

January 3, 2021 • 9:30am

Epiphany Sunday



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



9:30 am Online on Facebook Live and Zoom

Elkriverlutheran.org

to find bulletins and instructions to join live worship

Recording available after the Service via

ERLC Facebook Page, Website, YouTube Channel and Podcast

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If you have access to the internet through a computer or smart phone, you can find more information on our church website: www.elkriverlutheran.org

If you or someone you know does not have access to the internet, you can find these services via telephone (it is a long distance call). At or a few minutes before each gathering you can dial [1-646-558-8656](tel:1-646-558-8656) and then enter Meeting ID: [733 768 254](https://us02zoom.us/j/733768254). This will work for each of our two regular online gatherings:

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Church Public Facebook Page & Private Facebook Group Page

Sunday Worship @ 9:30 AM and Sacred Wit Thursdays @ 7pm on Public Facebook Page

Sunday 9:30am Worship & 10:30 Fellowship/Zoom Kids Thursday 7pm Sacred Wit

Elk River Lutheran Church YouTube Channel (Recorded Worship and Sacred Wit)

"Elk River Lutheran Powered by Love" Podcast: Episodes released twice a week

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING SONG: "Angels We Have Heard on High"

ELW #289

Angels We Have Heard on High

1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro - long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;

and the moun - tains in re - ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad - some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.

Refrain

Glo - ri - a

in ex - cel - sis De - o; glo - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o.

Text: French carol; tr. H. F. Hemy, *The Crown of Jesus Music*, 1864
 Music: GLORIA, French carol; arr. Edward S. Barnes, 1887–1958

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 2:1-12

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
 are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
 for from you shall come a ruler
 who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

REFLECTION

SONG OF THE DAY: "We Three Kings"

VERSE 1

**We, three kings of Orient, are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar.
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star.**

CHORUS

**O star of wonder, star of night.
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect light.**

VERSE 2

**Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again.
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign.**

CHORUS

VERSE 3

**Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh;
Prayer and praising gladly raising,
Worship Him, God on high.**

CHORUS

VERSE 4

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom:
Sorr'wing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone cold tomb.**

CHORUS

VERSE 5

**Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and sacrifice;
Alleluia, alleluia!
Sounds through the earth and skies.**

CHORUS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the Holy One of Israel, the Word made flesh, the Power of the Most High, † one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Gathered in the name of Jesus, let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor.

Gracious God,

in Christ Jesus you come among us as light shining in darkness. We confess our failure to welcome this light. Forgive us and renew our hope, so that we may live in the light of your grace, and welcome the truth of Christ the Lord. Amen.

I bring you good news of great joy for all the people: To you is born a Savior, Christ the Lord. Your sins are forgiven in † Jesus' name.

Amen.

COMMUNION CANTICLE

It is you, loving God, who lights our path with truth.

Your Word, Jesus, is truth.

In his light, draw all to the manger
to gather in wonder with the shepherds.

In his light, draw all to the manger
to kneel in reverence with the wise ones.

In his light, draw all to the manger
to sing for joy with the angels.

In the brightness of his life
cast away the darkness of injustice, poverty, and hunger in the world.

It is you, loving God, who meets us on our way.
In the light of Jesus, show the world the way of life. Amen

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND PRAYER TIME

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.**

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

As our prayers rise up, may the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

OFFERING



Generous God, you have created all that is, and you provide for us in every season. Bless all that we offer, that through these gifts the world will receive your blessing. In the name of Jesus, Emmanuel, we pray. Amen

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG: "Go Tell It on the Mountain"

ELW #290

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

Go tell it on the moun - tain, o-ver the hills and ev - 'ry - where;

go tell it on the moun - tain that Je - sus Christ is born!

1 While shep-herds kept their watch-ing o'er si - lent flocks by night,
2 The shep-herds feared and trem-bled when, lo, a - bove the earth
3 Down in a lone - ly man - ger the hum - ble Christ was born;

Refrain

be - hold, through-out the heav-ens there shone a ho - ly light.
rang out the an - gel cho - rus that hailed our Sav - ior's birth.
and God sent us sal - va - tion that bless - ed Christ-mas morn.

Text: African American spiritual, refrain; John W. Work Jr., 1872–1925, stanzas, alt.
Music: GO TELL IT, African American spiritual

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

“Go in peace, share the good news
“We will, thanks be to God!”

POSTLUDE

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PRAYER REQUESTS



Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- A New Day, A New Year, Thank You Lord!

For Support:

- Nick and Rachel Brisson, friends of Taylor Quinn
- Byron and Bonnie Stelton (Friends of Pete and Linda Nielsen) Isaac Rotz and the Rotz Family
- For the families dealing with the COVID-19 virus, we pray for healing.
- John Ernst and Carol Black
- Linda and Mike Cheney
- Jan Bucher
- All military personnel and their families

Health concerns:

- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- John Natwick
- Johanna Ingebrigtsen, niece of Pauline Kuhn. Pray for healing and strength for her cancer treatment
- Bill Mattson on home hospice. Significant other of Julie Haugen
- Harriet Eckland, Paula Donnelly's mother (in memory care)
- Mike Cheney, continued healing from stroke
- Carol Sindelir
- Jim Powell in Guardian Angels Care Center
- Larry Wokson, severe burns (cousin of Karen Froelich)
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Nancy Scott, sister of Bonnie Swedal (chemo treatments)
- Duane Jerde
- Erich VanRyn

Prayer Concerns: can be shared by contacting
Linda in the church office at linda@elkriverlutherna.org
or by visiting the church website at www.elkriverlutheran.org/prayer-requests.html

Generally, names will run for 3 weeks. If more time is needed, please call the church office

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY – January 3

9:30am – Worship Service (Online)

MONDAY January 4

11am Choir Get-Together (Zoom)

TUESDAY January 5

9am – Storytime with Lisa

9am – Quilting

6:30pm Internship Committee (Zoom)

WEDNESDAY January 6

6:30pm - Confirmation

7:30pm - High School Youth

THURSDAY January 7

10am – Thursdays with Taylor
(Facebook Live)

4pm – Musicians' Happy Hour (Zoom)

7pm – Sacred Wit
(Facebook Live and Zoom)

SATURDAY January 9

8am - Men's Bible Study
(Zoom Bible Study)

SUNDAY January 10

9:30am – Worship Service (Online)

After Worship on Zoom

The Third Sacrament
40 Minutes of Fellowship
Zoom Kids

6:30pm – Genesis to Revelations
Bible Study (Zoom)



BIBLE STUDY via Zoom

Join via Computer or Smart Device: Find instructions at
<https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>

Join via Phone Call:
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Meeting ID: 891 0536 5912

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Meets every Saturday morning @ 8am
looks at the Biblical texts for the upcoming Sunday.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

January 18

Meets the 3rd Monday of the month at 6:30pm
group follows the Bible Studies in the Women's ELCA
magazine, Gather.