

**October 31, 2021 • 10:30am**  
*Let's Make a Difference, Church!*



**What's**  
**Next?**



# **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>.

## **Worship Volunteers**

*Thank you for serving*

	<b>Sunday, October 31</b>	<b>Next Sunday, October 31</b>
<b>Ushers</b>	Andy and Rachel Johnson	Tom and LuAnn Wingard
<b>Scripture Reader</b>		Ron Stricker
<b>PowerPoint Operator</b>	Carter Glasoe	Asher Johnson
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Taylor Quinn	Bennett Johnson and Emily Rotz
<b>Switcher Video Operator</b>	Adam Horner	Matt Rotz
<b>SetUp/TearDown</b>	Rick Bock, David Katzner and Greg Pouliot	David Katzner and Matt Glasoe

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

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*Available in ERLC Parking Lot on 88.3FM*

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

**OPENING SONG:** “The Church Song”

### CHORUS

We are the church,  
the body of our Lord;  
we are all God’s children.  
We have been restored.

### VERSE 1

The church is not a building  
where people go to pray;  
it’s not made out of sticks and stones,  
it’s not made out of clay.

### CHORUS

### VERSE 3

The church is not a business,  
a committee or a board;  
it’s not a corporation for  
the business of the Lord.

### CHORUS

### VERSE 4

The church, it is the people  
living out their lives,  
**CALLED, ENLIGHTENED, SANCTIFIED**  
for the work of Jesus Christ.

### CHORUS (2X)

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

**God of grace, we know you guide us and lead us in all that we do. Help us to discover what’s next in our faith journey; to lead us closer to you, through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE READING:** Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup> You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not the result of works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

*“Individualism is a mature and calm feeling, which disposes each member of the community to sever himself from the mass of his fellows and to draw apart with his family and his friends, so that after he has thus formed a little circle of his own, he willingly leaves society at large to itself.”*

~Alexis de Tocqueville “Democracy in America” 1835

<sup>44</sup> **All** who believed were **together** and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to **all**, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time **together** in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of **all** the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

~Acts 2:44-47

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

<sup>26</sup> If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

~ 1 Corinthians 12:12&26

**SONG OF THE DAY: “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**

**Interlude**

**Da, da, da, da, da, da  
Da, da, da, da, da, da  
Da, da, da, da, da, da, da  
Repeat 3xCHORUS**

**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**

# CONFIRMATION

## PRESENTATION

Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for these young people, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

I present names, who desire to make public affirmation of their baptism.

*Carter Glasoe  
Summer Hennig  
Bennett Johnson*

*Grace Livingston  
Avery Lundquist  
Delaney Lundquist*

## PRAYER

Let us pray,  
Merciful God, we thank you for these siblings in Christ, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.

**Amen.**

## PROFESSION OF FAITH

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.**

## APOSTLES' CREED

Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**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.  
Amen.**

### **CONFIRMATION**

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

- to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper,
- to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,
- to serve all people, following the example of Jesus,
- and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

*Each person responds:*

*I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support these young people and pray for them in their life in Christ?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

### **INDIVIDUAL BLESSINGS**

Let us pray.

God in heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in name the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm *her/his* faith, guide *her/his* life, empower *her/him* in *her/his* serving, give *her/him* patience in suffering, and bring *her/him* to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

### **CONFIRMATION**

Let us rejoice with these siblings in Christ.

**We rejoice with you in the life of baptism. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.**

## **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 Medley"

### **VERSE 1**

**It was just three words,  
But it changed my life.  
Just a childlike truth  
That consumed my mind.  
From my life's first breath  
Till the day I rise,  
All I need to know  
Is this age-old line.**

### **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.**

### **BRIDGE**

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

### **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**

## **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:** "Take to the World"

### CHORUS

**And take to the world this love, this hope, and faith;  
And take to the world this rare, relentless grace,  
And like the Three-in-One, know you must become  
What you wanna save 'cause that's still the way  
God takes to the world.**

### VERSE 1

**Go in peace to love and to serve,  
And let your ears ring long with what you have heard;**

### PRE-CHORUS

**And may the bread on your tongue leave a trail of crumbs  
To lead the hungry back to the place you are from.**

### CHORUS (2X)

### SENDING

**"Go in peace, share the good news"**

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

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# CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2021!

