

October 31, 2021 • 8:30am

Let's Make a Difference, Church!



**What's
Next?**



 **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). 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

	Sunday, October 31	Next Sunday, November 7
Greeters	Sharon Emerick	Les and Phyllis Ferguson
Ushers	Jerry and Marianne Jackson	Jim and Mary Ernhart
Scripture Reader	Linda Nielsen	Cedric Olson
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp		Vicki Simpson
Mid-Week Communion Fill:	Ryan Wolcneski	Vicki Simpson
PowerPoint Operator	Cale Stanley-Wornson	Hannah Boese
Soundboard Operator	Jennifer Stanley	Steve Boese

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

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

(#654) "The Church's One Foundation" v1, 3 & 5

Confession and Forgiveness (p. 94)

Song of Praise (p. 139)

"Lord, God Heavenly King"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:1-10

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Song of the Day

"A Mighty Fortress"

Featuring ERLC Choir with Lisa Griffin and Val Behling, piano

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed (p. 105)

Bidding Prayers

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy (p. 144)

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (p. 145)

Communion Hymns (p. 146)

"Lamb of God"

(#779) "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

(#515) "Break Now the Bread of Life"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Offering

Offertory Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Blessing of Congregation

Sending Hymn

(#840) "Now Thank We All Our God"

Sending Dialog

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SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

What's Next? Week 4
Make a Difference



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

- Bible Readings: Acts 2:44-47 and Acts 18:24-26.
- How would you define *individualism*? And where do you see individualism as a potential blind spot?
- Why was the movement from *me* to *we* so important to Jesus? For your family? For the church?
- Where is God calling you to make a difference through your church? What could it look like for you to make that movement from *me* to *we* in your life?
- What final reflections do you have on each of the "next steps" from this series? Do you find one more challenging than another? Why or why not?
 - Know God
 - Find Freedom
 - Discover Purpose
 - Make a Difference

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.



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

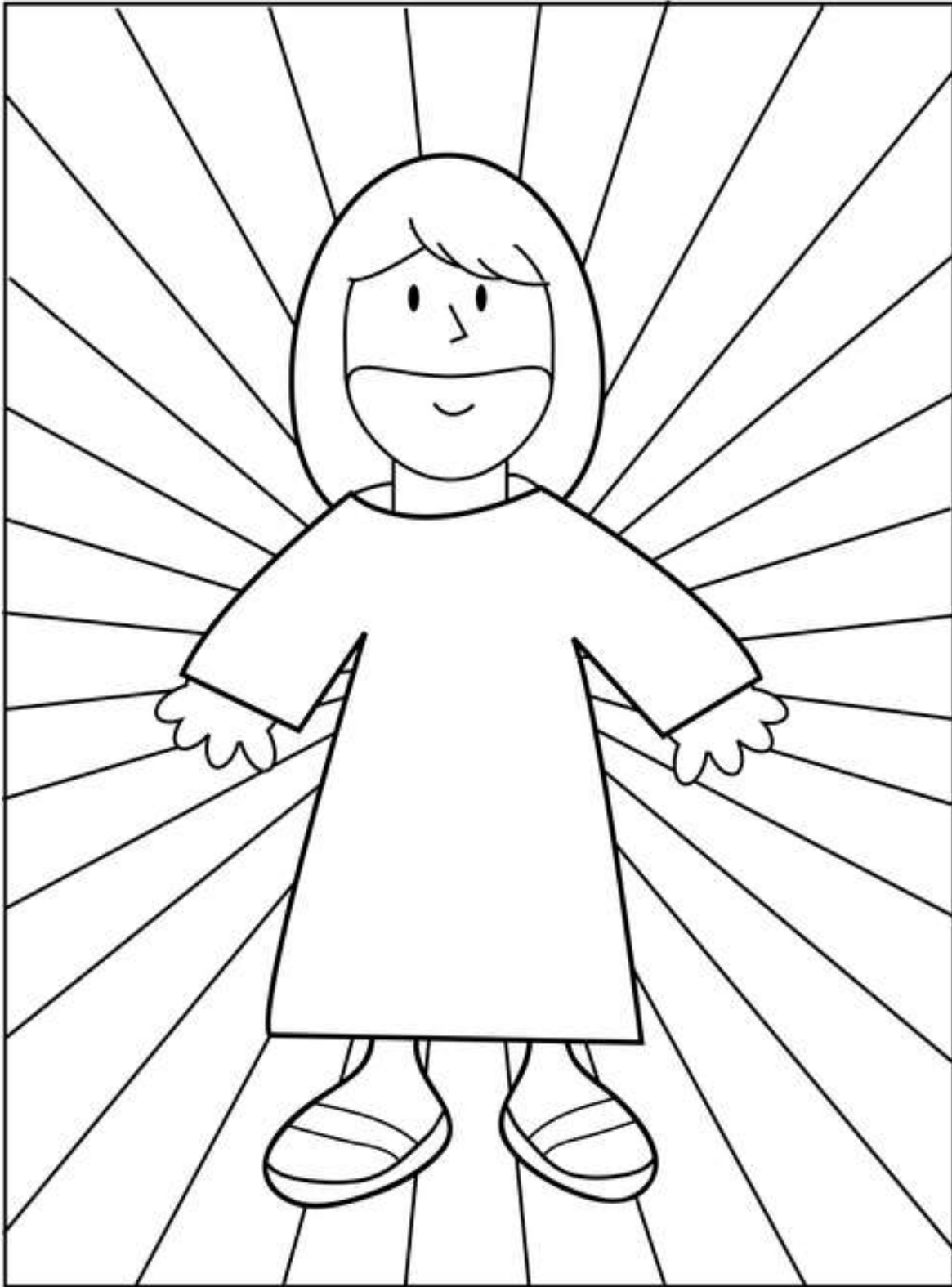
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

