

August 22, 2021 • 10:30am

FOR “those people.”



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.*

Each Sunday, we have two vibrant Sunday morning worship services. The first, at 8:30 am, is a traditional Lutheran service that follows liturgical settings from the Evangelical Lutheran Worship (ELW) hymnal. Our 10:30 am contemporary service has music led by an acoustic worship band and maintains many key elements of Lutheran worship.

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.

We hope and pray you have a wonderful worship experience here today and invite you to join us again. There are many opportunities to participate and volunteer with the ministries of ERLC. Visit our website: <https://www.elkriverlutheran.org>.

Starting in July

Worship Options

Sunday Worship LIVE

**TRADITIONAL
INDOORS**
8:30AM



**CONTEMPORARY
OUTDOORS**
10:30AM



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WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

OPENING SONG: "God of Science"

CHORUS

Our Great God of all things bright and
Our Great God of all things beautiful,
Our Great God of all things
wild and free, free!
Thank You God for making me.

VERSE 1

You started science
and quantum physics,
Wrote the law of gravity;
You are the smartest.
You are the greatest
Scientist in history.

VERSE 2

You thought of narwhals
and armadillos,
All the creatures great and small;
Even the dinos a long long time ago
With their teeth and terrible claws.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

You made my atoms and all my organs,
Every strand of DNA.
You are the artist, we are the canvas.
We're uniquely wonderfully made.

VERSE 4

You make me happy, my bones and body
Love to dance like stars at night.
So let's get started and have a party,
Celebrate this marvelous life.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

God of grace, we thank you that you are for us. That you are for the least, the lost, the last, and the lowest. Help us to be people who are for our families, for our community, and for our world. Knowing that you are abundantly able to provide more than we even dare to ask. In your son's name, Amen.

BRIDGE 1

You made apple juice, sunflowers,
Penguins, and rhinos;
Pineapples, Jupiter,
Elbows, and geckos;
Broccoli, Mercury,
Sunshine, and weirdos;
Pandas and nostrils and trees.

BRIDGE 2

Bumblebees, polar bears,
Raptors, and eyebrows;
Wildebeests, moustaches,
Earlobes, and wormholes;
Mountain goats, volcanoes,
Turtles, and big toes;
Pandas and nostrils and trees.

BRIDGE 3

Puppy dogs, waterfalls,
Kittens, and rainbows;
Galaxies, mushrooms, and
Badgers, and pharaohs;
Elephants, great white sharks,
Music, and mangos;
Pandas and nostrils and trees;
Pandas and nostrils and trees?

CHORUS

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 18:9-14

⁹ He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

SERMON

Intern Pastor Jeremy Hallquist

SONG OF THE DAY: “No Outsiders”

CHORUS

There are no outsiders to Your love.
We are all welcome, there's grace enough.
When I have wandered, Lord,
Your cross is the open door.
There are no outsiders.
I'm not an outsider to Your love.

VERSE 1

You are a refuge.
You have no borders.
When I was a stranger
Knocking at Your door,
You took me in.

VERSE 2

With no questions
And no conditions,
When I was a sinner,
Running from Your grace,
You called me friend.

CHORUS

VERSE 3

You are the harbor
In every tempest.
When my soul was shipwrecked,
Tossed upon the waves,
You calmed the storm.

VERSE 4

You are the Father;
There are no orphans.
Every tribe and nation
Gathered in Your arms
Sings with one voice.
Sing with one voice.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

I was tired I was poor.
I was thrown upon Your shores.
I was homeless and afraid
'Til I heard You call my name.
And now I'm ransomed, I'm restored.
Resurrected, I am Yours.
I am loved, yes, I belong.
Oh, my soul has found its home.

CHORUS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As we prepare our hearts for Holy Communion, we confess our shortcomings and celebrate God's grace.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.
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

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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.**

The body of Christ, given for you.
The blood of Christ, shed for you.

COMMUNION SONG: "Just As I Am (I Come Broken)"

CHORUS

I come broken to be mended.
I come wounded to be healed.
I come desp'rate to be rescued.
I come empty to be filled.

I come guilty to be pardoned
By the blood of Christ, the Lamb.
And I'm welcomed with open arms,
praise God, Just as I am.

VERSE 1

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

CHORUS

VERSE 2

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

VERSE 3

Just as I am; thy love unknown
Has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

CHORUS

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
Amen

OFFERING

Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

SENDING BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.
Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Oh How Good It Is"

CHORUS

So, with one voice we'll sing to the Lord,
And with one heart we'll live out His word;
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come,
For He dwells in the presence of His people.

VERSE 1

Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit,
In faith and unity;
Where the bonds of peace,
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us.

CHORUS

VERSE 2

Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy,
And weep with those who mourn;
For the weak find strength,
The afflicted find grace,
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging.

BLESSING OF THE RIDES

SENDING

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

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CHORUS

INTERLUDE

Da, da, da, da, da, da
Da, da, da, da, da, da
Da, da, da, da, da, da, da

VERSE 3

Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another,
Forgive as He forgives;
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son, with the Father,
And the Spirit.