## **Carter Glasoe**

*“Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go”*

*~Joshua 1:9*

## **Summer Hennig**

*“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”*

*~Matthew 6:34.*

## **Bennett Johnson**

*“He has shown you O man what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly and your God.”*

*~ Micah 6:8*

## **Grace Livingston**

## **Avery Lundquist**

*Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.*

*~Proverbs 3:5-6*

## **Delaney Lundquist**

*“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the lord, plans to prosper you, and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

*~ Jeremiah 29:11*

# SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

**What's Next? Week 3**  
*Discover Purpose*



## CONNECT

Spend some time checking in. What are highs and lows since you last met? How can your group members pray for and support each other this week?

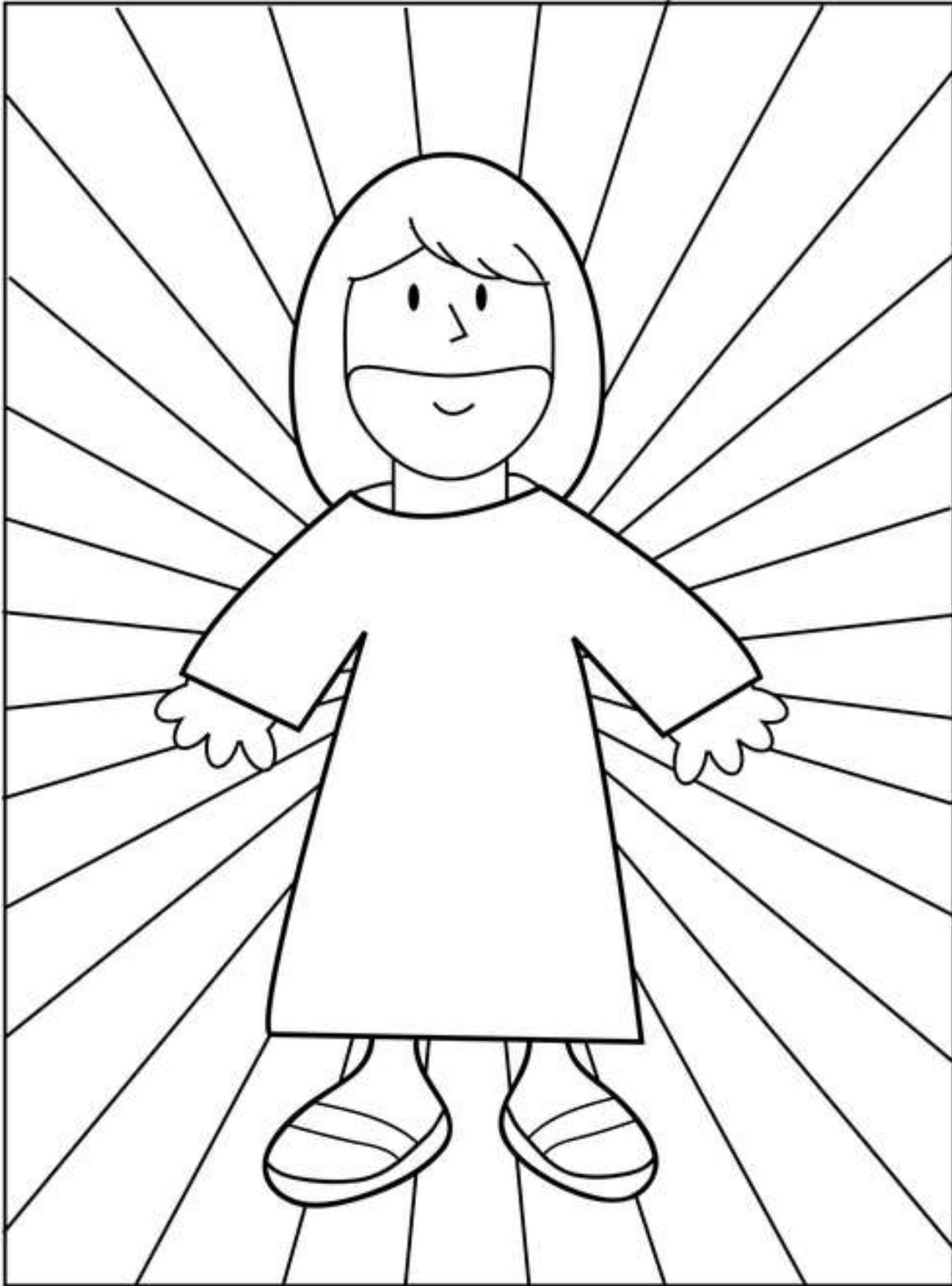
## GROW

- Throughout your life, when have you worked to discover purpose, and what motivated you to do so?
- When you consider *surrender* over *strategy*, what goes through your mind? Why is it difficult to let go of control sometimes?
- Several Bible stories (Luke 1:26-28, Matthew 4:18-20, and Psalm 46:10) remind us that God doesn't send people out to find their own purpose, but rather to surrender and trust God. What do you hear in those stories?
- Sometimes letting go of control means taking a risk. When have you taken a risk and experienced something negative? What about something positive?
- What would it mean for you to look to the outside (to God) instead of the inside (to yourself) to find purpose?

## PRAY

God of grace, we know you guide us and lead us in all that we do. Help us to discover what's next in our faith journey; to lead us closer to you. In your son's name, Amen.





The Light Has Come

But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light,  
so that it may be seen plainly that what they have  
done has been done in the sight of God.

John 3:21 (NIV)

# Walking in the Light

This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. John 3:19-20 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 3:18-22

