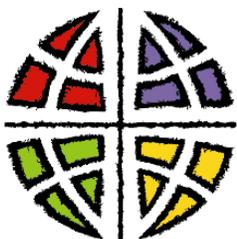


July 14, 2019 • 8:15am

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Noah 1: All the Animals 2x2



 **Elk River** ELCA
LUTHERAN
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.

Please feel free to take home your worship bulletin for people and families to keep in your prayers.

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

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN *"All God's Critters (A Place in the Choir)"*

CHORUS

**All God's critters got a place
in the choir
Some sing low, some singer
higher
Some sing out loud on the
telephone wire and
Some just clap their hands, or
paws or anything they got
now**

VERSE 1

**Listen to the bass, it's the one
on the bottom
Where the bullfrog groans
and the hippopotamus
Moans and groans with a big
to-do
The old cow just goes, "moo"**

VERSE 2

**The dogs and cats, they take
up the middle
The hummingbird hums and
the cricket fiddles
The donkey brays and the
pony neighs
The old coyote howls**

CHORUS

VERSE 3

**Listen to the top where the
little birds sing
On the melody with the high
note ringing
The hoot owl hollers over
everything
And the jay bird disagrees**

VERSE 4

**Singing in the nighttime,
singing in the day
The little duck quacks and is
on his way
The possum ain't got much to
say
And the porcupine talks to
himself**

CHORUS

VERSE 5

**It's a simple song, a living
song everywhere
By the ox and the fox and the
grizzly bear
The grumpy alligator and the
hawk above
The sly racoon and the turtle
dove **CHORUS****

A WILD CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Holy God, you are the molder of creation, the sculptor of the universe.

You filled the earth with living creatures, strong as the humpback whale, small as a bacterium impossible to see, loyal as our pets and wild as untamed beasts. You made us, too, and watched over us from our first day, witnessing our beauty, our eagerness, our mistakes, our hopes.

Sometimes we trust fully in you and work for the betterment of those around us.

And sometimes we scheme and put others down to build ourselves up.

Sometimes we show mercy and kindness.

And sometimes we let our anger get the best of us and strike out against others.

Sometimes we rightly question what it means to pledge loyalty to earthly rulers.

And sometimes we boldly make out a human leader to be our savior.

Sometimes we trust you to lead us in endeavors when we cannot see the ending.

And sometimes we wildly resist your leading and question how you could ever bring good out of difficult situations.

Sometimes we celebrate your creation and joyfully find rest in the shade of your bounty, grateful for the mercy you've shown us and others.

And sometimes we forget about the blessings that come from you and we wish vengeance upon those we consider enemies.

We remember, O God, how you invite us to celebrate your creation, nurture your earth, and care for those in need.

Make us witnesses of your stories, that we might recognize that same work in our own lives — miraculous moments in the midst of our everyday world.

The God who created you and the whole world and everything in it knows these and all of your shortcomings, and through God's great love in Jesus Christ forgives you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE **(#880) “O God Beyond All Praising”**^{v. 1}

1 **O God beyond all praising,
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay;
for we can only wonder
at ev'ry gift you send,
at blessings without number
and mercies without end:
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word,
we honor and adore you,
our great and mighty Lord.**

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Holy God, you provide us with all we need, help us to trust in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST READING:

Genesis 6:9-22

⁹ These are the descendants of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation; Noah walked with God. ¹⁰ And Noah had three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ¹¹ Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight, and the earth was filled with violence. ¹² And God saw that the earth was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted its ways upon the earth. ¹³ And God said to Noah, "I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. ¹⁴ Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. ¹⁵ This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, its width fifty cubits, and its height thirty cubits. ¹⁶ Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above; and put the door of the ark in its side; make it with lower, second, and third decks. ¹⁷ For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. ¹⁸ But I will establish my covenant with you; and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons' wives with you.

¹⁹ And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and

female.²⁰ Of the birds according to their kinds, and of the animals according to their kinds, of every creeping thing of the ground according to its kind, two of every kind shall come in to you, to keep them alive.²¹ Also take with you every kind of food that is eaten, and store it up; and it shall serve as food for you and for them."²² Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

Here ends the reading....

SECOND READING:

Genesis 7:6-10, 7:17-24

⁶ Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came on the earth.⁷ And Noah with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives went into the ark to escape the waters of the flood.⁸ Of clean animals, and of animals that are not clean, and of birds, and of everything that creeps on the ground,⁹ two and two, male and female, went into the ark with Noah, as God had commanded Noah.

¹⁰ And after seven days the waters of the flood came on the earth.

¹⁷ The flood continued forty days on the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.

