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 **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 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>.



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CHECKIN

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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*.



ORDER OF WORSHIP

Available in ERLC Parking Lot on 88.3FM

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

BAPTISM

Ava and Lincoln Davis

Parents: Jesse Ray and Mandi Lea Davis

Sponsors: Christian Kruse, Adrianna Anderson, Graci Miller

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

Sponsors: We present Ava and Lincoln Davis for baptism.

Parents, called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your children baptized into Christ?

Parents: I do

Parents, as you bring your children to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

- to live with them among God's faithful people
- bring them to the word of God and the holy supper
- teach them the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments
- place in their hands the holy scriptures
- and nurture them in faith and prayer
- so that your children may learn to trust God
- proclaim Christ through word and deed,
- care for others and the world God made,
- and work for justice and peace.

Do you promise to help your children grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: I do.

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture *Ava and Lincoln* in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help them live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: I do.

People of God, do you promise to support *Ava and Lincoln* and pray for them in their new life in Christ?

We do.

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

We give thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

Ava Davis, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Lincoln Davis, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Blessed be God, the source of all life, the word of salvation, the spirit of mercy.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life. Sustain *Ava and Lincoln* with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever.

Amen

Ava Davis, Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen

Lincoln Davis, Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

Amen

Jesus said, "I am the Light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life."

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

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

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 (2X)

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: Psalm 30

- ¹ I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.
- ² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,
and you have healed me.
- ³ O Lord, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to the Pit.
- ⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.
- ⁵ For his anger is but for a moment;
his favor is for a lifetime.
Weeping may linger for the night,
but joy comes with the morning.
- ⁶ As for me, I said in my prosperity,
“I shall never be moved.”
- ⁷ By your favor, O Lord,
you had established me as a strong mountain;
you hid your face;
I was dismayed.
- ⁸ To you, O Lord, I cried,
and to the Lord I made supplication:
- ⁹ “What profit is there in my death,
if I go down to the Pit?
Will the dust praise you?
Will it tell of your faithfulness?”
- ¹⁰ Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!
O Lord, be my helper!”
- ¹¹ You have turned my mourning into dancing;
you have taken off my sackcloth
and clothed me with joy,
- ¹² so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

SERMON

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring”
Arranged by Christopher Parkening

Clara Anderson, guitar

“Blessed Be”

by Gary Oliver

Hallquist Family Band: Clayton, Ellie, Jeremy, & Weston

“Then Sings My Soul”

Arranged by Gary Lanier

Alex Howland, Tenor Saxophone
with Taylor Quinn, keys

“Smile”

By Sidewalk Prophets: David Frey, Ben McDonald, Hanna Ellis, & Josh Bronleewe

Aziley Welton (Vocals), Kara Hennig (Vocals), Chuck Anderson (Bass), and Taylor Quinn

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 (2X)

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 (2X)

VERSE 1B

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

ENDING

Yes, even now you are lifting me.
Oh, even now you are lifting me.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

"Lord, I Need You"

VERSE 1

**Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.**

CHORUS

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You.**

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.

"Lord, I Need You"

CHORUS (2X)

**Lord, I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You.**

ENDING

**My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh God, how I need You.**

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.

"Jesus Loves Me"

VERSE 2

It was just three nails
That held Him on that cross.
But God was not restrained
For He was there by choice.
As He gave His life
For a world He loved.
So, the earth replied
In this age-old song.

CHORUS

Jesus loves me! This I know,
For the bible tells me so;
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak but he is strong.

VERSE 3

It was just three days,
But it changed our world
For when there seemed no way,
From the grave, He rose.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.

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.

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.**

SENDING SONG: "My Lighthouse"

CHORUS

**My Lighthouse,
My Lighthouse
Shining in the darkness,
I will follow You! Oh,**

**My Lighthouse,
My Lighthouse
I will trust the promise:
You will carry me safe to shore,
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.**

VERSE 1

**In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
In my failures, You won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

SENDING

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

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CHORUS

VERSE 2

**In the silence, You won't let go.
In the questions, Your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

CHORUS

VERSE 3

**I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning, I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through;
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa
You are the peace in my troubled sea.**

CHORUS

Volunteer Schedule

	Sunday, September 26	Next Sunday, October 3
Ushers	Dan Nelson	Viv and Jim Ayres
Scripture Reader	Weston Hallquist	Clara Anderson
PowerPoint Operator	Katherine Horner	Emma Anderson
Soundboard Operator	Justin Howland	Emily Rotz
Switcher Video Operator	Adam Horner	Matt Rotz
SetUp/TearDown	Rick and Nancy Bock, Adam and Kelli Horner	Matt Glasoe, David Katzner, Greg Pouliot, and Matt Rotz

