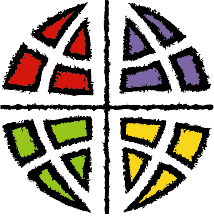
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*Third Sunday of Advent*

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***WELCOME***

***to Elk River Lutheran Church***

Welcome to Elk River Lutheran 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](http://www.elca.org/)).  We welcome all people and as a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation that welcome extends to the LGBTQ+ community.

Please fill out the enclosed Connection Form slip and drop it in an offering plate to receive more information about Elk River Lutheran or share prayer concerns.

**Things to know for the service today:**

* **Bathrooms**, complete with changing tables for little ones, are located in the Fellowship Hall in the corner opposite of the main entrance.
* We welcome **kids** with their wiggles and noises in worship. We are also aware that as a parent, time away from wiggles and noises can be a blessing too. You will find our staffed nursery (For children 5 and under) by the entrance in the far corner of the fellowship hall.

We hope and pray you have a wonderful worship experience here today. To learn more about the many opportunities to participate and volunteer with the ministries of ERLC, visit our website: <https://www.elkriverlutheran.org>

**Worship Volunteers**

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|  | **Sunday, December 10** | **Next Sunday, December 17** |
| **Greeters** | Cathy Dalnes and Anthony Schaefer | Shari Howland and Nathan Sandvig |
| **Ushers** | Mark and Amelia Schwarze | Joe Livingston and Jeff Schrock |
| **Scripture Reader** |  | Sarah Chur |
| **Communion Servers** | Tom and LuAnn Wingard | Cathy Dalnes |
| **Sunday Morning Communion**  **Setup/ CleanUp** | Martha Hippe | Christine Hansen |
| **Communion Steward** | Debby Pouliot | Zoey Day |
| **Mid-Week Communion Fill** | Jodi Rosati | Paula Rose |
| **PowerPoint Operator** | Audrey Horner and Kevin Jenkins | Kevin Jenkins |
| **Soundboard Operator** | Jeff Schrock | Emily Rotz |
| **Switcher Operator** | Nick Campbell | Nick Campbell |

*If you would like to serve, Great! Please contact Taylor Quinn so we can get you filled in. If you cannot volunteer for the upcoming Sunday, please contact Taylor @ taylor@elkriverlutheran.org*

**Order of Worship**

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| ***The Gathering of God’s People*** | | | | | | | | |
| Welcome | | | | | | |  | |
| Lighting the Third Advent Candle | | | | | | | | |
| Sharing of the Peace | | | | | | |  | |
| Gathering Song | ***“Angels We Have Heard on High (Deo)”*** | | | | | | | |
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| ***The Word of God Proclaimed*** | | | | | | | | |
| Prayer of the Day | | | |  | | | | |
| Kids Christmas Program | | | | | | *A Room with a View* | |
| Song of the Day | ***(#267) “Joy to the World”*** | | | | | | | |
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| ***Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God*** | | | | | | | | |
| Offering | |  | | | | | | |
| Offertory Prayer | | | | | | |  | |
| Confession and Forgiveness | | | | | | | | |
| Holy Communion | | | | | | |  | |
| Words of Institution | | | | | | |  | |
| The Lord’s Prayer | | | | | | |  | |
| Communion Song | | | ***“In the Bleak Midwinter (Gloria)”*** | | | | | |
| Communion Blessing | | | | |  | | | |
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| ***The Sending of God’s People*** | | | | | | | | |
| Community Announcements | | | | |  | | | |
| Sending Blessing | | | | |  | | | |
| Sending Song | ***“Hark the Herald Angels Sing/King of Heaven”*** | | | | | | | |
| Sending Dialog | | | | |  | | | |

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**LIGHTING OF THE Third ADVENT CANDLE**

**For the Children’s Christmas Program**

This story has been told so many ways,

by Matthew and Luke, by children and choirs,

with flubs and forgotten lines that amplify

what is gorgeous and uncontainable

about God getting so close to our mortality,

to our trying and failing and trying some more.

