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Remember that
you are dust,
and to dust
you shall return.



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

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.com/join/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



ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

OPENING SONG: "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"

ELW #319

O Lord, throughout These Forty Days

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line with lyrics and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: 1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you; 2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your; 3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and; 4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and; prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance; faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your; fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -; all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal; for our sin, and free us from our past; skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word; ny our - selves that we may know God's love; Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

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Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838–1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816; arr. Theodore A. Beck, 1929–2003
Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress.
Arr. © 1969 Concordia Publishing House.

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PSALM 51: 1-17

¹Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.

²**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.**

³For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.

⁴**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

⁵Indeed, I was born guilty,
a sinner when my mother conceived me.

⁶**You desire truth in the inward being;
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**

⁷Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

⁸**Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**

⁹Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

¹⁰**Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.**

¹¹Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.

¹²**Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

¹³Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.

¹⁴**Deliver me from bloodshed, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance.**

¹⁵O LORD, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.

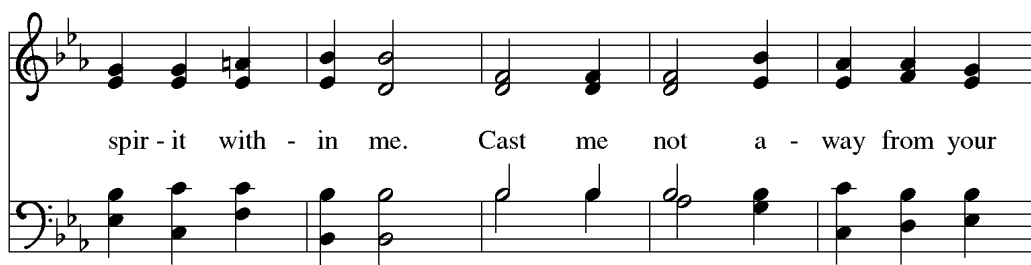
¹⁶**For you have no delight in sacrifice;
if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.**

¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

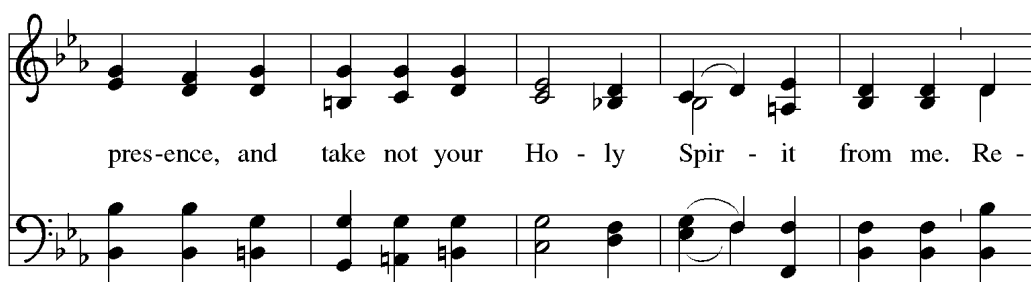
Create in Me a Clean Heart *Offering Song*



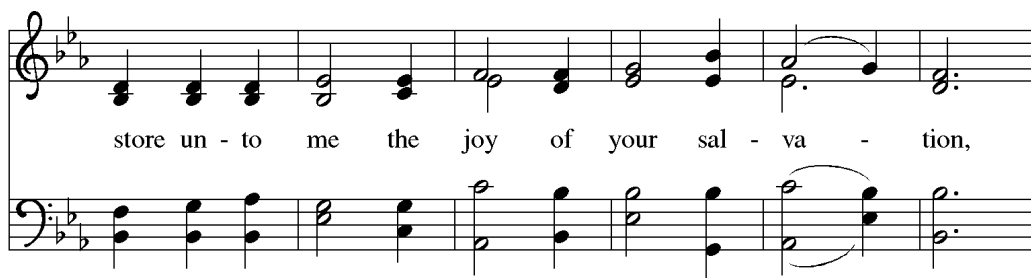
Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right