¹⁸ The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth; and the ark floated on the face of the waters.

¹⁹ The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered;²⁰ the waters swelled above the mountains, covering them fifteen cubits deep.

²¹ And all flesh died that moved on the earth, birds, domestic animals, wild animals, all swarming creatures that swarm on the earth, and all human beings;²² everything on dry land in whose nostrils was the breath of life died.

23

He blotted out every living thing that was on the face of the ground, human beings and animals and creeping things and birds of the air; they were blotted out from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those that were with him in the ark. ²⁴ And the waters swelled on the earth for one hundred fifty days.

The Word of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Jeremy Hallquist

HYMN OF THE DAY

**1 God of the sparrow God
of the whale**

**God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say**

Awe

**How does the creature say
Praise**

**2 God of the earthquake
God of the storm**

**God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature say**

Woe

**How does the creature say
Save**

**3 God of the rainbow God
of the cross**

God of the empty grave

(#740) "God of the Sparrow"

**How does the creature say
Grace**

**How does the creature say
Thanks**

**4 God of the hungry God of
the sick**

**God of the prodigal
How does the creature say
Care**

**How does the creature say
Life**

**5 God of the neighbor God
of the foe**

**God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say
Love**

**How does the creature say
Peace**

**6 God of the ages God near
at hand
God of the loving heart**

**How do your children say Joy
How do your children say
Home**

SHARING & RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

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.**

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.

OFFERING

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in 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.

(#473) “HOLY, HOLY, HOLY”

**Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy, God.**

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

(#336) "LAMB OF GOD"

VERSE 1

**Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from
your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of
God.**

REFRAIN

**O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb
of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious
blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of
God.**

VERSE 2

**Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him
as he died.
The humble king we named a
fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of
God.**

REFRAIN

COMMUNION HYMN

**1 Thy holy wings, O Savior,
spread gently over me,
and let me rest securely
through good and ill in thee.
Oh, be my strength and
portion,
my rock and hiding place,
and let my ev'ry moment
be lived within thy grace.**

**2 Oh, let me nestle near
thee,
within thy downy breast
where I will find sweet
comfort
and peace within thy nest.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

**The body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ strengthen you and keep you in**

VERSE 3

**I was so lost, I should have
died,
But you have brought me to
your side
To be led by your staff and
rod
And to be called a lamb of
God.**

REFRAIN

(#613) *"Thy Holy Wings"*

**Oh, close thy wings around
me
and keep me safely there,
for I am but a newborn
and need thy tender care.**

**3 Oh, wash me in the
waters
of Noah's cleansing flood.
Give me a willing spirit,
a heart both clean and good.
Oh, take into thy keeping
thy children great and small,
and while we sweetly
slumber,
enfold us one and all.**

God's grace.

Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Life giving God, with this cup of life and bread of salvation you have nourished your people and filled us with your love. Send us forth into this wild world to boldly live as your grace filled people. Amen.

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

(#835) "All Creatures, Worship God Most High" ^{v 1, 4 & 6}

**1 All creatures, worship
God most high!
Sound ev'ry voice in earth
and sky:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor
bright;
sing, sister moon and stars of
night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!**

**4 All who for love of God
forgive,
all who in pain and sorrow
grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Christ bears your burdens
and your fears;
still make your song amid the
tears:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!**

**6 O sisters, brothers, take
your part,
and worship God with humble
heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the
Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia!**

SENDING DIALOG

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

Serving Us Today

Greeters:	Jane and Chuck Cazett
Ushers:	Mary and Jim Ernhart, Vicki and Jim Simpson
Lector:	Lori Schulstad-Werk
Communion Steward:	Brandon Hoeft
Communion Servers:	Babs Armagost, Kari and Milo Christianson
Basket Holders:	Cale Wornson and Levi Ethen
Communion Setup Before /Refill After	Pauline Kuhn
Mid-Week Communion Set-Up:	Pat Clear
Hospitality Coordinator:	Sandy Krumwiede

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- 10th Anniversary of Pastor Nathan's Ordination
- Chuck and Jane Cazett - 50th Wedding Anniversary (7/19)
- Paula Donnelly is doing much better!
- Kurran & Kim Sagan and their twin boys all are now home from the hospital as of July 9th

In Sorrow:

- Family and Friends of Sandy Charles, Paula Rotz' mother
- Family and friends of Bill Campbell

For Support:

- Family of Barbara Sheridan, Mother of Melissa Coons (dementia)
- Karen & Troy Hoover (Friends of Marilyn Miller)
- Carol Black
- All Military Personnel and their families

Health concerns:

