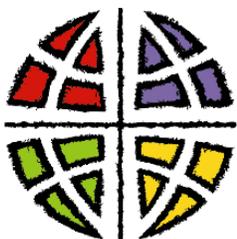
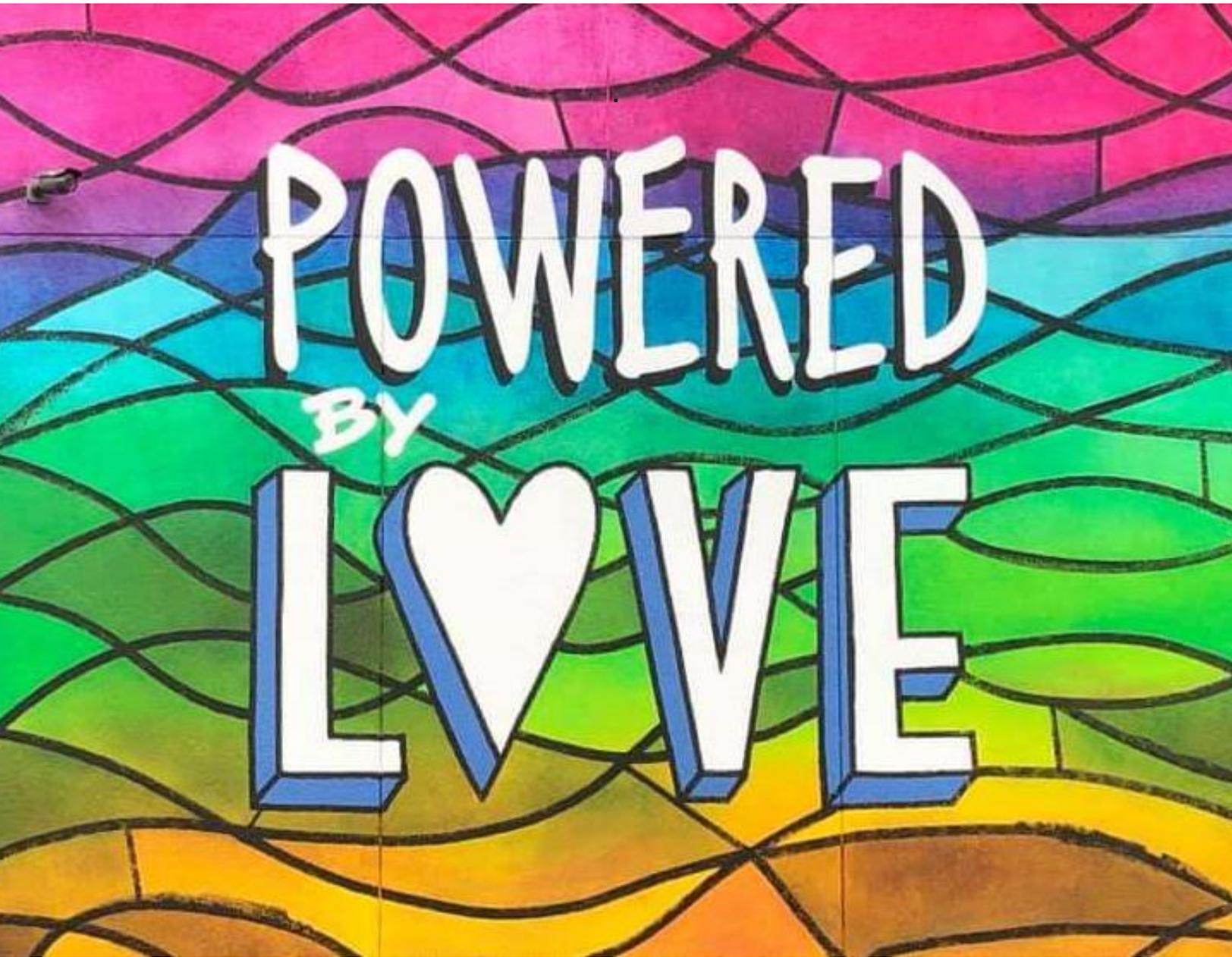


May 19, 2019 • 9:30am

5th Sunday of Easter

“Love is Where the Story Begins”



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 AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING FROM MINNEAPOLIS AREA SYNOD

Pastor John Hulden

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

GATHERING SONG

"Vagabonds"

CHORUS

Come to the feast,
there is room at the table.
Come let us meet in this place
With the King of all kindness
who welcomes us in
With the wonder of love
and power of grace
The wonder of love
and power of grace.