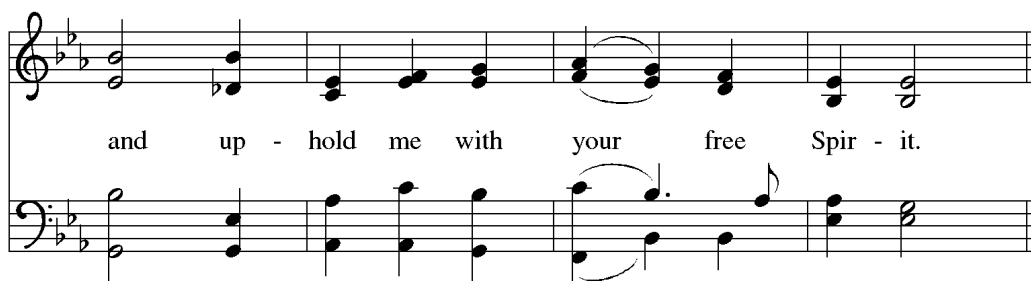
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your



pres-ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re -



store un - to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,



and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

Music: J. A. Freylinghausen, 1670-1739

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

POEM: "Storage" p. 7 from *Devotions* by Mary Oliver

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commends almsgiving, prayer, and fasting, but emphasizes that spiritual devotion must not be done for show.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹"Beware of practicing your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

²"So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ³But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁵"And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ⁶But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁶"And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

¹⁹"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

REFLECTION

Be Thou My Vision



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought both by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tow'r,
 thou and thou on - ly, the first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish, 8th cent.; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931
 Music: SLANE, Irish traditional

OFFERING



Merciful God, accompany our journey through these forty days. Renew us in the gift of baptism, that we may provide for those who are poor, pray for those in need, fast from self-indulgence, and above all that we may find our treasure in the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO LENT (P. 252)

Friends in Christ, today with the whole church we enter the time of remembering Jesus' passover from death to life, and our life in Christ is renewed.

We begin this holy season by acknowledging our need for repentance and for God's mercy.

We are created to experience joy in communion

with God, to love one another, and to live in harmony with creation.

But our sinful rebellion separates us from God, our neighbors, and creation, so that we do not enjoy the life our creator intended.

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to a discipline that contends against evil and resists whatever leads us away from love of God and neighbor.

I invite you, therefore, to the discipline of Lent self-examination and repentance, prayer and fasting, sacrificial giving and works of love strengthened by the gifts of word and sacrament. Let us continue our journey through these forty days to the great Three Days of Jesus' death and resurrection.

CONFESSION OF SIN (P. 252)

Most holy and merciful God,
**we confess to you and to one another,
and before the whole company of heaven,
that we have sinned by our fault,
by our own fault,
by our own most grievous fault,
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done and by what we have left undone.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

Have mercy on us, O God.

We have shut our ears to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our past unfaithfulness, the pride, envy, hypocrisy, and apathy that have infected our lives, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to share the faith that is in us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our neglect of human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our false judgments, our uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us, we confess to you.

Have mercy on us, O God.

Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

Hear us, O God, for your mercy is great.

Almighty God, you have created us out of the dust of the earth.

May these ashes be a sign of our mortality and penitence, reminding us that only by the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ are we given eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

IMPOSITION OF ASHES: "Lord, Have Mercy"

Remember that you are dust,
and to dust you shall return.

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,
that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of your Son, our Savior,
bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life.

Amen.

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.**

BLESSING

CLOSING SONG: "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

ELW #885

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

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Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- COVID-19 vaccines are becoming available.

