March 27, 2022 • 10:30am
Fourth Sunday of Lent - Pursuer

Elk River LUTHERAN ELCA

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.

Things to know for the service today:

- **Bathrooms**, complete with changing tables for little ones, are located through the glass doors in the Fellowship Hall.
- Our **Prayground** in the middle of the sanctuary by the north wall has crafts, activities, and snacks for kids (or the young at heart). Feel free to visit there anytime throughout the service.

We hope and pray you have a wonderful worship experience here today. To learn more about the many opportunities to participate and volunteer with the ministries of ERLC, visit our website: https://www.elkriverlutheran.org. AND we are very excited about our next sermon series!

Worship Volunteers

Thank you for serving

	Sunday, March 27	Next Sunday, April 3
Greeters		
Ushers	John Auel	
Scripture Reader	Justin Howland	
PowerPoint Operator	Katherine Horner	Asher Johnson
Soundboard Operator	Justin Howland	

If you see a blank in a worship volunteer space for next Sunday and would like to serve there, Great! Please contact Taylor so we can get you filled in.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Opening Song — ***"The King of Love, My Shepherd Is"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day — Psalm 23

JAM *(Jesus and Me)*

Scripture Reading — John 15:10-17

Sermon — Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Song of the Day — ***"Goodness of God"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering — *"What Wondrous Love is This"*

Featuring the Riverside Ringers

Offering Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Songs — ***"You Say"***

Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song — ***"God is For Us"***

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A Heart Full of Joy

"These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full." John 15:11 (NKJV)

The puzzle is based on John 15:9-17

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G F D F K C J U S O Q A I H M
R V C O A C S L E E W L Y I V
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A O A Q V B H S F R C V F F Y
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D M T S P B H P P F L L J L J

COMMAND	MASTER	LIFE	DOWN	SERVANT
JOY	REMAIN	GREATER	LAY	FRIENDS
LOVE	OBEY	CHOSE	FRUIT	FATHER

joy
love

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION GUIDE

Psalm 23 - Week 4 - Pursuer

CONNECT

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

GROW

- Do you have any memorable experiences from attending races? (any kind of races... dog, cars, horses, people)
- When you look back on your life, can you think of times when you were actively pursuing something that seemed really important at the time, but now seems less important?
- How has goodness followed or pursued you? (Goodness here can be defined as feeling good about life or contentment... So when/how have you felt most content with life?) Are there things you could do to feel more content with life now?
- In John 15:16 Jesus says, "You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last." As Jesus's chosen ones, what does it mean for us to "go and bear fruit"?

PRAY

O God our Shepherd, in these 40 days of Lent help us to learn from your presence and promise as we study Psalm 23, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer Requests

Thanks for lifting these up in prayer!

Praise the Lord** (joys and answered prayers)**:
- *Linda Felska is back after 5 surgeries. Thanks for the prayers!*
- *Gwen Krizek was able to be back to church Sunday 3/20 while still recovering from hip surgery.*

In Sympathy
- *Family and Friends of Marilee Thoreson (Dare Funeral Luncheon on 3/24)*
- *Family and Friends of Donald Gregory "Greg" Harvey*

For Support:
- *People of Ukraine*
- *Jonas Maher*
- *John Ernst and Carol Black*
- *Linda and Mike Cheney*
- *Jan Bucher*
- *All military personnel and their families*

Health concerns:
- *Jeff Hood, nephew of Stephen Brosko*
- *Ted Witkowski, nephew of Stephen Brosko*
- *Phyllis Scroggins*
- *Charity Zrust (hand and back surgery)*
- *Daryl Holt*
- *Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister*
- *Dave Peters, friend of Larry and Bonnie Swedal*
- *Kyle Quam, son of Mike and Linda Quam*
- *Steve Lindberg*
- *Elvi Peterson*
- *Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer*
- *Mike Cheney*
- *Ken Bucher*
- *Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen*
- *Duane Jerde*

Week Ahead

SUNDAY March 27
8:30am – Traditional Worship Service
9:30am – Fellowship Hour
10:30am – Contemporary Worship
12:30pm – Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

TUESDAY March 29
9am – Quilting *(ERLC Lower Level)*
6pm – Riverside Ringers
7:15pm – Worship Band

WEDNESDAY March 30
10am – Lent Small Group Gathering
NO Confirmation & High School
6:30pm – Worship Band

