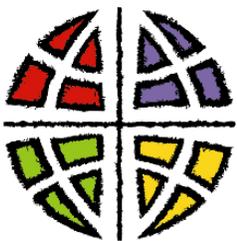


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When you think you can't

AGAINST ALL ODDS



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



WELCOME

to Elk River Lutheran Church

Welcome to Drive-In Church! Whether you are joining us in-person or online, we're glad you're here. Elk River Lutheran Church is a forward-thinking congregation made up of people of all ages. We are a pretty new church (formed in 2009), located in a remodeled bank building on the Mississippi River in downtown Elk River. Our mission is: *Trusting in God's grace, an accepting, joyful community, serving God and neighbor.*

We are a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and celebrate the work we're able to do together as a denomination (to learn more about the ELCA visit www.elca.org). We welcome all people and as a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation that welcome extends to the LGBTQ+ community.

Our worship services include many elements of traditional Lutheran worship, like favorite hymns, liturgy, and celebrating Holy Communion every week (so if you're joining us online, have bread and wine or grape juice and crackers ready). We also incorporate more modern elements like contemporary music, sermons that help connect faith to everyday life, engaging conversation, and a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

We hope and pray you have a wonderful worship experience here today and invite you to join us again. If this is your first time visiting, or you have updated contact information, fill out our connection form here: <https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/im-new-here.html>

4 Ways to Attend Worship

Sundays at 9:30 am

ONLINE OPTIONS



Watch Live



Watch Later



In Vehicle



In Lawn Chair

Find out more at elkriverlutheran.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

OPENING SONG: "Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed"

CHORUS

Christ is risen, He is risen indeed!
Oh, sing hallelujah.
Join the chorus, sing with the redeemed,
"Christ is risen, He is risen indeed."

VERSE 1

How can it be, the One who died
Has borne our sin through sacrifice,
To conquer every sting of death?
Sing, sing hallelujah!

VERSE 2

For joy awakes as dawning light
When Christ's disciples lift their eyes.
Alive He stands their Friend and King.
Christ, Christ He is risen!

CHORUS

VERSE 3

Where doubt and darkness once had been,
We see Him and our hearts believe
Blessed are those who have not seen,
Yet sing "Hallelujah!"

VERSE 4

Once bound by fear now bold in faith
They preached the truth and power of grace,
And pouring out their lives they gained
Life, life everlasting.

CHORUS

VERSE 5

The power that raised Him from the grave
Now works in us to powerfully save.
He frees our hearts to live His grace.
Go, tell of His goodness!

CHORUS

SERIES LITANY

At Easter we celebrate that, against all odds, Jesus was raised from the dead and from that time on his imperfect followers, ourselves included, have worked to bless this world and show that, against all odds,

Hope, love, and joy are always nearby.

Sometimes we feel lost, directionless, or alone, but all of scripture proclaims the truth that with God, against all odds,

Hope, joy, and love are always nearby.

We trust that our past does not define our future, because in Christ we are a new creation. Against all odds,

Hope, love, and joy are always nearby.

God has created us, blessed us, and calls us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with one another and God.

Let us pray,

Holy God, when odds seem stacked against us, you meet us where we are and fill us with hope, love, and joy. May we extend the same grace to one another, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 5:11-21

¹¹ Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. ¹² We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. ¹³ For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. ¹⁴ For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. ¹⁵ And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

SERMON

“TABLE” CONVERSATION

SONG OF THE DAY: “Impossible Things”

CHORUS

There is no healer
like the Lord our Maker.
There is no equal to the King of kings.
Our God is with us; we will fear no evil,
'Cause You do impossible things.
You do the impossible things.

VERSE 1

You heal the broken-hearted.
You set the captive free.
You lift the heavy burden,
And even now You are lifting me.

CHORUS

VERSE 2

Though I walk through the valley,
Darkness surrounding me,
There You prepare a table,
In the presence of my enemies.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

One word and the walls start falling.
One word and the blind will see.
One word and the sinner's forgiven,
'Cause You do impossible things!

CHORUS

VERSE 1

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Amen.

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,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
who, against all odds, is raised from the dead,
who, against all odds, has brought us to eternal life,
who, against all odds, entrusts us to share this love and grace with the world.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with trees budding out and signs of new life all around us,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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 SONG (Drive-In): "Now the Green Blade Rises"

ELW #379

Now the Green Blade Rises



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain;
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872–1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen.

