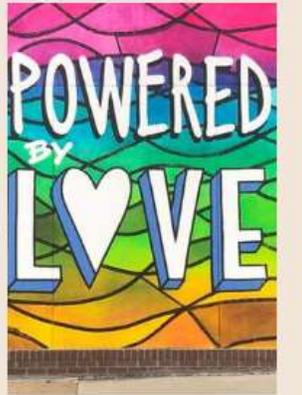


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HOPE



**IN THE NEW YEAR**

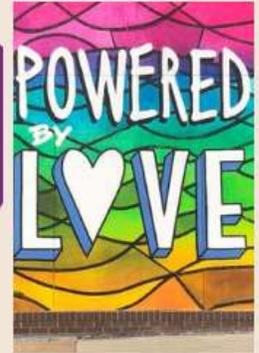


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**IN THE NEW YEAR**



## 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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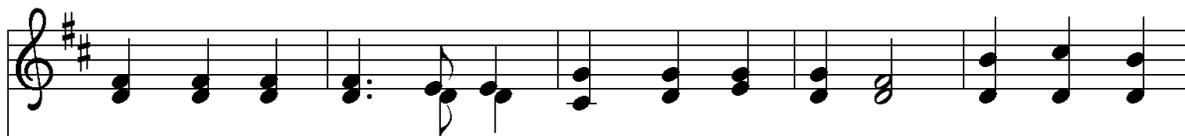
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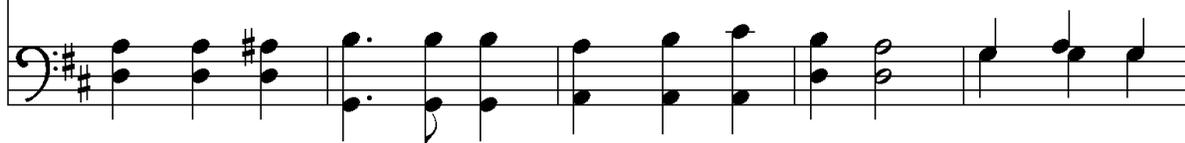
OPENING SONG: "Great is Thy Faithfulness!" v1 & 2

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### Great Is Thy Faithfulness



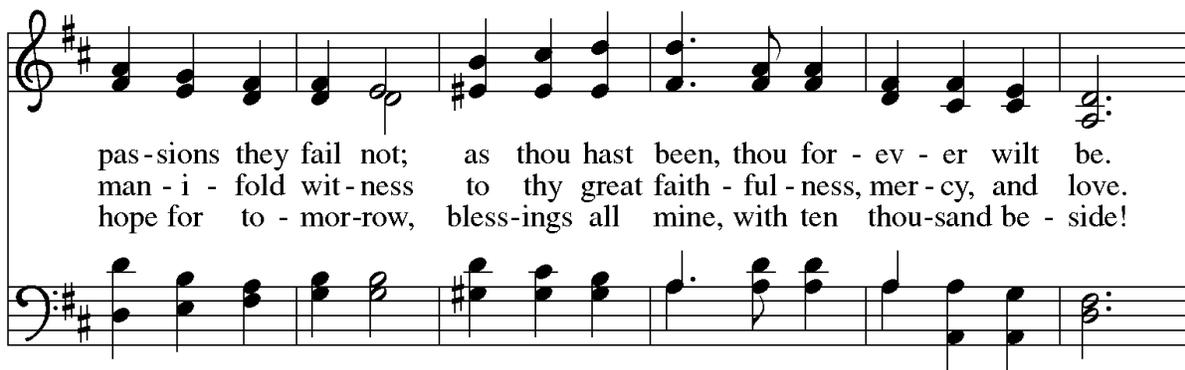
1 Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2 Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear



shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide; strength for to - day and bright



pas - sions they fail not; as thou hast been, thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



*Refrain*

Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Great is thy faith-ful-ness! Morn-ing by  
 morn-ing new mer-cies I see; all I have need-ed thy  
 hand hath pro-vid-ed; great is thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me.

