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Trusting in God's grace, an accepting,  
joyful community, serving God & neighbor.





# **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](http://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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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Available in ERLC Parking Lot on 88.3FM*

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

**OPENING SONG:** "I Belong"

### CHORUS

Hallelujah, I belong here  
In Your presence, safe and secure.  
I see hope coming on the horizon.  
There's no need for hiding, 'cause I belong.

### VERSE 1

Here I am  
In the presence of the great I Am,  
Near to Your heart, oh God.  
I have found my joy.  
I've searched so long,  
In darkness I walked so far,  
Fighting, but I'm holding on  
When Your love draws near.

### CHORUS

### VERSE 2

I often fail,  
But daily Your love prevails.  
Christ, my peace within.  
I will trust in You.  
In Your presence, Lord,  
Joys will overflow.  
You are God and friend.  
I am whole again.

### CHORUS

### BRIDGE

I belong here, I belong here,  
I belong here in Your presence.  
I belong here, I belong here  
I belong here in Your presence.

We belong here, We belong here,  
We belong here in Your presence.  
We belong here, We belong here,  
We belong here in Your presence.

### CHORUS

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

**Holy God you have called this church to be serving, welcoming, accepting, and joyful. Help us to check in with one another as we live out this faith together, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 15:7-13

<sup>7</sup> Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. <sup>8</sup> For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, <sup>9</sup> and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

"Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,  
and sing praises to your name";

<sup>10</sup> and again he says,

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people";

<sup>11</sup> and again,

"Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,

and let all the peoples praise him”;  
<sup>12</sup> and again Isaiah says,  
“The root of Jesse shall come,  
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;  
in him the Gentiles shall hope.”

<sup>13</sup> May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **SERMON**

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

## **SONG OF THE DAY: “Vagabonds”**

### **VERSE 1**

**Come all you vagabonds,  
come all you ‘don’t belongs’,  
Winners and losers, come, people like me.  
Come all you travelers  
tired from the journey,  
Come wait a while, stay a while,  
welcomed you’ll be.**

### **VERSE 2**

**Come all you questioners,  
looking for answers  
And searching for reasons  
and sense in it all;  
Come all you fallen  
and come all you broken,  
Find strength for your body  
and food for your soul.**

### **CHORUS**

**Come to the feast,  
there is room at the table.  
Come let us meet in this place  
With the King of all kindness  
who welcomes us in  
With the wonder of love and power of grace  
The wonder of love and power of grace.**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✝ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
**Amen.**

### **VERSE 3**

**Come those who worry  
‘bout houses and money  
And all those who don’t have  
a care in the world;  
From ev’ry station and orientation,  
the helpless, the hopeless,  
the young and the old.**

### **CHORUS**

### **VERSE 4**

**Come all believers and  
dreamers and schemers,  
And come all you restless  
just searching for home;  
Movers and shakers and givers and takers,  
The happy, the sad, the lost and alone.**

### **VERSE 5**

**Come self-sufficient with wearied ambition,  
And come, those who feel  
at the end of the road.  
Fiery debaters and religion haters,  
Accusers, abusers, the hurt and ignored.**

### **CHORUS**

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.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

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: "Good, Good Father"**

### **VERSE 1**

I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like,  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night.  
You tell me that You're pleased,  
And that I'm never alone.

### **CHORUS**

You're a good, good Father;  
It's who You are, it's who You are,  
It's who You are.  
And I'm loved by You;  
It's who I am, it's who I am  
It's who I am.

### **VERSE 2**

I've seen many searching for answers  
Far and wide, but I know  
We're all searching for answers  
Only You provide.  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word.

## **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. Amen**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **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.**

### **CHORUS**

### **BRIDGE (2X)**

You are perfect in all of Your ways.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways.  
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.

### **VERSE 3**

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak.  
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think  
As You call me deeper still,  
As You call me deeper still,  
As You call me deeper still  
Into love, love, love.