OFFERING



Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

SENDING SONG: "My Life Flows on in Endless Song" v1,3,& 4

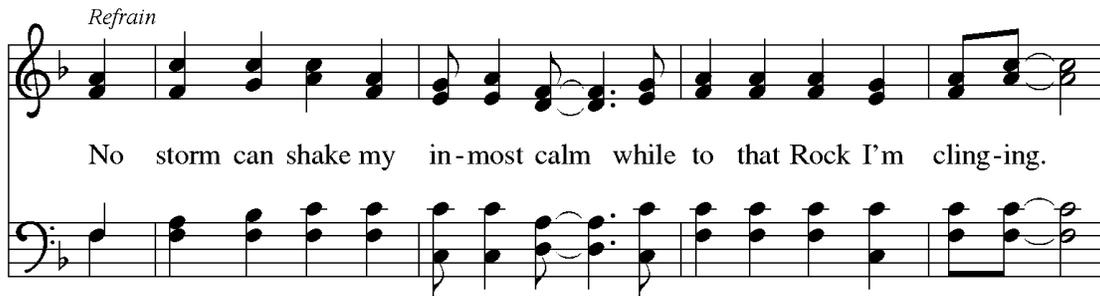
ELW #763

My Life Flows On in Endless Song

1 My life flows on in end - less song; a - bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion,
2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv - eth.
4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun - tain ev - er spring-ing!

I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899
 Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

SENDING

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

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Prayer Requests

Thanks for lifting these up in prayer!

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” This is welcome news for everyone! Give thanks and praise to God!
- All of those receiving their COVID vaccination
- All those working to ensure the COVID vaccine is distributed as quickly, safely and efficiently as possible

For Support:

- Nick and Rachel Brisson, friends of Taylor Quinn
- John Ernst and Carol Black
- Linda and Mike Cheney
- Jan Bucher
- All military personnel and their families

Health concerns:

- Elvi Peterson
- Jim Jones, father-in-law of Taylor Quinn
- Carol Sindelir
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Mike Cheney, continued healing from stroke
- Larry Wokson, severe burns (cousin of Karen Froelich)
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde
- Erich VanRyn

Prayer Concerns: can be shared by emailing linda@elkriverlutheran.org or by contacting the church office at (763) 595-1216, or by visiting the church website at elkriverlutheran.org

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



**Thank you to our worship
volunteers.**

If you would like to volunteer for a future worship service, visit bit.ly/sundayvolunteer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY April 18

9:30am – Worship Service
(Drive-In and Online)
6:30pm – Gen to Rev Bible Study
(Zoom)

MONDAY April 19

6:30pm – Women’s Monthly Bible Study
(ERLC Community Room)

TUESDAY April 20

9am – Quilting (ERLC Basement)
6:30pm – Council

WEDNESDAY April 21

6:30pm – Confirmation
7:30pm – High School Youth Group

THURSDAY April 22

4pm – Musicians’ Happy Hour (Zoom)

SATURDAY April 24

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

NEXT SUNDAY April 25

3rd Grade Bibles

9:30am – Worship Service
(Drive-In and Online)
10:30am – 3rd Grade Bibles Photo and
Short Lesson

Third Grade Bibles

Presented Sunday April 25 @ 9:30
Drive-In Worship

*Photo and fun short lesson
following worship
Registration form found on
elkriverlutheran.org home page*

Genesis to Revelations

Sunday April 18 @ 6:30pm

*Paul’s letter to Galatians wrestles with law and
gospel. One convicts and the other gets free. Join us
as we explore how the ministry of Jesus liberates us
from sin and frees us to live in community together.*

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

Women’s Bible Study

3rd Monday of the Month at 6:30pm
Meeting in ERLC Community Room

April 19: Feasting angels

Men’s Bible Study

Saturday mornings at 8am
Meeting on Zoom

*Find the link at [elkriverlutheran.org/adult-
ministries.html](http://elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html)*

Musicians’ Happy Hour

Thursday afternoon on Zoom at 4pm

*<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84897238415>
If you are a musician at ERLC, join us for an hour of
catching up and connection.*

Registration Open for:

FIRST COMMUNION

Pre-Work at Home

May 23rd in person experience with Pr Nathan

June 6th 1st Communion

(June 13 – rain date if needed)

*Registration form found on elkriverlutheran.org home
page*

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Church Public Facebook Page & Private Facebook Group Page



Sunday Worship @ 9:30 AM on Public Facebook Page



Sunday 9:30am Worship



Elk River Lutheran Church YouTube Channel (Recorded Worship and Other Events)



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