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WORLD  
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BELIEVE  
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EVIL

# Prayer Requests

Thanks for lifting these up in prayer!

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

- Confirmation Class of 2021
  - Carter Glasoe
  - Summer Hennig
  - Bennett Johnson
  - Grace Livingston
  - Avery Lundquist
  - Delaney Lundquist

## **For Support:**

- The Family of Daryl and Jean Holt
- Steve Lindberg
- Lee Johnson
- 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 David Boyer, uncle of Linda Nielsen
- Family and Friends of Harold Hultberg, Sandy Krumwiede's father

## **Health concerns:**

- Colette Horne, mother of Bruce Bourdeaux
- Bob Werk
- Jean Holt
- Phyllis Scroggins, upcoming thyroid surgery
- Steve Lindberg
- Elvi Peterson
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Patty Paulus, sister of Sue Hecker
- Kyle Quam, son of Mike and Linda Quam
- 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

## **SUNDAY October 31**

### **Confirmation Sunday**

8:30am – Traditional Worship Service

9:30am – Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

**9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation**

**Camp Fire and S'mores**

2pm –Pokemon League  
(Community Room)

## **TUESDAY November 2**

9am – Quilting (ERLC Basement)

6pm – Riverside Ringers Rehearsal  
(Sanctuary)

## **WEDNESDAY November 3**

6:30pm – Confirmation/  
HS Youth Group

6:30pm – Worship Band (Sanctuary)

## **THURSDAY November 4**

6pm –Choir Rehearsal  
(Sanctuary)

## **SATURDAY November 6**

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

## **NEXT SUNDAY November 7**

### **All Saints Sunday**

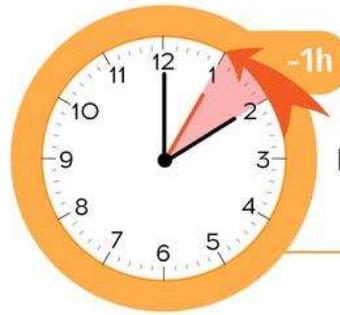
8:30am – Traditional Worship Service

9:30am – Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

2pm –Pokemon League  
(Community Room)

7pm – Youth Group



**FALL BACK**

**Daylight Saving Time Ends  
November 7, 2021**

Elk River United Methodist and Elk River Lutheran

# YOUTH GROUP



**It's F.R.E.E. Time**

FAITH. RELATIONSHIPS. EXPLORE. ENCOURAGE.