- Nancy Scott, sister of Bonnie Swedal
- Evelyn Duffy, mother of Sue Moe
- Barbara Sheridan, mother of Melissa Coons
- Carol Roden
- Jack Hales, Sue's brother-in-law going through cancer treatment
- Pat Hanson, pancreatic cancer stage 4
- Troy Hoover, recovering from brain bleed
- Jane Gauker
- Becky Mattison
- Bev Burtness
- Carol Sindelir
- Duane Jerde
- Steve Lindberg, continued recovery
- LeRoy Wegscheid
- Gary Ristau, battling cancer
- Hazel Norris
- Erich VanRyn
- Gene Conley
- John Ernst
- Janet Stam, CA Treatment

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

FAMILY TALK...YOUR VOICE IS VALUED!

Please join us for ONE OF FOUR FOCUS GROUPS as our Capital Appeal consultant, Pastor Blair Anderson, listens to our responses to questions such as:

- *What are some of your life-changing moments with El River LC?*
- *For what are you grateful?*
- *What brings you greatest joy?*
- *What one event or program has helped you most in your faith journey?*
- *What ministry initiative has helped you most to serve others?*
- *How inviting are we when it comes to welcoming the stranger?*
- *How do our building facilities help us to carry out our mission to the world?*
- * How might reducing our indebtedness and improving the aesthetics of our facilities help us, long term, to expand our ministry to the world?*
- *How are you feeling about Elk River Lutheran's upcoming Capital Appeal? Are we ready for such a challenge? What are our obstacles to success? What's a realistic goal for this appeal?*

NO RESERVATIONS REQUIRED—JUST SHOW UP

- **Tuesday, July 9, 7:00-8:30pm**
- **Wednesday, July 10, 4:00-5:30pm**
- **Thursday, July 11, 10:00-11:30am**
- **Tuesday, July 23, 7:00-8:30pm**

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

RSVPs not necessary, but if you are able to let us know which one you plan to attend, go to bit.ly/ERLCCFocusGroup – we greatly appreciate it!

Prayground

...coming to Elk River Lutheran

What is a Prayground?

It is an area designed for children 3 and under to quietly engage in age-appropriate activities while experiencing worship in the sanctuary along with their families.

Prayground Wishlist
Found online via Amazon:
bit.ly/praygroundwishlist



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

8:15am – Traditional Worship
9:20am – Fellowship Hour
9:30am – Worship Band Rehearsal
10:30am – Contemporary Worship

MONDAY

6pm – Handbell Cleaning Party

TUESDAY

NO Quilting for July

9:30am – Bible Study with Pastor
6:30pm – Church Council

WEDNESDAY

9:30am – Adult Faith Formation
6:30pm – Worship Band Rehearsal

THURSDAY

10am – Genealogy Group
3pm – Art Show at Farmers Market

SATURDAY

8am – Men's Bible Study
1pm – Chuck and Jane Cazett's
Golden Anniversary Party

GATHER

Secular group of LGBTQ+ people
and allies, coming together to
learn and grow

ALL ARE WELCOME

Upcoming Dates:

July 23 and 30

Youth Mission Trip

Thunder Bay, Ontario
July 13 – 20

Please keep this group in your prayers!

Kassandra Angrimson
Shanon Dickman
Ashlyn Ditschler
Gabby Klinkenborg
Madison Mitzuk
Sonja Tesdahl
Cassidy Wolcenski

Leaders: Martha Herbert & Tom Wasilk



JULY 18, 2019
3:00 - 6:00 PM

EXHIBIT AND SALE

ART SHOW AT THE FARMERS MARKET

Contact Conni Natwick at (763) 276-1239 if interested in participating.

Sign up to help at

<http://bit.ly/2019JulyArtShow>

10TH
ANNIVERSARY
OF PASTOR
NATHAN'S
ORDINATION

Please join us for
worship and
fellowship on Sunday
July 14th



Pastor Nathan's Ordination July 13, 2009

YOU'RE INVITED:

*Join us to celebrate the 50th
Wedding Anniversary of
Chuck & Jane Cazett
Saturday, July 20th
1-4 pm*

*Community Room at Elk River
Lutheran Church (Lower Level)*



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YEARS
1969 - 2019



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Jodie Dahlheimer Ryan Herbert

Brian McFarlane Michele Smith

LAST WEEK UPDATE

Avg Weekly Giving Needed: \$ 9,200

Received 7/1-7/7: \$10,929

July Monthly Total: \$10,929

Online giving: bit.ly/erlcgive

Worship Attendance:

8:15am Traditional 85

10:30am Contemporary 104



Please Recycle Me!

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