CHORUS

Volunteer Schedule

	Sunday, August 22	Next Sunday, August 29
Ushers	Pat and Paula Donnelly	Martha Hippe, Dan Nelson
Scripture Reader	Audrey Horner	Nevaeh Katzner
PowerPoint Operator	Katherine Horner	Carter Glasoe
Soundboard Operator		
Switcher Video Operator	Adam Horner	Jeff Schrock
SetUp/TearDown	Adam and Kelli Horner, Greg Pouliot	Matt Glasoe, David Katzner, Greg Pouliot

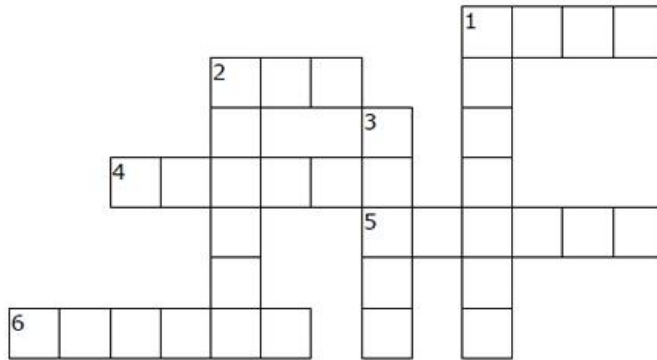
*If you cannot volunteer for the upcoming Sunday,
please contact Taylor Quinn @ taylor@elkrivlutheran.org*

gather

Welcome to worship. The Pharisee and the tax collector went to the temple to pray. One of them said, "I am better than others." The other said, "God, have mercy on me." Put the correct words above each person. Then find five hidden praying hands in the picture. Our prayers are never hidden to God.



Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- To speak to God
- Money paid to support the government
- Modest, not proud
- Someone who steals from someone
- A person who breaks God's law

DOWN

- A story told by Jesus to teach his followers
- A place of worship
- Showing great kindness and forgiveness

TEMPLE	ROBBER	MERCY	SINNER
HUMBLE	PARABLE	TAX	PRAY

Decoder Puzzle

Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute the correct letter for the numbers to reveal the coded words.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
S	V	T	K	Q	B	W	H	C	R	M	L	D	O	U	G	A	Z	F	E	X	P	Y	J	I	N

- 22-17-10-17-6-12-20 _____
- 8-20-17-2-20-26 _____
- 11-20-10-9-23 _____
- 20-21-17-12-3 _____
- 3-20-11-22-12-20 _____
- 8-15-11-6-12-20 _____
- 22-10-17-23 _____
- 1-25-26-26-20-10 _____

MERCY	PARABLE	SINNER	PRAY
EXALT	HEAVEN	TEMPLE	HUMBLE

Prayer Requests

Thanks for lifting these up in prayer!

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Ron and Gloria Stricker are celebrating 47 years of marriage on August 23
- 60th Wedding Anniversary for Don and Babs Armagost (Aug 19)
- Birth of Weston Alexander on July 25 to Wade and Sarah Felska. This is Brian and Linda Felska's first grandchild

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Ann Marie, friend of Dave and Deb Fasanello
- Family and friends of Dr. Jane Leach, niece of Jerry Jackson
- Family and Friends of Jerry Morris, friend of Pete and Linda Nielsen
- Family and Friends of Roger Sothman, brother of Vicki Simpson
- Family and Friends of Doris Nelson, mother of Dan Nelson.

For Support:

- Bob Johnson and family, brother of Mark Johnson (in hospice at Santa Barbara facility)
- Lee Johnson
- Jim Jones, Taylor Quinn's father-in-law
- Rachel Secrist, niece of Doug and Donna Mathison
- John Ernst and Carol Black
- Linda and Mike Cheney
- Jan Bucher
- All military personnel and their families

Health concerns:

- Shari Howland, 2 surgeries on neck and spine.
- Chuck, cousin of Kathy Hanning (mother to Laura Wolcenski)
- Ted, brother-in-law to John and Conni Natwick (upcoming cancer surgery)
- All who suffer with mental health and their support system
- David Boyer, uncle of Linda Nielsen
- Steve Lindberg
- Elvi Peterson
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Bob Johnson
- Margaret Blahosky, friend of Donn and Vicki Granros (cancer of the lung and liver) .
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Mike Cheney, healing from 7/8 hip surgery & previous stroke
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY August 22

8:30am – Traditional Worship Service
(Indoors in Sanctuary)
9:30am – Fellowship Hour
(Fellowship Hall)
10:30am – Contemporary Worship
Service (Outdoors and Online)

MONDAY August 23

10am – Worship at Guardian Angels
Riverview Landing
6pm – Dinner on the Deck – Riverside
Ringers (*Patio Deck and Inside*)

TUESDAY August 24

9am – Quilting (*ERLC Basement*)

SATURDAY August 28

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

NEXT SUNDAY August 29

Backpack Blessing Sunday

8:30am – Traditional Worship Service
(Indoors in Sanctuary)
9:30am – Fellowship Hour
(Fellowship Hall)
10:30am – Contemporary Worship
Service (*Outdoors and Online*)

DINNER ON THE DECK RIVERSIDE RINGERS

6pm, August 23rd

Patio Deck @ Elk River Lutheran

Join ERLC's handbell choir for a casual
dinner on the Church's Dec.

Bring your own food and catch up with old
& new friends.

Later, we'll go inside for a little bit of
ringing..



 LUTHERAN
WORLD RELIEF



SCHOOL KITS



Each year the Women's Bible Study does School Kits
through Lutheran World Relief.

This year we'd like to open this up for other members that
may want to be part of this ministry and put together a
school kit. The instructions can be found
[https://lwr.org/downloads/school-kit-assembly-
instructions](https://lwr.org/downloads/school-kit-assembly-instructions) An ERLC member will be making and providing
the backpacks so you don't need to get that.

If you would like to participate, please drop off your school
kit supplies in the church office. Deadline September 5

Celebration of Life for Bill Mattson

In Bill's Workshop located at their home.

Sunday, August 22nd from 1-4pm

Open-house style

Pig roast with the fixings.

Email nanamarie3@icloud.com
or contact Julie Haugen for address.

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