For Support:

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

In Sympathy:

- Family and friends of Zita O'Hara
- Family and friends of Dr Murray McNair
- Family and friends of Neil Morris, family friends of the Nielsen's

Health concerns:

- Faith Bourdeaux, granddaughter of Bruce and Kathy Bourdeaux
- Mike and Karen Johnson (she has Alzheimer's); cousins of Pam Black
- Gloria Stricker, hip replacement surgery 2/15
- Ardie Velve, pneumonia & heart issues
- 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
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

WEDNESDAY February 17

ASH WEDNESDAY

6:30pm – Ash Wednesday Worship
(Online)

7:30pm – High School Youth Group
(Zoom)

THURSDAY February 18

10am – Thursdays with Taylor
(Facebook Live)

4pm – Musicians' Happy Hour (Zoom)

SATURDAY February 20

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

NEXT SUNDAY February 21

First Sunday of Lent

9:30am – Worship Service (Online)

After Worship on Zoom

Third Sacrament: Fellowship Time
Zoom Kids

4pm – Bob Ross in a Box – Painting
Challenge (Zoom)

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

MONDAY February 22

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

TUESDAY February 23

9am – Storytime with Lisa

9am – Quilting

6:30pm – Council Meeting

WEDNESDAY February 24

6:30pm – Dinner Church Online

7:30pm – High School Youth Group
(Zoom)

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.

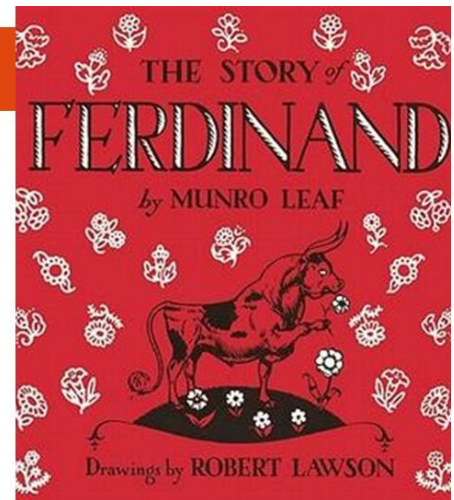


STORYTIME WITH LISA

LIVE:

Tuesday, February 23 @
9:30am

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





Instructions for Living A Life



Pay attention . Be astonished . Tell about it

This Lenten season we'll allow the writings of **Mary Oliver**, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet, to come alongside the words of scripture to help us better see ourselves and see the presence of God all around us. In her poem "Sometimes" Oliver shares this wisdom, which fits perfectly for Lent and this life of faith, "Instructions for living a life: *Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.*"

You're invited to experience life and faith this Lenten season through online **worship Sunday mornings** at 9:30AM, with **Dinner Church** Wednesday evenings at 6:30PM, by joining a **LIFE Group** (one of our small groups meeting at various times), and with personal **devotional** practices using our Lenten kits. **Lenten kits** include "The Poetry of Lent" devotional resource, a home altar cross, special candle, ashes for Ash Wednesday, and placemats for Dinner Church service. These materials are not necessary to experience Lent with us, but can greatly enrich our shared experience.

ASH WEDNESDAY

FEBRUARY 17

Simplicity

FEBRUARY 21

Repentance

FEBRUARY 28

Salvation

MARCH 7

Courage

MARCH 14

Grace

MARCH 21

Mindfulness

SUNDAYS

PALM/PASSION

SUNDAY

MARCH 28

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 1 @ 6:30PM

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 2 @ 6:30PM

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 4

HOLY WEEK

Elk River Lutheran Church – Lent 2021

JOIN US THIS LENTEN SEASON FOR:
DINNER CHURCH ONLINE

Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
February 24- March 24



ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

FOOD. FELLOWSHIP. SCRIPTURE

You are invited to join us for an interactive online version of Dinner Church on Wednesdays at 6:30PM during Lent. There will be music, discussion (mostly via chat), scripture, poetry, humor and a little fun.

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

February 15

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

Women's Bible Study

3rd 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>

Genesis to Revelation FEBRUARY 21ST, 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 John. John invites hearers to think of the word made flesh, and the way Jesus shapes our lives.

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



Thursdays with Taylor

Thursday mornings @ 10
Facebook LIVE
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THURSDAYS ON ZOOM @ 4PM

MUSICIANS' HAPPY HOUR

[HTTPS://US02WEB.ZOOM.US/J/84897238415](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84897238415)

IF YOU'RE A MUSICIAN AT ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH, JOIN US FOR AN HOUR
OF CATCHING UP AND CONNECTING

