

**March 24, 2019
8:15am Service
Large Print Bulletin**

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH
presents

ROCKIN' ON THE RIVER

A Lenten Exposition



Lent 2019

Lent 1 - March 10

The Temptations

"Get Ready"

Lent 2 - March 17

"The Times They Are A Changin'"

Bob Dylan

Lent 3 - March 24

"Stayin' Alive"

The Bee Gees

Lent 4 - March 31

"Fortunate Son"

Creedence Clearwater
Revival

Lent 5 - April 7

"Let It Be"

The Beatles

Palm Sunday - April 14

"Redemption Song"

Bob Marley

**40 DAYS
of PEACE
& MUSIC**

Easter Sunday - April 21

"I'm A Believer"

The Monkees

Sundays in Lent

Free Admittance

729 Main St. NW

Elk River, MN 55330



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
WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN: (#324) *"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"*

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
 tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time.
 All the light of sacred story
 gathers round its head sublime.**

- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
 hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
 never shall the cross forsake me;
 lo, it glows with peace and joy.**

- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
 light and love upon my way,
 from the cross the radiance streaming
 adds more luster to the day.**

- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
 by the cross are sanctified;
 peace is there that knows no measure,
 joys that through all time abide.**

ACT OF RECONCILIATION

P: Dear members of God's family, let us come together honestly to tell God that we have not lived as we could and ask for forgiveness:

Holy God, we have not fulfilled the hope in which you created us. We repent and ask your mercy that our sin might be forgiven and our guilt removed.

Help us to learn from scripture and from one another your will for our lives so that with your help we can claim the inheritance of unlimited freedom which you have willed to us through your son.

You came to our world in Jesus. Come now to us.

God does care about us and sent Jesus Christ to us, and for us Jesus gave his life. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creature. Old things have passed away and all things are new. And all things are of God who has reconciled us to Godself through Jesus Christ, and who has entrusted to us the ministry of reconciliation.

Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE

“Glory Be To God On High”

**Glory be to God on high,
Praise to you most Holy!
O Lord God, Heav'nly King
God the Father Almighty**

**O Lord God, Lamb of God,
only Son of the Father;
Christ who takes a-way our sin,
Have mercy up-on us.**

**For you only Lord, O Christ,
With the Holy Spirit,
Are most high in the glory**

Of God the Father

Glory be to God on High! Amen.

GREETING

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day: Let us pray.

Eternal God, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, 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:

Psalm 63:1-8

1O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

**2Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
that I might behold your power and your glory.**

3For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
my lips shall give you praise.

**4So will I bless you as long | as I live
and lift up my hands in your name.**

5My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

**6when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**

7For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
8**My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord”

**Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you promised,
We will trust your word.
Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.**

GOSPEL READING:

Luke 13:1-9

1At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.2[Jesus] asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?3No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. 4Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? 5No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

6Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. 7So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ 8He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. 9If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

**P: THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD
ALL: PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST**

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON

Jeremy Hallquist

HYMN OF THE DAY:

(#588) *"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"* v. 1, 3 & 4

- 1** There's a wideness in God's mercy,
like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in God's justice
which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is no place where earth's failings
have such kindly judgment giv'n.

- 3** For the love of God is broader
than the measures of our mind;
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.
But we make this love too narrow
by false limits of our own;
and we magnify its strictness
with a zeal God will not own

- 4** 'Tis not all we owe to Jesus;
it is something more than all:
greater good because of evil,
larger mercy through the fall.
Make our love, O God, more faithful;

**let us take you at your word,
and our lives will be thanksgiving
for the goodness of the Lord.**

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

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

OFFERING

“Come, Come Unto Me”

By Ken Dosso

Featuring ERLC Choir

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Let us pray,

Gracious Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Receive them for the sake of him who offered Himself for us, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. 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: Give thanks to the Lord.

C: It is good and right to do.

It is truly right and proper at all times and places to give our thanks to you, Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Ever living God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heav'n, we laud and magnify your glorious name evermore praising you and saying:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts.

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

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

Hosannah in the highest!

