

November 6, 2022 • 10:30am

People of Mission

All Saints Day

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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.*

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. To learn more about the many opportunities to participate and volunteer with the ministries of ERLC, visit our website: <https://www.elkriverlutheran.org>!

Thank you for your flexibility as we worship in the **Community Room** during Sanctuary construction. Bathrooms can be found by exiting the Community Room by the far right and left front of the worship space.

PARENTS

We welcome kids with their wiggles and noises in worship. We are also aware that as a parent, time away from wiggles and noises can be a blessing too. You will find our **staffed nursery** (for children 5 and under) through the front left exit. A "Prayground" (area with books, toys, and kids activities) can be found in the back corner of the Community Room. Kids are also invited to participate in **Kids Connect**, a learning time designed for them that takes place during the sermon.

WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS

Thank you for serving

	Sunday, November 6	Next Sunday, November 13
Greeters	Pat and Paula Donnelly	Krista Schrock and Myles Wagner
Ushers	Lisa Bossany and Dan Nelson	Viv and Jim Ayres and Mason Wagner
Scripture Reader	Paula Donnelly	Mason Wagner
Communion Steward	Christine Hansen	Greg Pouliot
Communion Servers	Kerry and Grace Livingston	Kara Hennig
Sunday Morning Communion Prep and Clean Up	Nancy Bock	Debby Pouliot
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Vicki Simpson	Jana Lundquist
PowerPoint Operator		
Soundboard Operator	Justin Howland	Jeff Schrock
Switcher Operator	Nick Campbell	Nick Campbell

If you would like to serve, Great! Please contact Taylor Quinn so we can get you filled in. If you cannot volunteer for the upcoming Sunday, please contact Taylor @ taylor@elkriverlutheran.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Temple Talk

Gathering Song

Milo Christianson, Spiritual Life Team
(#423) "Shall We Gather at the River"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Reading

Sermon

Genesis 28:10-22
Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Song of the Day

"The Church Song"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Confirmation

Offering

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Featuring the Riverside Ringers

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

"The Table"

All Saints Sunday Candle Lighting

Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"Go, Make a Difference"

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Groups of ERLC

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- BNI Star of the North (business networking group)
 - Contact: Tony Rumreich
 - Email: tony@inkyelf.com
- Children, Youth and Family (CYF)
 - Contact: Anne Schaefer
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- Weddings/Birthdays/Anniversaries/Milestones
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- Women's Bible Study
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Mission Fest

F X H Y H U F R L N P U O R G Y G O L O E N E G
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B U I L D I N G C O M M I T T E E E L P B U M C

Anniversaries

BNI Star of the North
Dares Funeral Home
Geneology Group
Nursery
Riverside Ringers
Worship Band

Baptisms

Building Committee
ERLC Choir
Hospitality
Piano Recitals
Weddings

Birthdays

Confirmation
Funerals
Moms Club
Quilters
Womens Bible Study

Maze Puzzle

Can you find your way through the "maze of clouds"
to Jacob's stairway to heaven?



Jacob had a dream. In his dream, the LORD said,
"I will give to you and your family the land
on which you are now sleeping."

Living Lutheran

Lectionary blog: We are all saints

By Delmer Chilton October 29, 2018

While flipping channels one night, I came across a Holly Hunter movie. I'm a big fan of her movies. It's a Southern thing—she grew up in Conyers, Ga., where I used to live. I know people who knew her when she was a kid—so we're practically related. The movie, *Home for the Holidays*, is a 1990s dramedy about a dysfunctional family's Thanksgiving. At one point, Holly Hunter and her mother are having an argument about her older sister, something like, "Oh yes, as you're always reminding me, she's practically a saint." Of course, it turns out she isn't really a saint—just an overly responsible, bitter, perfectionist.

Today is [All Saints Sunday](#), which raises the question: What exactly is a saint, and what is it we are celebrating today? First, it's a time to thankfully remember those of our church members, friends and relatives who have died in the last year, who have gone to join the saints in heaven. Second, it is also a day we are invited to reflect on our own saintliness, especially in the light of the life and witness of those who have gone before us in the faith.

For we must remember that, as Christians, our family tree is not limited to, nor defined by, our biological connectedness. We are all grafted into God's family tree through baptism; we have all been adopted as children of God and sisters and brothers of Christ through the working of the Spirit in our lives. Therefore, we are related to all the saints—they are our sisters and brothers.

When I reflect upon the lives of "the saints," the ones I've known personally and those I've only heard or read about, I don't feel very saintly myself. I feel like the little boy I read about who was met at the door by the author one Halloween. He was about 4 and wore a Superman outfit. He reached out his hand as he said trick or treat. The woman could not resist teasing him a bit, asking, "Where's your bag?" He replied, "My mom's carrying it. It's too heavy for me." The woman smiled and said, "But you're Superman!" He glanced down at the "S" on his chest before whispering, "Not really, these are just pajamas."

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The Scriptures tell us that because we're Christians, we're also saints, but most of us don't believe it. We look down at the "S" on our chest and then plead with God, "Not really, I'm only human."

This is the great mystery of All Saints Day. We are indeed only human, but we are also "the saints who gather at . . .," as Paul put it in many of his letters. We are, as Martin Luther said, saint and sinner at the same time. Though we don't go around in Christian pajamas with a big haloed "S" on our chest, we do have an invisible cross on our foreheads. It was put there at our baptism with these or similar words: "Child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever." Each of us has that mark on our lives, a mark that calls us forward into saintliness. We are invited to constantly live into our name as a child of God, as a baptized saint.

