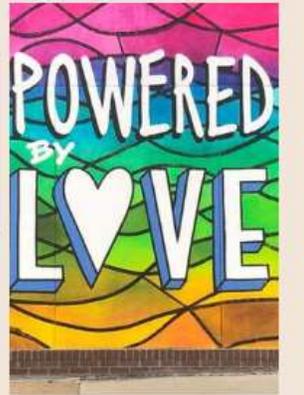


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**IN THE NEW YEAR**

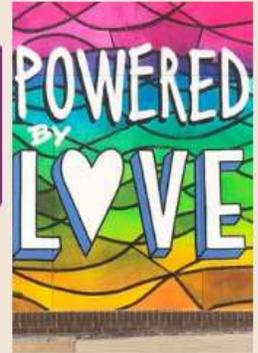


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**IN THE NEW YEAR**



## Hope in the New Year

Entering this new year feels like we're entering a new season of hope as vaccines roll out and a return to "normal" life seems within reach, and yet we continue to wrestle with the challenges of last year and the hard reality that this new year will still provide its own hardships. Fortunately, we have hope for this new year and because of the way the Bible talks about hope, we can trust that our capacity for hope is actually stronger because of what we experienced last year. Here's what Paul writes in his Letter to the Romans:

*We also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us.*  
*Romans 5:3-5*

Elk River Lutheran will start off the year by looking back at 2020 to remember and reflect on the joys and challenges the year brought. Then we'll explore the role of hope in our day to day lives as we look at the year ahead. January and February also include several Sundays with special themes like Camp Sunday and RIC Sunday. The best way to experience hope is together, so plan to join us online for these Sunday morning worship services.

### January

- 10 -- Epiphany
- 17 -- 2020: Joys & Challenges
- 24 -- Camp Sunday
- 31 -- Future Together

### February

- 7 -- Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday
- 14 -- Valentine's Day

## 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*

### STAYING CONNECTED

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](http://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

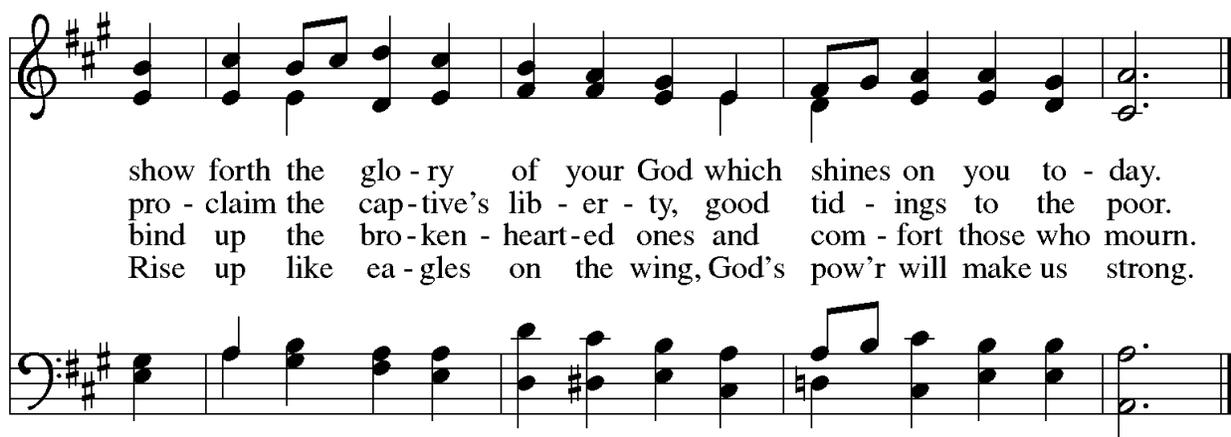
OPENING SONG: "Arise, Your Light Has Come!"

ELW #314

### Arise, Your Light Has Come!



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;  
2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;  
3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,  
4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.  
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.  
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.  
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893

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## PRAYER OF THE DAY:

God of hope, fill us with joy and peace in believing, that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE: Mark 1: 1-11

<sup>1</sup> The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. <sup>2</sup> As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; <sup>3</sup> the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'"

<sup>4</sup> John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>5</sup> And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. <sup>6</sup> Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. <sup>7</sup> He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. <sup>8</sup> I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>9</sup> In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup> And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup> And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

## REFLECTION

### SONG OF THE DAY: "In Christ Alone"

#### VERSE 1

In Christ alone, my hope is found;  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm;

What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease;  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

#### VERSE 2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe;  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save;

'Til on that cross, as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied,  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

#### VERSE 3

There in the ground His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day,  
Up from the grave He rose again;

And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

#### VERSE 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny;

No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Til He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.  
**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gracious God,

**have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**Amen.**

## HOLY COMMUNION

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.**

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.

By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations;  
in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son;  
and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

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:

## **HOLY, HOLY, HOLY** from Liturgy of Welcome

Holy, Holy, Holy One,  
God of power, God of might.  
Holy, Holy, Holy One,  
You fill the earth with Your glory and grace.

Blessed is the One  
Who brings hope and welcome to all  
All praise, glory, and honor  
to you, our God!

Holy, Holy, Holy One,  
God of power, God of might.  
Holy, Holy, Holy One,  
You fill the earth with Your glory and grace.

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND PRAYER TIME**

## **GUIDED PRAYER**

“We invite you into a few minutes of prayer and reflection.  
We invite you to share your prayers as you are comfortable  
with our online community so that we can support each other during this 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**



God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord. Amen

## BLESSING

CLOSING SONG: "Baptized and Set Free" v1, 2, & 4

ELW #453

# Baptized and Set Free



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

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## 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):

- For all the places where God continues to show up in the mission and ministries of Elk River Lutheran Church.