The musical score consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

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 Music: FAITHFULNESS, William M. Runyan, 1870–1957  
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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: Romans 5:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

<sup>6</sup> For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. <sup>7</sup> Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. <sup>8</sup> But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

## REFLECTION

**SONG OF THE DAY:** "We've Come This Far by Faith"

ELW # 633

## 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: "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.

### **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**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **SENDING**

"Go in peace, share the good news  
**"We will, thanks be to God!"**

### **POSTLUDE**

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## **ERLC Annual Meeting - Sunday, January 31, 2021 at 10:30 a.m. via Zoom**

In November the ERLC Council passed a continuing resolution authorizing remote meetings. The minutes of the November Council meeting are available on the ERLC website.

The continuing resolution is:

**This congregation may hold meetings by remote communication, including electronically and by telephone conference, as long as there is an opportunity for simultaneous aural communication. To the extent permitted by state law, notice of all meeting may be provided electronically.**

This continuing resolution follows the wording of the 2019 Update to the ELCA Model Constitution for Congregations. The Minneapolis Area Synod offered guidance recommending a continuing resolution for congregations that had not had the opportunity to update their constitutions with the latest updates passed during the ELCA Churchwide Assembly.

### **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
- 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 17

9:30am – Worship Service (Online)  
After Worship on Zoom  
The Third Sacrament  
40 Minutes of Fellowship  
Zoom Kids

### NEXT MONDAY January 18

6:30pm – Women's Bible Study  
(Zoom Bible Study)

### TUESDAY January 19

9am – Storytime with Lisa  
9am – Quilting  
6:30pm – Church Council (Zoom)

### WEDNESDAY January 20

6:30pm - Confirmation  
7:30pm - High School Youth

### THURSDAY January 21

10am – Thursdays with Taylor  
(Facebook Live)  
4pm – Musicians' Happy Hour (Zoom)  
7pm – Sacred Wit  
(Facebook Live and Zoom)

### SATURDAY January 23

8am - Men's Bible Study  
(Zoom Bible Study)  
10am – Family Sledding at Banana Hill

### NEXT SUNDAY January 24

9:30am – Worship Service (Online)  
After Worship on Zoom  
Informational Meeting  
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

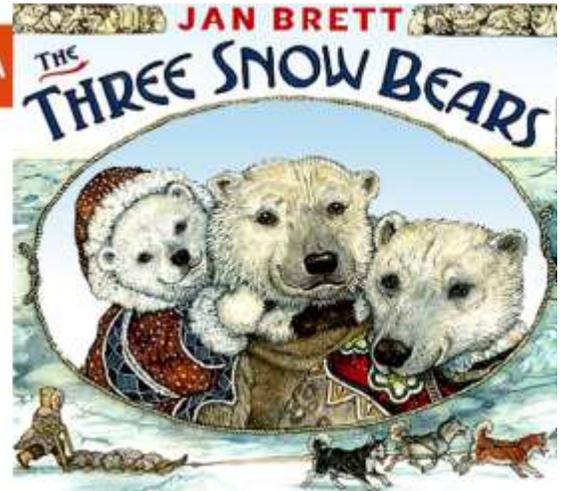
Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month at 6:30pm  
group follows the Bible Studies in the Women's ELCA  
magazine, Gather.

### STORYTIME WITH LISA

LIVE:

Tuesday, January 19  
@ 9:30am

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



## SACRED WIT THURSDAYS @ 7PM





## 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.

## FAMILY SLEDDING AT BANANA HILL!

Saturday, January 23rd @ 10AM

- Bring your sleds and gather with ERLC friends for a morning of outdoor fun!

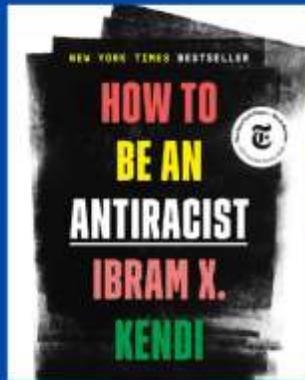
Ridgewood East Park  
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# How To Be An Antiracist

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.

*See church website for sign up form*

## Genesis to Revelation JANUARY 24TH, 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 Matthew's gospel which paints us to forgiveness and reconciliation.

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.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>



# Thursdays with Taylor

Thursday mornings @ 10  
Facebook LIVE  
Elk River Lutheran



## Musicians' Happy Hour

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

\*use the Online Worship info