HOLY COMMUNION - 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

“CHRIST, O LAMB OF GOD”

**Christ, O Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Christ, O Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Christ, O Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world,
Give us your peace.**

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

COMMUNION HYMN

(#779) “Amazing Grace”

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.**

- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**

- 3 Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**

- 4 The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.**

- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

COMMUNION HYMN **(#542) “O Living Bread from Heaven”**
to the tune of “The Church’s One Foundation”

- 1 O living Bread from heaven,
how well you feed your guest!
The gifts that you have given
have filled my heart with rest.
O wondrous food of blessing!
O cup that heals our woes!
My heart, this gift possessing,
in thankful song o'er flows.**

- 2 My Savior, you have led me
within your holiest place,
and here yourself have fed me
with treasures of your grace;
for you have freely given
what earth could never buy,
the bread of life from heaven,
that now I shall not die.**

- 3 You gave me all I wanted;
this food can death destroy.
And you have freely granted
the cup of endless joy.
My Lord, I do not merit
the favor you have shown;
and all my soul and spirit
bow down before your throne.**

- 4 Oh, grant me then, well-strengthened
with heav'nly food, while here
my course on earth is lengthened,**

**to serve you, free from fear;
and bring me home to praise you
where none can peace destroy,
where I will ever raise you
glad songs in endless joy.**

COMMUNION BLESSING

The Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep us in God's Grace
Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**Compassionate God, you have fed us with the bread of
heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting
be hunger for justice; our alms, a making of peace; and our
prayer, the song of grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ, our
Savior and 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 **(#326) "Bless Now, O God, the Journey"**

**1 Bless now, O God, the journey
that all your people make,**

**the path through noise and silence,
the way of give and take.
The trail is found in desert
and winds the mountain round,
then leads beside still waters,
the road where faith is found.**

**2 Bless sojourners and pilgrims
who share this winding way;
your hope burns through the terrors,
your love sustains the day.
We yearn for holy freedom
while often we are bound;
together we are seeking
the road where faith is found.**

**3 Divine eternal lover,
you meet us on the road.
We wait for land of promise
where milk and honey flow,
but waiting not for places,
you meet us all around.
Our covenant is written
on roads, as faith is found.**

Sending Dialog

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

All: We will! Thanks be to God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY

- 8:15am – Traditional Service
- 9:20am – LiFT! Family Sunday School (Community Room)
- 9:20am – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 10:30am – Contemporary Worship
- 11:30am – Special Events Team Meeting

MONDAY

- 6:30pm – Riverside Ringers (Handbell) Rehearsal

TUESDAY

- 9:30am – Quilting
- 9:30am – Bible Study with Pastor on Next Week's Readings

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00pm – Dinner Church
- 7:00pm – Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm – †⁵ Youth Group

THURSDAY

- 6:30pm – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 7:00pm – The Way Out (AA)

SATURDAY

- 8:00am – Men's Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:15am – Traditional Service
- 9:20am – New Member Orientation (2nd Floor)
- 9:20am – *NO LiFT! Family Sunday School*
- 9:20am – Worship Band Rehearsal
- 10:30am – Contemporary Worship
- 11:45am – 1st Communion Class
- 1:00pm – Guardian Angels Hymn Sing
(Meet at Care Center - 400 Evans Ave NW)

DINNER CHURCH

Wednesdays during Lent
Now through April 10 at 6pm

**FOOD. FELLOWSHIP.
SCRIPTURE**

everyone is welcome to the table

sign up at bit.ly/erlcdinner

EASTER FLOWER ORDERS

Due Sunday April 7th

Spring Easter Flower Garden = \$16

Lily = \$7

**Flowers will be available to take home
after the 10:30am Easter Service**

See order form



Welcoming New Members

Those interested in becoming official members of ERLC are invited to join us for new member orientation:

- March 31: New Member Orientation Session 9:20am
- April 3: New Member Lenten Dinner Church
- April 7: New Member Sunday

Please contact the church office or note on your registration slip if you would like to be part of this New Member orientation!