### **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

### **In Sympathy:**

- Family and Friends of Bill Mattson significant other of Julie Haugen

### **Health concerns:**

- Steve Nielsen (COVID), brother of Pete Nielsen
- Delaney Lundquist, spine surgery January 11
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- John Natwick
- 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](mailto:linda@elkriverlutherna.org)  
or by visiting the church website at [www.elkriverlutheran.org/prayer-requests.html](http://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 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)

### MONDAY January 11

11am – Choir Get-Together

### TUESDAY January 12

9am – Storytime with Lisa

9am – Quilting

### WEDNESDAY January 13

3pm – Worship/Music Team Meeting

(Zoom)

6:30pm - Confirmation

7:30pm - High School Youth

### THURSDAY January 14

10am – Thursdays with Taylor

(Facebook Live)

4pm – Musicians' Happy Hour (Zoom)

7pm – Sacred Wit

(Facebook Live and Zoom)

### SATURDAY January 16

8am - Men's Bible Study

(Zoom Bible Study)

### NEXT SUNDAY January 17

9:30am – Worship Service (Online)

After Worship on Zoom

The Third Sacrament

40 Minutes of Fellowship

Zoom Kids

7:30pm – Online Book Study: "Anti-

Racism" by Ibram X Kendi (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 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30pm

group follows the Bible Studies in the Women's ELCA magazine, Gather.

We are hoping to add a section to the 2020 Annual Report that includes what Elk River Lutheran Church has meant to the individuals and families connected to the church in 2020.

*Please help us out!*

Please send a picture of you or your family and a sentence or 2 (or a short paragraph) of what Elk River Lutheran has meant to you and/or your family in 2020.

This can be emailed to [linda@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:linda@elkriverlutheran.org)

**Due: Wednesday, January 13.**

Thanks for your help!





## The Third Sacrament: *40 Minutes of Fellowship*

- **Where:** On Zoom Worship Channel
- **When:** After Worship (when there isn't Drive-In service)
- **What:** informal check-ins, question of the day, and of course, coffee!



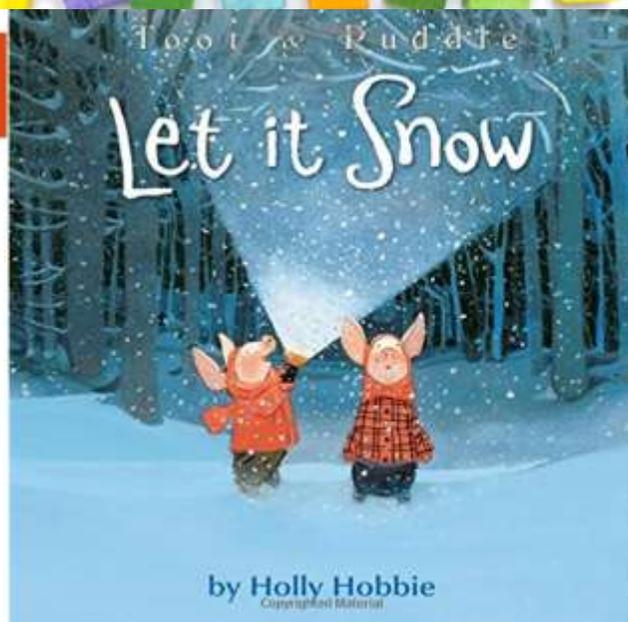
## ZOOM KIDS

Elementary-aged kids, join Lisa after worship on the *Worship Zoom Channel* for a breakout time including story and games.

### STORYTIME WITH LISA

**LIVE:**  
Tuesday, January 12  
@ 9:30am

*A new story is  
available every  
Tuesday morning on  
the ERLC Facebook  
Page*

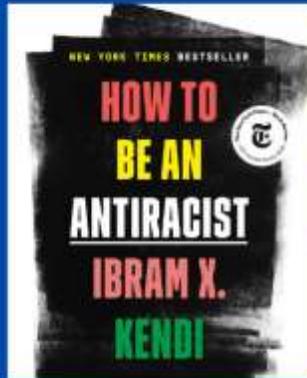


# How To Be An Antiracist

By Ibram X. Kendi

Kendi defines racism as a system comprised of three main components: racial inequities; the racist policies that create these inequities; and the racist ideas that justify these policies. In contrast, antiracism is a set of antiracist policies, justified by antiracist ideas, that produces racial equity.

Join us at <https://zoom.us/j/733768254>



Sunday's at 6:30 pm

**January 31st:** Chapters 1-3

**February 14th:** Chapters 4-7

**February 28th:** Chapters 8-11

**March 14th:** Chapters 12-18

Books can be purchased at any retailer or online store.

## Genesis to Revelation JANUARY 10TH, 6:30PM



The gospels tell us of the life and ministry of Jesus. Each one tells the story from a different perspective. This week we will be looking at Mark's gospel which is most likely the first gospel written.

Join us at <https://zoom.us/j/733768254>

## Women's Bible Study

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month at 6:30pm



### Winter 2021:

*"Journey with angels" by Christa von Zychlin*

#### SESSION TOPICS:

**January 18:** Looking up—New beginnings, awe-full, awesome angels

**February 15:** Repentance and route-changing angels

**March 15:** Loneliness, abandonment and holy comfort

**April 19:** Feasting angels

Find Zoom Bible Study Link at: <https://www.elkrivrlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>

# Thursdays with Taylor

Thursday mornings @ 10  
Facebook LIVE  
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## Musicians' Happy Hour

Join ERLC musicians **Thursdays, 4pm**  
for a weekly "Zoom social get-together"

\*use the Online Worship info

ALL SINGERS WELCOME!

CHOIR  
GET-TOGETHER  
THIS MONDAY!

JAN 11TH @ 11AM

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