THURSDAY March 31
6pm - Choir

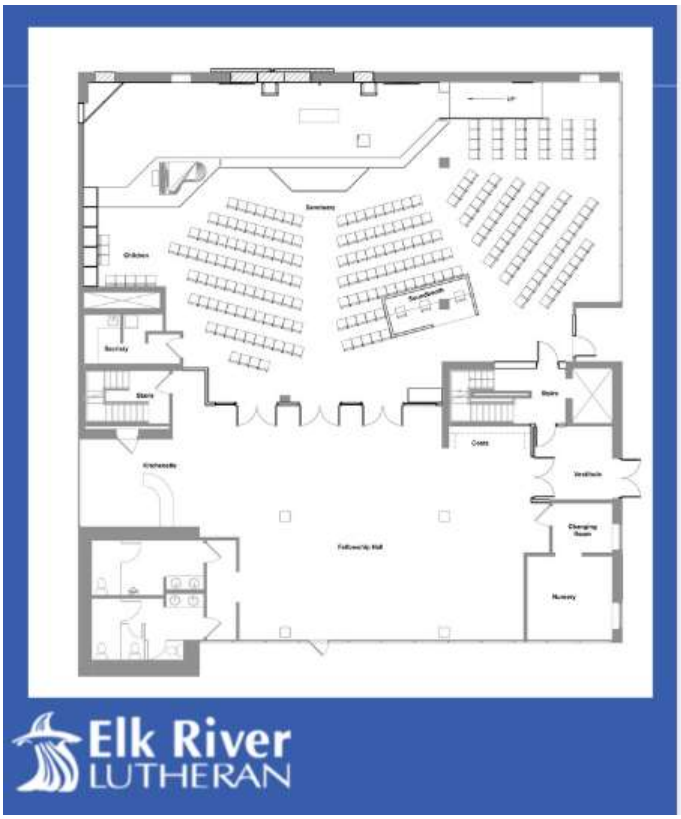
SATURDAY April 2
8am - Men's Bible Study
(Zoom Bible Study)

NEXT SUNDAY April 3
8:30am – Traditional Worship Service
9:30am
- Building Update Meeting *(Sanctuary)*
- Fellowship Hour *(Fellowship Hall)*
- First Communion Class *(2nd Floor)*
- Palm Passion Pageant Rehearsal *(Lower Level)*

10:30am – Contemporary Worship
12:30pm – Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

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



YOU ARE INVITED!

Building Committee Update
Congregational Forum

Sunday, April 3 | 9:30 AM

In the Sanctuary or via Zoom
(link on the website or in weekly email)

Join us for an update on building plans and provide your candid feedback.

GOOD FRIDAY APRIL 15

Singers

JOIN THE CHOIR FOR GOOD FRIDAY

Rehearsals:

THURSDAY, MARCH 17TH, 6-7:15PM
THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST, 6:45-7:30PM
TUESDAY, APRIL 11TH, 6-6:45PM

CALL TIME WILL BE 5:30PM ON APRIL 15TH

Please contact Taylor if interested

Instrumentalists Wanted!

Join the Easter Instrumental Ensemble
Rehearsals are March 27th, April 3rd and 10th
from 12:30-1:30pm

Please contact Taylor if interested

JOIN THE EASTER CHOIR!

REHEARSALS ARE
Thursday, March 24th, 6-7:15pm
Thursday, April 7th, 6-7:15pm
Tuesday, April 11th, 6:45-7:30pm

CALL TIME WILL BE 7:30AM ON APRIL 17TH

Please contact Taylor if interested

For Maundy Thursday, along with our First Communion, we will be having our **first Dinner Church in over 2 years**! The church will be providing the ham and scallop potatoes, and beverages. We are asking for **help** in completing the meal with **Salads and Desserts**. Volunteer to bring a salad or dessert to share at bit.ly/maundy2022

STAFF

If you have specific questions or needs, please feel free to contact any of the church staff:

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Treasurer:	Ron Stricker		

Confirmation Worship Notes Form

Confirmation Volunteer Form

Ways to Give

Cash / Check

Offering plate is by the entrances to the sanctuary

Mobile Giving QR Code

Text to Give

Text Give to (612) 324-8257

Additional Ways to Give:

- **Automated Recurring Giving:** Set up online via website give button, via the Tithe.ly phone app or by contacting the church office
- **Stocks:** consider donating stocks through a conversation with your financial advisor and the church.

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