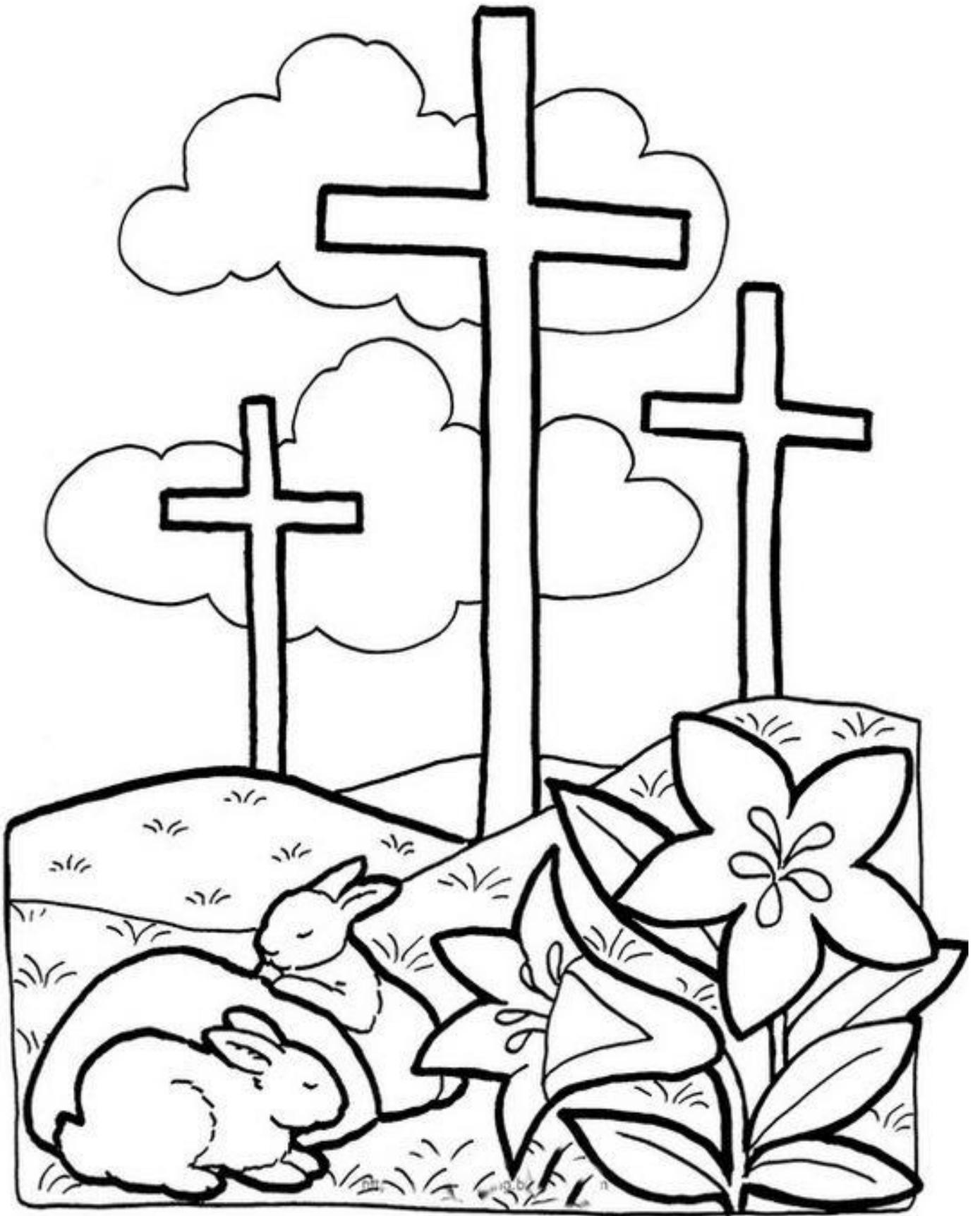
~John Natwick,

Current ERLC Council President

"I have had the experience of doing several capital campaigns. One we tried to do on our own with about one-third the success of hiring a professional service. With a professional service, we commit together as a congregation to look deep into our faith and seek God's leading as to how God wants to lead us in ministry. This can be a time of genuine growth as a congregation in mission."

~Cedric Olson

Retired Pastor & Member of ERLC





Easter Flowers Memorials and Honorariums

Thank you to those that donated flowers to help decorate our Sanctuary this Easter.

