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Elk River Lutheran Church

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. If this is your **first time visiting** us, please let an usher know as we have **a special gift for you!***

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. If your children are feeling a little squiggly in worship, you are welcome to accompany them to the playground in the middle of the sanctuary by the north wall where soft toys are available for their use. 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.

Serving Us Today

Greeters:	Lori Schulstad-Werk and Tom Werk
Ushers:	Jane and Chuck Cazett, Darrell Gildenmeister, Dave Stadden
Lector:	Delaney Lundquust
Musicians:	Bea Bastyr, ERLC Choir
A/V:	
Communion Steward:	Brandon Hoeft
Communion Servers:	Kari and Milo Christianson, Diana Schansberg
Basket Holders:	Macy and Brantley Hoeft
Communion Set-up/Refill:	Delphine Dietz and Barb Burandt
Mid-Week Communion Set-Up:	Jana Lundquist
Hospitality Coordinator:	Arrangements Team

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN **(#689) “Praise and Thanksgiving”** ^{v1, 3 & 4}

- 1** **Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.**

- 3** **Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.**

- 4** **Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We continue with a Litany of Confession and Forgiveness...

Jesus said, “Just as I have loved you, you should love one another.”
(John 13:43)

Help us to live powered by love.

The Apostle Paul calls us to “a true living faith, active through love.”
(Galatians 5:6)

Help us to live powered by love.

We are encouraged to “be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.” (Ephesians 4:32)

Help us to live powered by love.

Most merciful God,

We have fallen short in our calling to love one another. Our selfishness, greed, and apathy, we confess to you. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may live Powered by Love. Amen.

Hear the good news! While we were yet sinners, Jesus Christ died for us to forgive our sins. You are wonderfully and marvelously created in God’s image, filled with God’s love, and called to share that love with the world.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE **(#880) “O God Beyond All Praising”**^{v1}

**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, as we are transformed by your extravagant love, make us a people committed to this life of faith you have called us to, 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:

Joel 2:28-32

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Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
your old men shall dream dreams,
and your young men shall see visions.

²⁹

Even on the male and female slaves,
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

³⁰

I will show portents in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire
and columns of smoke. ³¹ The sun shall be turned to darkness, and
the moon to blood, before the great and terrible day of the LORD

³² comes. Then everyone who calls on the name of the LORD shall be
saved; for in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those who
escape, as the LORD has said, and among the survivors shall be
those whom the LORD calls. *Here ends the reading...*

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 9:6-15

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The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap
sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

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Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not

reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

⁹ As it is written,
"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

¹¹ You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God through us;¹² for the rendering of this ministry not only supplies the needs of the saints but also overflows with many thanksgivings to God.

¹³ Through the testing of this ministry you glorify God by your obedience to the confession of the gospel of Christ and by the generosity of your sharing with them and with all others,¹⁴ while they long for you and pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you.¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

The Word of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

POWERED BY LOVE
People of Commitment

HYMN OF THE DAY

(#695) "As Saints of Old"

**1 As saints of old their firstfruits brought
of orchard, flock, and field
to God, the giver of all good,
the source of bounteous yield;
so we today firstfruits would bring,
the wealth of this good land,
of farm and market, shop and home,
of mind and heart and hand.**

**2 A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.
The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;
all life in Christ made new.**

RECEIVING OF COMMITMENTS

HYMN OF THE DAY CONTINUED...

(#695) "As Saints of Old"

**3 In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.
O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.**

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 PRAYERS

**Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING

“All Are Welcome”
By Marty Haugen
Featuring ERLC Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,
We give you thanks O God for the many ways you have blessed us and filled us with your love. May the generosity of these gifts lead us to a life of generosity grounded in your extravagant love 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.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through
our Savior Jesus Christ.

You made us in your image;

Full of love and hope for the future.