There is room in the story for big yawns,

for the patina of musty costume accessories

and little ones singing so softly you can only

hear the choir director and a pin drop.

Watch Mary sneer at Joseph and wonder

about everything we cannot know for sure.

Give thanks for their bodies learning

to hold the story, to know that love is here.

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*Ordinary Blessings for the Christmas Season*, by Meta Herrick Carlson, pg 19

So grateful for these students and their families who helped make today happen:

* John Beiswinger
* Cody Ethen
* Joel Ethen
* Herbert Lemire
* Helen Lemire
* Stanley Mugaas
* Emmett Pruchnik
* Brooke Raveling
* Jade Raveling
* Libby Ethen - Sheba, the sheep
* Levi Ethen - Buford the cow
* Cale Wornson-Stanley - Beau the cow
* Elliot Pruchnik - Barney the cow
* Payton Brown - Mac the horse
* Brynlee Overbye - Mable the horse
* Mattew Katzner - Manny the horse
* Jackson Larson - Remmy the donkey
* Teddy Mugaas - Joseph
* Nevaeh Katzner – Mary
* Melissa Macari-Coon
* The Band

And a special thank you to our student directors for all their help behind the scenes!  Thank you, Katherine Horner and Clara Johnson!

**Prayer Requests**

***Praise the Lord*** *(joys and answered prayers)****:***

* 2023 Kids’ Christmas Program and all that participated
* #SundayFunday with our Festive Sweaters

***In Sympathy***

* Family and Friends of Roger Bentz
* Family and Friends of Mary Nord, Dare Funeral Luncheon at ERLC on Monday, December 4th
* Family and Friends of Ken Provencher
* Family and Friends of Diane Jacobson

***For Support***

* Jared Stevens, had a friend pass away
* Those with mental health concerns and those who care for them.

**Share Your Prayer Concerns:**

* Email [linda@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:linda@elkriverlutheran.org)
* Fill out on your connection form
* Contact the church office at *(763) 595-1216*
* Fill out form on church website at elkriverlutheran.org

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

***Health concerns***

* Steve Bucholz
* Norma Madsen, Cancer Scan
* Darrell Madsen, throat cancer treatment
* Garnet Novotny - cancer treatments
* Pat Kyro health concerns and recovery from surgery
* Kim Miller - cancer treatments (daughter of Tom and Marilyn Miller)
* Patty Sonneman, hospitalized and mass on brain. Aunt of Jenny Stanley
* Sara Anderson, Lorie Schulstad-Werk’s sister
* Jared Stevens Mom’s knee
* Jack Burris
* Elsie Provencher, back muscle spasms
* Tom Werk’s brother Al Werk, recovering from cancer
* Dale Ziner, Achilles tendon repair
* Robin Skeie, cousin of Diana Schansberg, in bad car accident and in ICU
* Krista Schrock: recovery from hip surgery
* Donn Granros
* Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson’s sister
* Linda Retel, ongoing treatment for inoperable brain cancer (friend of Pauline Kuhn)
* Diane Harding, ALS diagnosis
* Brian Harding
* Mary Wells, pancreatic cancer
* Nancy Naig
* Steve Lindberg, on hospice
* Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
* Ken Bucher
* Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
* Duane Jerde