<i>In Memory of Chuck's Father and our Grandparents</i>	<i>Chuck, Amy, Clara & Emma Anderson</i>
<i>In Memory of our Parents</i>	<i>Donald & Barbara Armagost</i>
<i>In Memory of Megan Bennig</i>	<i>Erik Becker & Heidi Halverson</i>
<i>In Memory of Gary Becker</i>	<i>Erik Becker & Heidi Halverson</i>
<i>In Memory of Family & Brother</i>	<i>Larry & Jean Cook</i>
<i>In Memory of Joe DeMars</i>	<i>Jodie Dahlheimer</i>
<i>In Memory of my Grandparents</i>	<i>Jodie Dahlheimer</i>
<i>In Memory of Loved Ones</i>	<i>Ardelle Dahlin</i>
<i>In Memory of Romey Dalnes</i>	<i>John & Cathy Dalnes</i>
<i>In Memory of Howie Dalzell</i>	<i>Marlyne Dalzell</i>
<i>In Memory of Erinn Dalzell</i>	<i>Marlyne Dalzell</i>
<i>In Memory of Malcolm & Gladys Lindquist</i>	<i>Lauren & Edith Davies</i>
<i>In Memory of Lauren & Florence Davies</i>	<i>Lauren & Edith Davies</i>
<i>In Memory of Neil Dietz</i>	<i>Delphine Dietz</i>
<i>In Memory of Milie Sumstad</i>	<i>Heather Ditschler</i>
<i>In Memory of my husband Melvin Domier</i>	<i>Burnette Domier</i>
<i>In Memory of Patty Johnson & Eric DuBois</i>	<i>Hans & Nettie DuBois</i>
<i>In Memory of Mother, Father & Brother</i>	<i>Brian & Linda Felska</i>
<i>In Memory of Grandson Michael</i>	<i>Les & Phyllis Ferguson</i>
<i>In Honor of Family</i>	<i>Sue Hales</i>
<i>In Honor of our son Jack</i>	<i>Patty & Ryan Herbert</i>
<i>In Honor of our daughter Amelia</i>	<i>Patty & Ryan Herbert</i>
<i>In Honor of our daughter Caroline</i>	<i>Patty & Ryan Herbert</i>
<i>In Memory of Loved Ones</i>	<i>Steve & Diane Hohn</i>
<i>In Honor of Family</i>	<i>Glenn & Pam Johnson</i>
<i>In Memory of Jeanette Kultala</i>	<i>Dawn Kultala</i>
<i>In Memory of Ruben & Jerry Kyro</i>	<i>Patricia L Kyro</i>
<i>In Memory of Myson Dale, my Brother</i>	<i>Phyllis Lehrke</i>
<i>In Memory of Parents & Grandparents</i>	<i>Phyllis Lehrke</i>
<i>In Honor of Greg Mayer</i>	<i>Jeanne Mayer</i>
<i>In Memory of Tom</i>	<i>Murray & Carla McNair</i>
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<i>In Memory of Frances P Miller</i>	<i>Marilyn Miller</i>
<i>In Memory of Corey T. Moe</i>	<i>Toby Moe</i>
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*In Memory of Lorenz Nelson, Forest & Pearl Abbott,
Steve Sindelir*

In Honor of Doris Nelson

In Memory of our Parents

In Memory of Theodore Dargis

In Memory of Harold Novotny

In Memory of Parents

In Honor of Children & Grandchildren

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In Memory of Carl & Vera Eckhoff; Vernon Rinerson

In Memory of Tom & Toni Rogers

In Memory of Pastor Donald Ostrout

In Memory of those we lost, but live in our hearts

In memory of Mary Bucholz

In Memory of Elmer & Arlene Smith

In Memory of Jerry Ament

In Honor of Our Church Family

*In Honor of Our Family & Friends at Easter &
always*

In Memory of Van "Dude" Zoller

In Memory of Guy Varty

In Memory of Steve Veavea

In Memory of Ardis Wagner

In Memory of our Parents & Lorie's Brother

In Honor of Our Family

In Memory of mother Doris Ziner

Dan and Val Nelson Family

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Robert & Virginia Nelson

Kristine Novotny

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Russ & Barb Overbye

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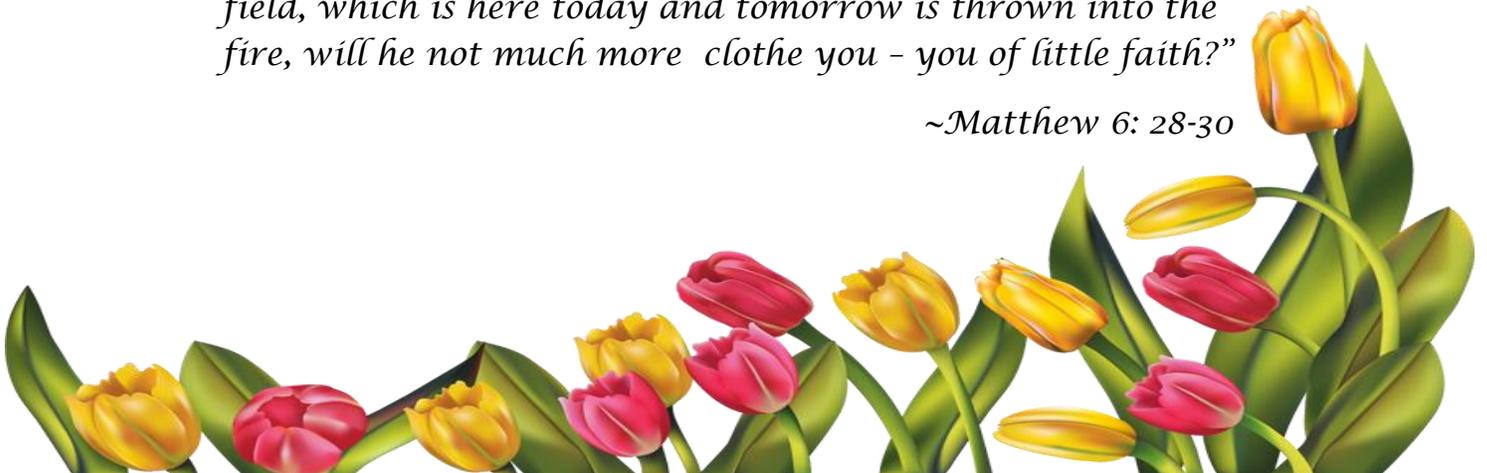
Lorie & Tom Werk

Tom & LuAnn Wingard

Dale Ziner

*"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers
of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you
that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like
one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the
field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the
fire, will he not much more clothe you - you of little faith?"*

~Matthew 6: 28-30



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LAST WEEK UPDATE

Avg Weekly Giving Needed: \$ 9,200

Received Last Week: \$ 5,525

Monthly Total: \$13,682

Online giving: bit.ly/erlcgive

Worship Attendance:

8:15am: 166

10:30am: 188

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