### **CHORUS**

**SENDING SONG:** "Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love"

**CHORUS**

How great, how sure,  
God's love endures forevermore.  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

**VERSE 1**

Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love  
Too vast and astounding to tell,  
Forever existing in worlds above,  
Now offered and given to all.  
Oh, fountain of beauty eternal,  
The Father, the Spirit, the Son,  
Sufficient and endlessly generous,  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

**VERSE 2**

Creation is brimming with thankfulness,  
The mountains, exultant they stand,  
The seasons rejoice in Your faithfulness,  
All life is sustained by Your hand.  
You crown every meadow with color;  
You paint every shade in the sky.  
Each day the dawn wakes as an encore of  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

**SENDING**

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

**CHORUS**

**VERSE 3**

What grace that You  
entered our brokenness;  
You came in the fullness of time.  
How far we had fallen from righteousness  
But not from the mercies of Christ.  
Your cross is our door to redemption;  
Your death is our fullness of life.  
That day, how forgiveness  
flowed as a flood,  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

**CHORUS**

**BRIDGE**

United in Your resurrection,  
You lift us to infinite heights.  
Could anything sever or take us from  
Magnificent, marvelous, matchless love.

**CHORUS**

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## Volunteer Schedule

	<b>Sunday, September 19</b>	<b>Next Sunday, September 26</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Krista Schrock and Myles Wagner	Sarah Chur
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Martha Hippe	Weston Hallquist
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Mason Wagner	Adrienne Rotz
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Emily Rotz	John Auel
<b>Switcher Video Operator</b>	Jeff Schrock	Matt Rotz
<b>SetUp/TearDown</b>	Matt Glasoe, David Katzner, Greg Pouliot, and Matt Rotz	Rick and Nancy Bock, Adam and Kelli Horner

*If you cannot volunteer for the upcoming Sunday,  
please contact Taylor Quinn @ [taylor@elkrivlutheran.org](mailto:taylor@elkrivlutheran.org)*

## Multiple Choice

*From the words provided for each clue, enter the letter of the word which best matches the clue in the blank.*

- \_\_\_ To be unable to hear  
A. blind B. see C. deaf D. dead
  
- \_\_\_ To move along by putting one foot in front of the other  
A. crawl B. see C. walk D. swim
  
- \_\_\_ Something that is pleasant or enjoyable  
A. prison B. pain C. lame D. good
  
- \_\_\_ To know what is around you by using your eyes  
A. see B. hear C. talk D. walk
  
- \_\_\_ Not alive  
A. blind B. dead C. lame D. deaf
  
- \_\_\_ Information or reports about recent events  
A. good B. deaf C. prison D. news
  
- \_\_\_ A place where criminals are forced to live as a punishment  
A. prison B. school C. home D. palace
  
- \_\_\_ Unable to walk correctly because of injury to the legs or feet  
A. blind B. deaf C. lame D. dead
  
- \_\_\_ To receive sound using your ears  
A. hear B. see C. walk D. talk
  
- \_\_\_ To be unable to see  
A. hear B. poor C. blind D. walk

Coloring Page



# The Lord's Prayer



After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. Matthew 6:9-13 (KJV)

At the bottom of the page is a list of words. These words are hidden in the puzzle. The words have been placed horizontally, vertically, and diagonally. When you find a word, draw a circle around it.

Y X B O E L R K A Q B P P L S  
 L F Y E W H Q O D N D M V C E  
 S W M Z T T Z M E A H V G C N  
 Q Q M R J H L V I P I N H B O  
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| EARTH      | FATHER  | DEBTS | BREAD    | POWER   |
| GLORY      | FORGIVE | EVIL  | KINGDOM  | DELIVER |
| TEMPTATION | HEAVEN  | PRAY  | HALLOWED | DAILY   |

# Prayer Requests

Thanks for lifting these up in prayer!

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

- 55 years of marriage for Herm and Bev Weidner.

## **For Support:**

- Greg and Andy Paulus, sons of Patty Paulus (Sue Hecker's sister)
- Don Saterbak, father of Diane Harding
- Meals on Wheels – September ERLC Volunteers deliver meals. Please pray for those receiving the meals, those preparing and those delivering. All to God's glory!
- Bob Johnson and family, brother of Mark Johnson (in hospice at Santa Barbara facility)
- Lee Johnson
- The Jones Family, Taylor's in-laws
- 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

## **In Sympathy**

- Family of Ione Nichols as they have a private family service at Fort Snelling on 9/8
- Family of Sue Hecker as her mother's memorial service was August 29

## **Health concerns:**

- Jim Simpson, healing from surgery
- Patty Paulus, sister of Sue Hecker
- Tony, friend of Jenny Stanley
- Ted, John and Conni Natwick's brother-in-Law
- Ed and Betty Petersen
- David Boyer, uncle of Linda Nielsen
- Steve Lindberg
- Elvi Peterson
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Kyle Quam, son of Mike and Linda Quam (extensive testing for brain lesions)
- 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](mailto:linda@elkriverlutheran.org) or by contacting the church office at (763) 595-1216, or by visiting the church website at [elkriverlutheran.org](http://elkriverlutheran.org)

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

## THANK YOU

Thank you for participating in my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration by providing space for my family to gather plus a surprise party.