And we never quite make it. We're always aware of falling short, of not measuring up. We are also always aware that the other people in our family of faith seldom measure up either. Unfortunately, we are sometimes more aware of the failures of others that we are of our own. Someone sent me a little poem a few years ago. I ran across it in my files the other day:

*Oh, to live above,
with Saints we love,
Oh, that will be Glory.*

*But, to live below,
with Saints we know,
Well, that's a different story.*

The struggle of the Christian life is to remember that we are all saints in spite of our failures, and to remember that the other people in our church family are saints as well, in spite of their imperfections.

As Isaiah said: *On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make **for all peoples** a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear (25:6).*

We are invited, on this All Saints Sunday, to remember our sainted-ness, our blessedness, our holiness—all gifts from God, gifts we were given for the benefit of the world.

We are also invited to remember the sainted-ness, the blessedness, the holiness of others. To remember that they, too, are the beloved Children of God—and treat them that way.

Amen and amen.



[Delmer Chilton](#)

Delmer Chilton is originally from North Carolina and received his education at the University of North Carolina, Duke Divinity School and the Graduate Theological Foundation. He received his Lutheran training at the [Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary](#) in Columbia, S.C. Ordained in 1977, Delmer has served parishes in North Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Happy Birthday Gloria Stricker

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Judy Livingston, mother of Joe Livingston
- Family and Friends of Jim Graber

For Support

- Family member of Taylor Quinn
- Russell Coons, job stress, frustration and uncertainty
- Ava Macari (sister), Karen Macari (sister-in-law) and Barbara Sheridan (mom). Relatives of Melissa Macari-Coons. (Live in Fort Myers FL – Hurricane Ian)
- People of Ukraine
- John Ernst and Carol Black
- Linda and Mike Cheney
- All military personnel and their families

Health concerns

- Herman, heart attack, relative of Florence Grams
- Jacob, pancreas and kidney transplant, relative of Florence Grams
- Robert Burtness, blood cancer
- Bev Burtness
- Susan Wicklund, niece of Karen Froelich
- Barbara Sheridan, mother of Melissa Macari-Coons
- Ann Hove
- Jana Hecker, daughter-in-law of Jim and Sue Hecker
- Nancy Naig, health issues
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Yvonne Frandsen, cancer, aunt of Jennifer Stanley
- Linda Van Ryn, sever pain, friend of Karen Acers
- Conni Natwick, continued prayer for destruction of cancer
- Karen Acers
- Mary Schuldt
- Kim Gotzion, niece of Larry and Bonnie Swedal with breast cancer
- 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

Thank you for all your care and concern and prayers for our daughter-in-law Jana Hecker. She is now doing well at home and continuing her recovery with outpatient PT. Jim and Sue Hecker

SHARE YOUR PRAYER CONCERNS:

- Email linda@elkriverlutheran.org
- Fill out on your connection form
- Contact the church office at (763) 595-1216
- Fill out form on church website at elkriverlutheran.org

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

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

Daylight Savings Time Ends
(Clocks Fall Back 1 Hour)

All Saints Sunday

Mission Fest

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship
- 9:30am** Fellowship Hour
- 10:30am** Contemporary Worship

MONDAY

- 10:00am** Hospitality Meeting

TUESDAY

- 9:00am** Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)
- 10:00am** Moms Club of Otsego/Elk River (*Community Room and Youth/Nursery*)
- 6:00pm** Riverside Ringers (*Community Room*)

WEDNESDAY

- 3:00pm** Worship/Music Team (*Community Room*)
- 6:00pm** CYF Night

THURSDAY

- 6:00pm** Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

- 9:00am** Men's Breakfast (*Coborns, Elk River*)

SATURDAY

- 8:00am** Men's Bible Study (*Zoom Bible Study*)

NEXT SUNDAY

- 8:30am** Traditional Worship
- 9:30am** Fellowship Hour
- 10:30am** Contemporary Worship
- 5:30pm** Celebration Banquet

New Members

Sunday, Dec 4, 9:30 AM New Member Orientation
Sunday, Dec 11 New Member Sunday with Fellowship

Would you like to make Elk River Lutheran Church your faith community? We invite you to join us to learn more about the vision, history and ministries of Elk River Lutheran Church, and ways that you can find your place here. Join us this December for our new member orientation. To sign up, let us know on the connection form with your bulletin or send an email to linda@elkrivlutheran.org



HELP THE QUILTERS

SHEET DONATIONS NEEDED

ALL SIZES, FLAT OR FITTED SHEETS USED AS QUILT BACKS

**DROP OFF IN THE QUILTING ROOM
AT ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH**



FELLOWSHIP - LEARNING - FUN FOR ALL AGES

CYF NIGHTS

2ND WEDNESDAY / MONTH

November 9 & December 14

6:00 PM to 7:45 PM

Supper | Large Group Time | Small Groups

PRE-K W/ PARENTS
K-6TH GRADE
CONFIRMATION & HIGH SCHOOL
ADULTS

ELK RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Registration Ends TODAY



Start 8:30pm Nov 11th
End 7:30am Nov. 12th
Cost - \$55
Register by 11/6/22

Moonlight Madness

7--9th Grade Lock-Out

For Registration Visit: <https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/children-youth-and-family-ministry.html>

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Please Recycle Me!



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 Tithely 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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