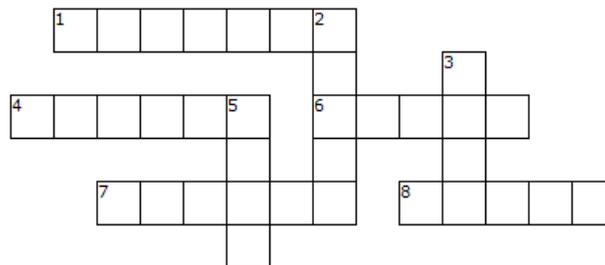
If you cannot volunteer for the upcoming Sunday, please contact Taylor Quinn @ taylor@elkrivlutheran.org

Crossword Puzzle

Making Music to the Lord

Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord. Ephesians 5:19b (NIV)

Based on Ephesians 5:15-20



ACROSS

- Lacking good sense or judgment; silly; opposite of wise
- An Old Testament book of songs of praise to God
- The art of arranging sounds using melody, rhythm, and harmony
- An expression of gratitude
- The organ that pumps blood through our bodies

DOWN

- Songs of praise and thanksgiving to God that we sing in church
- Having the ability to make right and sensible decisions; to have good judgment
- A short musical composition written for singing

WISE	PSALMS	MUSIC	FOOLISH
THANKS	HYMNS	HEART	SONG

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Prayer Requests

Thanks for lifting these up in prayer!

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Theodore McCall born 9/12, nephew of Laura and Ryan Wolcenski
- Ted is doing well after cancer surgery – thanks be to God! (John and Conni Natwick's brother-in-law)
- Baptism of Ava and Lincoln Davis;
Parents: Jesse Ray and Mandi Lea Davis;
Sponsors: Christian Kruse, Adrianna Anderson, Graci Miller

For Support:

- Cassandra Mellon-Simmons
- 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

Health concerns:

- Sondra, for successful healing (Jean and Larry Cook's daughter)
- Jim Simpson, healing from surgery
- Patty Paulus, sister of Sue Hecker
- 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) .
- 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 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)

TUESDAY September 28

9am – Quilting (ERLC Basement)

6pm –Riverside Ringers

(Sanctuary)

WEDNESDAY September 29

6pm – Worship Band (Sanctuary)

6:30pm – Confirmation/HS Parent Meeting

(Fellowship Hall)

6:30pm – Confirmation/HS Youth Group

(Fellowship Hall)

THURSDAY September 30

6pm – Choir

(Sanctuary)

SATURDAY October 2

8am - Men's Bible Study

(Zoom Bible Study)

NEXT SUNDAY October 3

Accepting Sunday

8:30am – Traditional Worship Service

(Indoors in Sanctuary)

9:30am – Fellowship Hour

(Fellowship Hall)

10:30am – Contemporary Worship

Service (Outdoors and Online)

11:30 – 9th Grade Confirmation Retreat

2pm –Pokemon League

(Community Room)



NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

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 or 763-595-1216).

COME & JOIN US FOR

FAITH & CLIMATE CHANGE

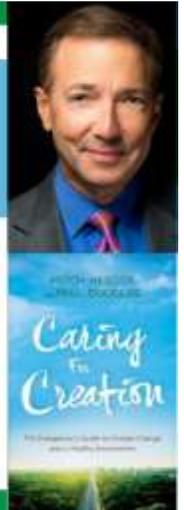
by renowned Meteorologist

• *Paul Douglas*

and Co-Author of: "Caring for Creation:

The Evangelical's Guide to Climate Change and a Healthy Environment"

Sunday, October 10, 12:00pm
at Elk River Lutheran Church



CYF FALL ROLL OUT

- Confirmation Parent Orientation *Rescheduled* Wed Sept 29 @ 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



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILY

Trick or Treat!

AT **ELK RIVER BOO**theran

Friday, October 29th, 2pm- 7pm

We are in need of volunteers to pass out candy and are in need of donations of bags of candy.

To help, please connect with Jeremy or sign up via the emailed link.



Trunk or Treat!

AT **ELK RIVER BOO**theran

Friday, October 29th, 6pm- 7pm



Are you willing to decorate a trunk and hand out candy? We would love to have you! Connect with Jeremy or sign up via the emailed link to help!

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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

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