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 **Elk River** ELCA  
**LUTHERAN**  
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>.



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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*.



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Available in ERLC Parking Lot on 88.3FM*

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

**OPENING 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.

## 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:** Matthew 18:1-5

<sup>1</sup>At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, “Who, then, is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?”

<sup>2</sup>He called a little child to him, and placed the child among them. <sup>3</sup> And he said: “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Therefore, whoever takes the lowly position of this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>5</sup>And whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

### CHORUS

### INTERLUDE

Da, da, da, da, da, da  
Da, da, da, da, da, da  
Da, da, da, da, da, da  
*Repeat 3x*

### 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

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

Jeremy Hallquist

#### SONG OF THE DAY: "All God's Critters"

##### CHORUS

All God's critters got a place in the choir  
Some sing low, some singer higher  
Some sing out loud on the telephone wire and  
Some just clap their hands, or paws or  
anything they got now

##### VERSE 1

Listen to the bass, it's the one on the bottom  
Where the bullfrog groans and the  
hippopotamus  
Moans and groans with a big to-do  
The old cow just goes, "moo"

##### VERSE 2

The dogs and cats, they take up the middle  
The hummingbird hums and the cricket fiddles  
The donkey brays and the pony neighs  
The old coyote howls

##### CHORUS

##### VERSE 3

Listen to the top where the little birds sing  
On the melody with the high note ringing  
The hoot owl hollers over everything  
And the jay bird disagrees

##### VERSE 4

Singing in the nighttime, singing in the day  
The little duck quacks and is on his way  
The possum ain't got much to say  
And the porcupine talks to himself

##### CHORUS

##### VERSE 5

It's a simple song, a living song everywhere  
By the ox and the fox and the grizzly bear  
The grumpy alligator and the hawk above  
The sly racoon and the turtle dove

##### 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: "Jesus Loves Me"**

### **VERSE 1**

**Jesus loves me! this I know,  
for the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to him belong,  
they are weak, but he is strong.**

### **CHORUS**

**Yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me,  
the Bible tells me so.**

### **VERSE 2**

**Jesus loves me! he who died  
heaven's gates to open wide;  
he will wash away my sin,  
let his little child come in.**

### **CHORUS**

### **VERSE 3**

**Jesus loves me! he will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high.**

### **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. 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:** "This Little Light of Mine"

#### VERSE 1

**This little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
this little light of mine, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

#### VERSE 2

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
ev'rywhere I go, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

#### VERSE 3

**Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine;  
Jesus gave it to me, I'm goin'-a let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

## SENDING

"Go in peace, share the good news"

**"We will, thanks be to God!"**

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## Volunteer Schedule

	<b>Sunday, October 3</b>	<b>Next Sunday, October 10</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Dan and Val Nelson	Dan and Val Nelson
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Clara Anderson	Jim Ayres
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Emma Anderson	
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Emily Rotz	Justin Howland
<b>Switcher Video Operator</b>		Jeff Schrock
<b>SetUp/TearDown</b>	Matt Glasoe, David Katzner, Greg Pouliot, and Matt Rotz	Adam and Kelli Horner, Jeff and Krista Schrock

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

## Who is the Greatest?

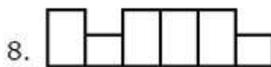
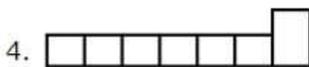
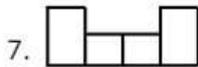
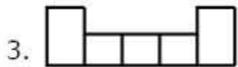
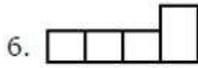
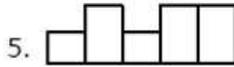
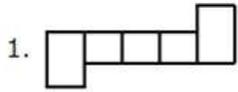
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WELCOMES	SERVANT	FIRST	GREATEST	JESUS
LITTLE	ARMS	CHILD	ARGUING	LAST
WHOEVER	ROAD	TWELVE	QUIET	HOUSE

# Who Is the Greatest?

Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all." Mark 9:35 (NIV)

Enter the correct words in the boxes based on the shape of the letters.



first	road	child	great
last	little	house	servant

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NAME	SERVANT	ROAD	GREAT	HOUSE
LAST	LITTLE	FIRST	ARMS	CHILD

# 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)

## **For Support:**

- Steve Lindberg
- 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

## **In Sympathy**

- Family and Friends of Tony Hallquist, cousin of Jeremy Hallquist
- Family of Richard Nelson, cousin of Barb Overbye (killed in a car accident)
- Family and friends of Shirley Duggan (Memorial service at ERLC Monday October 4 at 11am)

## **Health concerns:**

- Rose Cloud, grandmother of Vicki Granros' friend
- 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](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

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## THIS WEEK

### 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 – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat

2pm –Pokemon League

(Community Room)

### MONDAY October 4

11am – Memorial Service for Shirley

Duggan

### TUESDAY October 5

9am – Quilting (ERLC Basement)

6pm –Riverside Ringers

(Sanctuary)

### WEDNESDAY October 6

6:30pm – Confirmation/HS Youth Group

7pm – Worship Band (Sanctuary)

### THURSDAY October 7

6pm – Choir

(Sanctuary)

### SATURDAY October 9

8am - Men's Bible Study

(Zoom Bible Study)

### NEXT SUNDAY October 10

#### New Member Sunday

8:30am – Traditional Worship Service

(Indoors in Sanctuary)

9:30am – Fellowship Hour

(Fellowship Hall)

9:30am – New Member Orientation

10:30am – Contemporary Worship

Service (Outdoors and Online)

12 Noon – Faith and Climate Change with

Paul Douglas (Sanctuary)

2pm –Pokemon League

(Community Room)



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.



COME & JOIN US FOR

# FAITH & CLIMATE CHANGE

by renowned Meteorologist

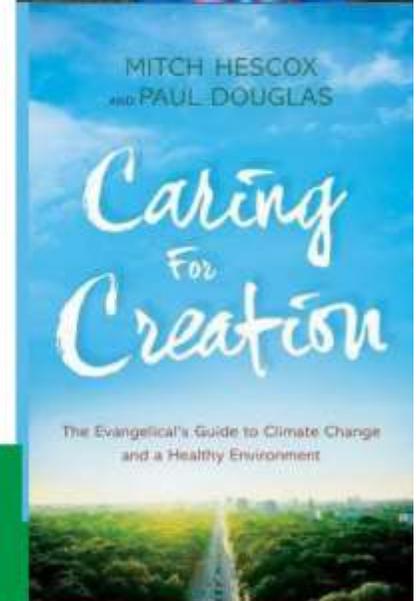
● *Paul Douglas*

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**

Paul will share some of his insights on Climate Science, Climate Change and how we as people of faith think about these conversations through the lens of our faithful understanding.



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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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