VERSE 1

Come all you vagabonds,
come all you 'don't belongs',
Winners and losers,
come, people like me.
Come all you travelers
tired from the journey,
Come wait a while,
stay a while, welcomed you'll be.

CHORUS

VERSE 2

Come all you questioners,
looking for answers
And searching for reasons
and sense in it all;
Come all you fallen
and come all you broken,
Find strength for your body
and food for your soul.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

Come those who worry
'bout houses and money
And all those who
don't have a care in the world;
From ev'ry station and orientation,
the helpless, the hopeless,
the young and the old.

CHORUS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: 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)

C: Help us to live powered by love.

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

C: Help us to live powered by love.

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

C: Help us to live powered by love.

P: Most merciful God,

C: 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.

P: 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.

C: Thanks be to God! Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE:

“Get Down”

Featuring LiFT! Kids

CHORUS 1

I get down, He lifts me up.
I get down, He lifts me up.
I get down, He lifts me up.
I get down. *REPEAT*

CHORUS 1

BRIDGE

Get Down, get down,
Get down, get down.

VERSE 1

In your weakness, he is stronger.
In your darkness, he shines through.
When you’re crying, he’s your
comfort.
When you’re all alone, he’s carrying
you.

CHORUS 1

CHORUS 2

I get down, He lifts me up.
I get down, He lifts me up.
I get down, He lifts me up.
Every time I down the Lord lifts me up.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray,

C: Holy God, as we are transformed by your extravagant love, strengthen us to live powered by that same love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

READING: Colossians 3:12-17

¹²As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. ¹³Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. ¹⁴Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. ¹⁵And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. ¹⁷And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

PLEASE STAND AS YOU ARE ABLE FOR THE GOSPEL

GOSPEL READING: John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON *"Love is Where the Story Begins"*

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

SONG OF THE DAY

"I Love to Tell the Story"

VERSE 1

**I love to tell the story
of unseen things above,
of Jesus and his glory,
of Jesus and his love.
I love to tell the story,
because I know it's true;
it satisfies my longings
as nothing else would do.**

REFRAIN

**I love to tell the story;
'twill be my theme in glory
to tell the old, old story
of Jesus and his love.**

VERSE 2

**I love to tell the story:
how pleasant to repeat
what seems, each time I tell it,
more wonderfully sweet!
I love to tell the story,
for some have never heard
the message of salvation
from God's own holy word. *REFRAIN***

VERSE 3

**I love to tell the story,
for those who know it best
seem hungering and thirsting
to hear it like the rest.
And when, in scenes of glory,
I sing the new, new song,
I'll sing the old, old story
that I have loved so long. *REFRAIN***

SHARING & RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION – BIDDING PRAYER

P: Lord, in your mercy,
C: Hear our prayer.

OFFERING

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”
Featuring Riverside Ringers

OFFERING PRAYER

P: Let us pray,
C: We give you thanks O God for the many ways you have blessed us and filled us with your love. Receive these gifts and our very lives, that they may bear witness to your extravagant love in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

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

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.

COMMUNION SONG

“All are Welcome”

VERSE 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.

VERSE 2

Let us build a house where prophets
speak, and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of
Jesus: *REFRAIN*

VERSE 3

Let us build a house where love is
found in water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that
frees us: *REFRAIN*

VERSE 4

Let us build a house where hands will
reach beyond the wood and stone to
heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known. Here
the outcast and the stranger bear the
image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:
REFRAIN

VERSE 5

Let us build a house where all are
named, their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and
claimed as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to
rafter: *REFRAIN*

COMMUNION SONG

“The Table”

CHORUS

Come all you weary, come and find
His yoke is easy, His burden is light.
He is able; He will restore
At the table of the Lord.

VERSE 1

I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I will feast at the table of the Lord.
I won't hunger anymore at His table.

CHORUS

VERSE 2

There is peace at the table of the Lord.
There is peace at the table of the Lord.
I won't worry anymore at His table.

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

C: Amen.

COMMUNION PRAYER

P: Let us pray.

C: 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, powered by love to boldly live as your people in the world. Amen.

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BLESSING OF CONGREGATION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

SENDING SONG

“For All That You Have Done”

VERSE 1

Your grace will never be forgot.
Your mercy all my life
Will be my soul's forever song,

My story and my light.

VERSE 2

From mountaintop to valley low,

Through laughter and through tears,
Surely the goodness of my God
Will follow all the years.

CHORUS

For all that You have done for us,
For every battle won,
We'll raise a song to bless Your heart;
For all that You have done.