You shower us with blessings and call us to live as your beloved children

And so, with all the choirs of angels,
with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(#413) “Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty”^{v1}

**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!**

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

“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 (#396) *“Spirit of Gentleness”* REFRAIN

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

1 You moved on the waters,
you called to the deep,
then you coaxed up the mountains
from the valleys of sleep;
and over the eons you called to each thing:
"Awake from your slumbers
and rise on your wings."

REFRAIN
Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;

**Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**2 You swept through the desert,
you stung with the sand,
and you goaded your people with a law and a land;
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,
then you spoke through your prophets
to open their eyes.**

REFRAIN

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**3 You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,
then you whispered in silence
when the whole world was still;
and down in the city you called once again,
when you blew through your people
on the rush of the wind.**

REFRAIN

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

**4 You call from tomorrow,
you break ancient schemes.
From the bondage of sorrow
all the captives dream dreams;
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.
With bold new decisions your people arise.**

REFRAIN

**Spirit, Spirit of gentleness,
blow through the wilderness calling and free;
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness,
stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

(#674) *“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”*

- 1 Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.**

REFRAIN

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

- 2 Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express.**

REFRAIN

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

- 3 Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:**

God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere!

REFRAIN

**Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!**

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.

**Life giving God, with this cup of life and bread of salvation you
have nourished your people, filled us with your love, and
renewed our hope for the future. Send us forth, powered by love
to boldly live as your people in the world. 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 HYMN

(#641) "All Are Welcome"^{v1}

**1 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:**

REFRAIN

**All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.**

SENDING DIALOG

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

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- *Generosity of Commitment: thank you for everyone who has made the decision to commit of their time and resources to the life of Elk River Lutheran Church.*
- Anna K

For Support:

- *All Military Personnel and their families*
- *Rod Werk & Kids*
- *Linda and Mike Cheney*
- *Marti Kinsley*
- *Harriet Eckland*
- *CinDee Torkelson*
- *Brian and Aimee Johnson, house fire*

In Sorrow:

- *Family and friends of Arthur Simpson, Jim Simpson's brother*

Health concerns:

- *Linda Kopp, recovery from shoulder surgery*
- *Evelyn Duffy, in hospice (mother of Sue Moe)*
- *Keely Franklin, open heart surgery (niece of Dawn Kultala)*
- *Marti Kingsley*
- *Linda Horne, heart issues (friend of Vicki Sackmeister)*
- *Dean Johnson, heart surgery*
- *Peggy, sister of Lori Sundman*
- *Kyle Tonsags, friend of Michele Smith (cancer surgery)*
- *Pat Hanson*
- *Harv Torkelson (pancreatic cancer and colon surgery)*
- *Chuck Hulse, shoulder surgery 11/6*
- *Cathy Klieber (ALS), friend of Cara Rule McGrath*
- *Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen*
- *Shari Howland, serious surgery procedure*
- *Derrick Dorholt, Complications after surgery*
- *Richard Boyer, Linda Nielsen's dad*
- *Carol Vikstrom*
- *Chad Harding, son of Brian and Diane Harding*
- *Carol Sindelir*
- *Nancy Scott, sister of Bonnie Swedal (chemo treatments)*
- *Mike Cheney*
- *Jim Jones and family, father-in-law of Taylor Quinn*
- *Duane Jerde*
- *Steve Lindberg, cancer treatment*
- *LeRoy Wegscheid*
- *Gary Ristau, battling cancer*
- *Hazel Norris*
- *Erich VanRyn*
- *Gene Conley*
- *John Ernst, recent surgery (Monticello Hospital)*

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

Commitment Sunday

- 8:15am – Traditional Worship
- 9:20am – LiFT!: Jesus, the Light of the World is Born
- 9:20am – Fellowship Hour
- 9:30am – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 10:30am – Contemporary Worship
- 2pm – Pokemon League

MONDAY

- 6:30pm – Riverside Ringers Handbell Rehearsal

TUESDAY

- 9am – Quilting
- 9:30am – Bible Study with Pastor
- 10:30am – Prayer Team
- 6:30pm – Church Council
- 7pm – Women's Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