~Myron Grams

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY September 19

#### **Welcoming Sunday**

8:30am – Traditional Worship Service  
(Indoors in Sanctuary)

9:30am – Fellowship Hour – Weidner  
55th Anniversary Celebration  
(Fellowship Hall)

10:30am – Contemporary Worship  
Service (Outdoors and Online)

2pm –Pokemon League  
(Community Room)

6pm – Beer & Hymns  
(ERLC Lower Parking Lot)

### MONDAY September 20

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

### TUESDAY September 21

9am – Quilting (ERLC Basement)

6pm – Choir & Riverside Ringers  
(Sanctuary)

6:30pm – Church Council  
(Conference Room)

### WEDNESDAY September 22

6pm – Fall Outdoor Kickoff

7pm – Worship Band (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY September 23

10am – Genealogy Group  
(Conference Room)

### SATURDAY September 25

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

### NEXT SUNDAY September 26

#### **Joyful Sunday**

8:30am – Traditional Worship Service  
(Indoors in Sanctuary)

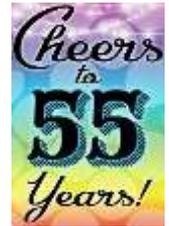
9:30am – Fellowship Hour  
(Fellowship Hall)

10:30am – Contemporary Worship  
Service & Davis Baptism  
(Outdoors and Online)

2pm –Pokemon League  
(Community Room)

### 55<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary for Herm and Bev Weidner

Join them for cake today to celebrate  
during the 9:30am Fellowship Hour!



### Invitation to Join Elk River Lutheran Church

Our next *New Member Sunday* will be October 10.

During this day, we will receive new members at both the 8:30am and 10:30am services. Then there will be an orientation between the services at 9:30am.

Please let us know of your interest in joining by indicating so on your worship registration sheet, or by contacting Linda in the church office ([linda@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:linda@elkriverlutheran.org) or 763-595-1216).

### Women’s Monthly Bible Study

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month @ 6:30 pm

September 20

*September Study (from ELCA Gather Magazine)*

#### **Spirit of God: Revealer and resource**

The Holy Spirit might be the most misunderstood or mysterious member of the Trinity, but the Spirit of scripture is not shy. Together we’ll uncover the bold, truth-telling Spirit active in our lives. After a quick review of the mystery of the Trinity, we’ll read parts of Jesus’ farewell discourse, and hear how the Spirit continues to reveal the truth of Jesus to us and to the world. We’ll discuss how the gift of the Holy Spirit is a resource for God’s people, giving us power we need to do God’s work.



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**CHECKIN**

# #erlccheckin

This fall we invite you to “check in” at Elk River Lutheran Church during our #erlccheckin worship series. Each week we’ll explore a part of ERLC’s shared identity and reflect on what it means for us all to be: serving, welcoming, joyful, and accepting.

Everytime you check in on Facebook using the #erlccheckin hashtag Elk River Lutheran Church will donate \$5 to *Open Doors for Youth*.



**LOCATION & TIME UPDATE!**

**SEPTEMBER 19TH 6:00 PM**  
**ERLC LOWER PARKING LOT**

BEER & HYMNS

DRINK SLOWLY  
SING JOYFULLY  
MAKE FRIENDS

# CYF FALL ROLL OUT

- **Confirmation Parent Orientation** Wednesday, September 15 @ 6:30pm
- **CYF Fall Kickoff** (for all ages kids) Wednesday, September 22 @ 6pm
- **CYF Sunday** October 3 @ 10:30am
- **9th Grade Confirmation Retreat** Sunday, October 3 from 11:30pm - 3pm
- **Confirmation Sunday** Sunday, October 31



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**5 Ways to Give**

The graphic features five icons representing different giving methods: a smartphone for mobile giving, a laptop for online giving, a speech bubble for text giving, a check for cash/check, and a bar chart with a dollar sign for stock donation.

Mobile Giving    Online Giving    Text Giving    Cash / Check    Stock Donation

Find out more at [www.elkriverlutheran.org/give](http://www.elkriverlutheran.org/give)

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