VERSE 3

In all our failures and regrets,
You've always led us home.
Redemption's arm has raised us up,
Our triumph in the storm.

CHORUS

VERSE 4

In unity we'll stand as one.
As family we'll go
Shoulder to shoulder, hand in hand
Into the great unknown.

CHORUS

SENDING DIALOG

P: Go in peace. Share the Good News!

C: We will! Thanks be to God.

MURAL DEDICATION

Please join us over by the "Powered by Love" mural for its dedication.

Serving Us Today

Greeters:	Debby and Greg Pouliot, Vicki Granros, Vicki Simpson, Bob and Sandy Krumwiede, Marianne and Jerry Jackson
Ushers:	Darrell Gildenmeister, Wayne Traaseth, Adam and Audrey Horner, Joe, Grace and Gabe Livingston, John and Sarah Auel
Lector:	Matt Rotz
Musicians:	Chuck Anderson, ERLC Choir, Jeremy Hallquist, Donna Heaston, Kara Hennig, LiFT Kids, & Riverside Ringers
Audio Visual:	Eric Becker, Heidi Halverson, & Emily Rotz
Communion Steward:	Brandon Hoeft and Judy Lipka
Communion Servers:	Phyllis Scroggins, John Severson, Pat Clear, Sarah Chur, Sheila Swancutt, Sue Sass
Basket Holders:	Beckett and Genevieve Chur, Brantley and Macy Hoeft
Communion Setup:	Barb Burandt and Delphine Dietz
Communion Cleanup:	Mary Forster and Donna Varty
Mid-Week Communion Fill:	Jana Lundquist and Pam Black

DRINK SLOWLY. SING JOYFULLY. MAKE FRIENDS.

SAVE THE DATE

MONDAY JUNE 3 @ 6:30 PM

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Beer &
Hymns



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Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- For the past 9 years of ministry of Elk River Lutheran Church

In Sorrow:

- Family of Judi Stanley, Aunt of Jennifer Stanley
- Family of Dennis Ellos, father-in-law of Chuck and Jane Cazett's Daughter

For Support:

- All Military Personnel and their families
- Jonas Maher, Nuclear Tech Training in Charleston SC
- Get Adam Giddings to Bethel University

Health concerns:

- Carol Sindelir
- Steve Lindberg, continued recovery
- LeRoy Wegscheid
- Gary Ristau, battling cancer
- Hazel Norris
- Erich VanRyn
- John Ernst
- Janet Stam, CA Treatment
- Bill Campbell
- Joan Campbell
- Ruth Lemke, cardiac issues
- Gene Conley
- Kyle Tonsager
- Kathy Dahl, knee replacement
- Neal Gilb
- Nancy Pennington, healing from shoulder surgery
- Keith Reich, friend of Dale Ziner
- Jessica Finseth (Recovery)
- Paula Donnelly, surgery May 16th
- John Hirt, friend of Brian Harding
- Darrel Osmek, open heart surgery May 14th
- Duane Jerde
- Pat Hanson
- Todd Bucholz, heart surgery (Steve Bucholz's brother)

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

8:00am – Worship Set Up
9:20am – No LiFT! Family Sunday School
9:30am – Combined Outdoor Worship Service
10:30am – Event Set Up
11:00am – 10th Anniversary Block Party

MONDAY

TUESDAY

9:00am – Quilting
9:30am – Bible Study with Pastor
6:30pm – Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY

6:30pm – Youth Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

7:00pm – The Way Out (AA)

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

8:00am – Men's Bible Study

NEXT SUNDAY

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

MONDAY MEMORIAL DAY

Offices Closed

“Love without Limits” Book Study By Jacqueline A. Bussie

Sunday mornings:

June 2 & 9

Meeting during the coffee hour
between services at 9:20 am

SENIOR SUNDAY

June 2nd – Both Services

A chance for us to recognize and
bless our senior graduates



Graduates – Please have your Bio
and Picture into the Church office
by May 23rd. Electronic copies can
be sent to
linda@elkriverlutheran.org



POWERED BY LOVE

Sermon Series

May 26 – Remember

June 2 – Every exit is also an entrance

June 9 – Love is lit!

June 16 – Empowered to Love

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Jodie Dahlheimer Ryan Herbert

Brian McFarlane Michele Smith

LAST WEEK UPDATE

Avg Weekly Giving Needed: \$ 9,200

Received Last Week: \$ 3,897

Monthly Total: \$10,591

Online giving: bit.ly/erlcgive

Worship Attendance:

8:15am: 110

10:30am: 132

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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



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Office Hours

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Downtown Block Party

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

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

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