- 9:30am – Adult Faith Formation
- 5:30pm – Choir
- 6:30pm – Confirmation
- 6:30pm – t5 High School Youth
- 7:30pm – Worship Band rehearsal

THURSDAY

- 10am – Genealogy Group
- 11:30am – Singles of a Certain Age Luncheon
- 7pm – The Way Out (AA Group)

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

- 8am – Men's Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

Pie and Quilt Blessing Sunday

- 8:15am – Traditional Worship
- 9:20am – LiFT!: Wise Men Worship King Jesus
- 9:20am – Fellowship Hour
- 9:30am – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 10:30am – Contemporary Worship
- Baptism: Finneus and Zalena Welton*
- 2pm – Pokemon League

VOLUNTEER NEEDED:

The Communion Team is looking for a person to do a ***mid-week fill/setup for communion*** the following Sunday.

It would be for the second Sunday of the month only. You pick your day and time to fill. Task takes about 30-40 minutes, often less depending on carry-over from previous Sunday's communion.

Please contact Pam Black at 763-441-5255 or pammiepuddin@yahoo.com or leave your name with Linda in the church office.

Training available.

CAMPAIGN EVENTS PHOTO REQUEST

Call for any photos. We would like to feature a photo collage of the capital campaign in the next issue of the *ERLC Current*.

If any of you have any photos from the events, could you please send them to Linda in the church office **by November 27**
linda@elkriverlutherna.org

Minnesota's Next Steps To Grow Renewable Energy

Great River 350 and Elk River Union Congregational Church, UCC, invite you to an informative and engaging evening presentation on Minnesota's climate and energy policies.

Join Fresh Energy's Science Policy Director J. Drake Hamilton as she discusses Minnesota success stories on the path towards building a clean energy future.

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

6:00 – 7:30 PM: Presentation (including Q&A)

7:30 – 8:00 PM: Refreshments

Union Congregational Church, United Church of Christ
1118 4th St. NW, Elk River, MN 55330

This event is free and open to the public.



J. Drake Hamilton is Science Policy Director of St. Paul, MN based Fresh Energy. For 25 years, Fresh Energy has helped lead Minnesota's transition to a clean energy economy through advocacy, policy analysis, and public outreach. Hamilton represented Fresh Energy at the Paris Climate Summit, and was invited by President Obama to meet with him in the White House. In her spare time, J. grows organic peaches, pears, and plums that have won blue ribbons at the Minnesota State Fair.

Great River 350's mission is to educate residents of along the Mississippi Corridor in Wright and Sherburne counties about climate change and its effect on our area.



CASCADE MOUNTAINS, WA

HOLDEN VILLAGE

Summer 2020

For more information and to start the dialogue about this adult and family experience, contact Jeremy jeremy@elkriverlutheran.org



"The Greatest Story Ever Told"

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN
2019 CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
DEC 15TH AT BOTH SERVICES



Our 2019 LiFT Christmas pageant is starting to take shape. We will begin rehearsing music November 10th during the LiFT hour and full pageant rehearsals will be early December. If your child is interested in speaking parts please let Jeremy know. We look forward to sharing with the congregation on December 15th at both services "The Greatest Story Ever Told." Email Jeremy at jeremy@elkriverlutheran.org



PIE SUNDAY

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 24TH
IN BETWEEN SERVICES

- SIGN UP ON SHEET IN CAFÉ OR EMAIL THE CHURCH OFFICE
- TELL US YOUR NAME AND HOW MANY PIES ARE YOU BRINGING



FAMILY CAMP

Friday – Sunday
July 10-12, 2020



COST PER FAMILY

- by Feb 14 = \$230
- Feb 15 - April 25 = \$305
- On or after April 26 = \$380

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Please Recycle Me!

LAST WEEK UPDATE

Worship Attendance:
8:15am Traditional 84
10:30am Contemporary 114

Online giving: bit.ly/erlcgive

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Office Hours

Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 am – 4 pm; Fri Closed