~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



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	DARKNESS	BELIEVE	HATES
LOVE	TRUTH	DEEDS	COME
LIGHT	PEOPLE	FEAR	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 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

SUNDAY October 31

Confirmation Sunday

8:30am – Traditional Worship Service

9:30am – Fellowship Hour

10:30am Contemporary Worship

9th 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



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

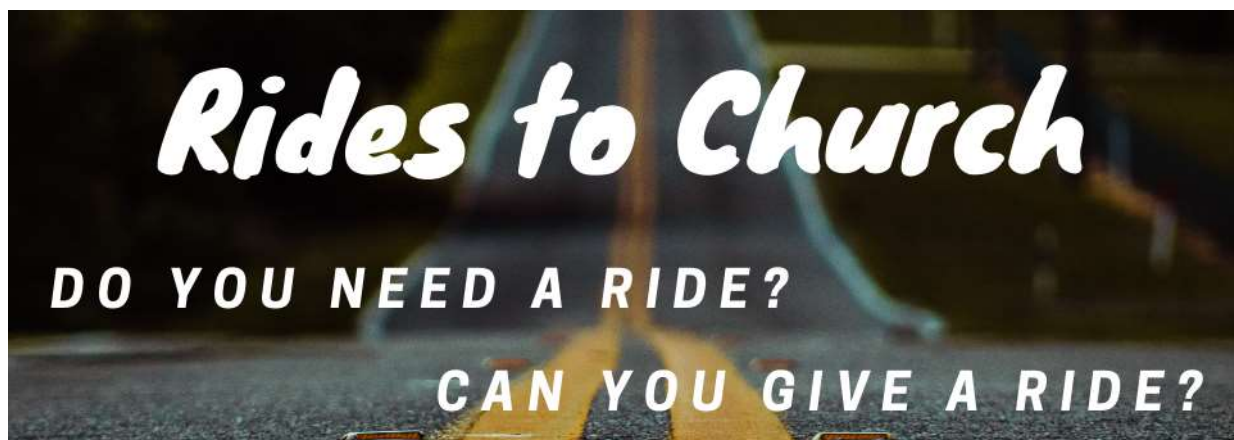
Online via
Facebook & YouTube

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 (scroll about 2/3 the way down to find them with the service links) If you have questions, please reach out to Jeremy Hallquist.

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

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5 Ways to Give

Mobile Giving Online Giving Text Giving Cash / Check Stock Donation

Find out more at 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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Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 am – 4 pm; Fri Closed