**Middle School and High School  
7-8 pm 1st and 3rd Sundays**

**Starting November 7th**

# Worship Options

Sunday Worship LIVE

**TRADITIONAL**

8:30AM



Optional for Vaccinated

Masks Required  
for Unvaccinated

**INDOORS**

**CONTEMPORARY**

10:30AM



**MASKS REQUIRED**  
for Everyone

Vaccinated and Unvaccinated

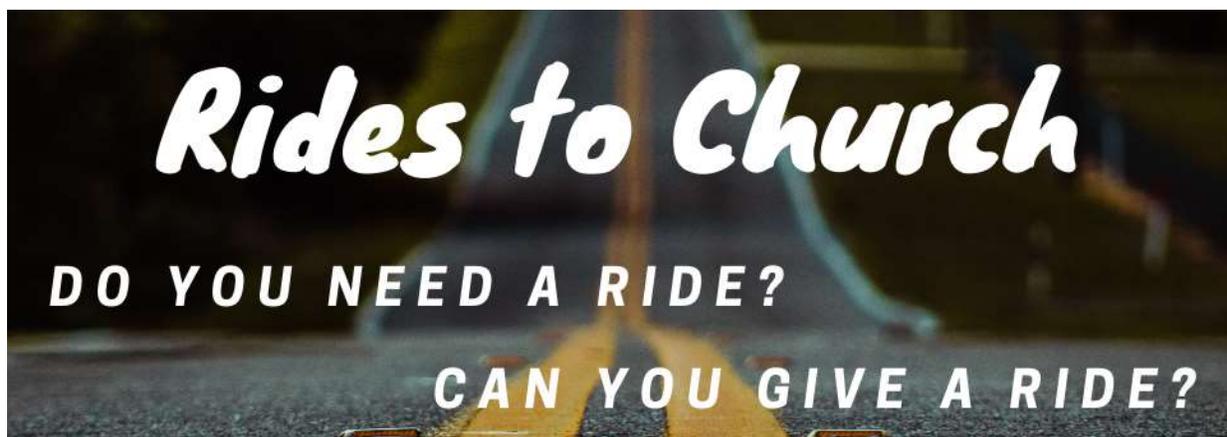
Online via  
Facebook & YouTube

With the weather getting colder, starting Sunday, November 7th our 10:30am worship service will move indoors into the sanctuary. The ERLC Church Council has decided that since this service is attended by many families with children who are not yet vaccinated, and out of our desire to protect them, masks will be required at the 10:30 service. We want as many people as possible to be safe and feel comfortable attending worship at Elk River Lutheran so, for the time being, this is the plan.

Our 10:30am service will continue to be livestreamed via Facebook and YouTube. We are currently working to get the 8:30am service online and hope to have that up and running soon. Masks will remain optional at the 8:30am service.

Thank you for your faithful flexibility as we do our best to love one another through this difficult time.

-Pastor Nathan



Do you need a ride to worship on Sunday mornings? Are you willing to provide a lift to members? We would love to identify those in our congregation who have felt challenged getting to worship on Sunday mornings and connect them to those who would be willing to offer rides to those in our community.

Forms are available on the homepage of our website [elkriverlutheran.org](http://elkriverlutheran.org) (scroll about 2/3 the way down to find them with the service links) If you have questions, please reach out to Jeremy Hallquist.

## STAFF

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



Confirmation Worship  
Notes Form



Confirmation Volunteer  
Form

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