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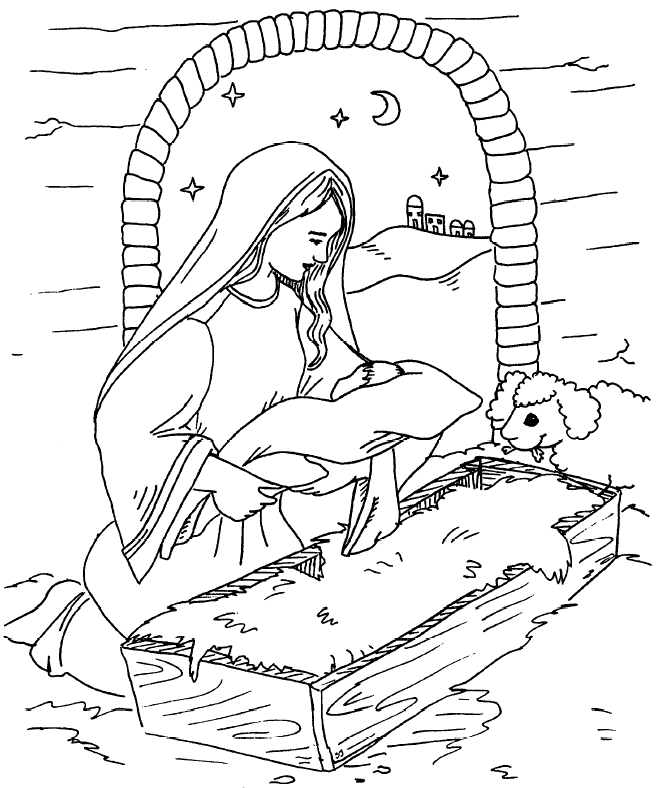
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**Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.**  
Luke 2:11

**Week Ahead**

**SUNDAY**

***Kids Christmas Program***

***Festive Sweater Sunday***

**8:30am** Traditional Worship

**9:30am** Fellowship Hour

**10:30am** Contemporary Worship

**1:00pm** Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

**MONDAY**

**10:30am** Caroling at Guardian Angels by the Lake

**6:00pm** Worship Band Rehearsal

**TUESDAY**

**9:00am** Quilting *(Lower Level Quilting Room)*

**10:00am** Text Study – Optional Fellowship Time starting at 9:30am *(Lower Level Community Room)*

**6:00pm** Riverside Ringers Rehearsal

**7:00pm** AA Meeting *(Community Room)*

**WEDNESDAY**

**6:00pm** CYF Night

**7:00pm** Blue Christmas Service of Solace and Comfort *(Holy Trinity Episcopal Church)*

**THURSDAY**

**6:00pm** Choir

**FRIDAY**

**9:00am** Women’s Coffee *(Panera, Elk River)*

**9:00am**  Men’s Breakfast *(Coborns, Elk River)*

**SATURDAY**

**8:00am** Men’s Bible Study *(Zoom Bible Study)*

**NEXT** **SUNDAY**

***Heritage Sunday***

**8:30am** Traditional Worship with Kids Connect

**9:30am** Fellowship Hour

**10:30am** Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect

**1:00pm** Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

**Small Groups**

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| **ERLC Quilting Group**  *Tuesdays @ 9AM*  Lower Level at Church  Mission Quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief.  *All skill levels welcome.* |
| **Text Study**  *Tuesdays @ 10AM*  *(Optional Fellowship @9:30AM)*  Meeting in the Lower Level Community Room  Studying the bible text for the upcoming Sunday Worship along with the preaching pastor.  *All are welcome . Come once or come every week* |
| **Men’s Breakfast**  *Fridays @ 9AM*  Coborns, Elk River  Food – Fellowship |
| **Women’s Coffee**  *Fridays @ 9AM*  Panera, Elk River  Coffee – Food – Fellowship |
| **Men’s Bible Study**  *Saturdays @ 8AM*  On Zoom  Find a link at https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html |
| **Genealogy Group**  *1st Thursday of the Month*  *10AM – 12 Noon*  2nd Floor Conference Room  All are welcome even if you haven’t joined before. Meeting begins by sharing what each are working on, discoveries, questions, roadblocks and family stories. |
| **Women’s Monthly Bible Study**  *3rd Monday of the Month*  *6:30PM*  Lower Level at the Church    This group follows the Bible Studies of the Women’s ELCA magazine Gather. |

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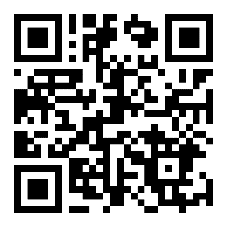
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**Additional Ways to Give:**

* **Automated Recurring Giving:** Set up online via website give button, via the Tithe.ly phone app or by contacting the church office
* **Stocks:** consider donating stocks through a conversation with your financial advisor and the church.

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