GUARDIAN ANGELS HYMN SING

Singing at both
Guardian Angels Care Center

(400 Evans St NW)

& Guardian Angels by the Lake

(13439 185th Ln NW)

Sunday afternoon MARCH 31 – 1:00 PM

Meet at Guardian Angels Care Center

400 Evans St NW

All are Welcome



Take Stock in Our Youth

Purchasing stock certificates signify the owner as an investor in our Youth Mission Trip. As such the investor may attend the Mission Trip Stockholder's Dinner where the returns on the investment will be seen through stories and pictures by our youth and other attendees.

STOCKS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE MARCH 15 – MARCH 31*

**Youth will be calling ERLC members*

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Tilly Tilford (Pastor Nathan's sister-in-law) Army National Guard, safely returned from deployment in Kuwait
- Everett Emmons is home from rehab
- Kathie Nielsen, Pete Nielsen's mother turned 80 Saturday the 23rd – overcoming terminal lung cancer diagnosed in 2015

In Sorrow:

- Friends and Family of Donna Severson, friend of Phyllis Lehrke
- Family of Don Kellett, father of Joe Livingston
- Family of Geraldine 'Jerry' Clapper, aunt of Joe Livingston
- Family of Ardys Wagner, mother of Carol Vevea
- Family of Van "Dude" Zoller, son-in-law of Wayne and Ruth Traaseth
- Family of Curt Shelander whose Dare Funeral Luncheon was at ERLC on Thursday March 21

Health concerns:

- Carol Sindelir
- Steve Lindberg, continued recovery
- LeRoy Wegscheid
- Gary Ristau, battling cancer
- Hazel Norris
- John Ernst
- Sandy Charles, Paula Rotz' Mother
- Gigi, daughter of Marsha Emmons is still in the hospital
- Marsha Emmons' granddaughter
- Joe DeMars
- David Preston, grandson of Sue Hales
- Evelyn Hitchcock in hospice, grandmother of Kerry Livingston
- Joan Campbell
- Erich Van Ryn, 38 yr old son of Linda Van Ryn diagnosed with rare Stage 4 Cancer
- Sean Molskness, Grandson of Bob and Shirley Schmidt
- Karen Acers
- Marlyne Dalzell
- John Hurt with kidney problemst, Friend of Brian and Diane Harding

For Support:

- All Military Personnel and their families
- Jonas Maher, entering US Navy Feb 13

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

SERVING US TODAY

Greeters:	Phyllis and Les Ferguson
Ushers:	Vicki Simpson, Adam and Audrey Horner, Vaughn Smith
Lector:	Karissa Hoeft
Musicians:	ERLC Choir, Matt & Emily Rotz, and Audrey Horner
Audio Visual:	Steve Boese
Communion Steward:	Dale Ziner
Communion Servers:	Pat Clear, Babs Armagost, Jeremy Hallquist
Basket Holders:	Cale Wornson, Grant Lundquist
Communion Setup before and after service	Adam/Kelli Horner
Mid-Week Communion Fill:	Shirley Schmidt
Hospitality Coordinator:	Barb Burandt



JOIN US THIS LENTEN SEASON FOR:

DINNER CHURCH

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Wednesdays @ 6pm
March 13- April 10



SIGN UP TO HELP: [BIT.LY/ERLCDINNER](https://bit.ly/erlcdinner)

everyone is welcome to the table

FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. SCRIPTURE

Notes

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LAST WEEK UPDATE

Avg Weekly Giving Needed: \$9,200
Received Last Week: \$4,122
Monthly Total: \$11,749

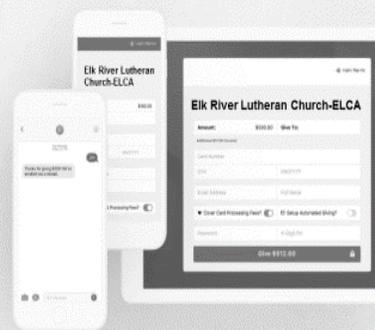
*Visit www.elkriverlutheran.org/give
for giving options*

Worship Attendance:

8:15am: 44
10:30am: 67

4 Ways to Give

- Mobile Giving
- Online Giving
- Text Giving
- In Service (Cash/Check)



Find out more at www.elkriverlutheran.org/give

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Office Hours

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