

November 7, 2021 • 8:30am
Generosity: It's Just What We Do



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, November 7	Next Sunday, November 14
Greeters	Les and Phyllis Ferguson	Chuck Hulse and Jane Houlton
Ushers	John and Debbie Campbell	Chuck and Nancy Naig
Scripture Reader	Cedric Olson	
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Vicki Simpson	Barb Burandt
Mid-Week Communion Fill:	Vicki Simpson	Jodi Rosati
PowerPoint Operator	Hannah Boese	Cale Stanley-Wornson
Soundboard Operator	Steve Boese	Jennifer Stanley

*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

(#689) "Praise and Thanksgiving"

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 1:3-14

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Song of the Day

"Bound for Glory"

featuring the Riverside Ringers, arranged by Tammy Waldrop

ERLC Volunteer Recognition

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"

(#423) "Shall We Gather at the River"

(#422) "For All the Saints" v1. 3. 4 & 5

Communion Blessing & Prayer

Offering

Offertory Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Blessing of Congregation

Sending Hymn

(#688) "Lord of Light" v1, 2 & 4

Sending Dialog

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DISCUSSION AND REFLECTION GUIDE

What's Next? Week 5

Generosity: It's Just What We Do



CONNECT

Reflect on your high and though from the week, and if you're with someone, share it. How can others pray for you this week?

GROW

- When you think about the statement "that's just what I do" in your own life, what examples come to mind?
- What thoughts or emotions do you have when you think about the topic of money? What about generosity?
- In what ways have your worries about wealth kept you from the life God wants for you?
- How does giving remind us of how much we've been given? *Bible readings on back.*
- How do we become people for whom generosity is something that we just do?

PRAY

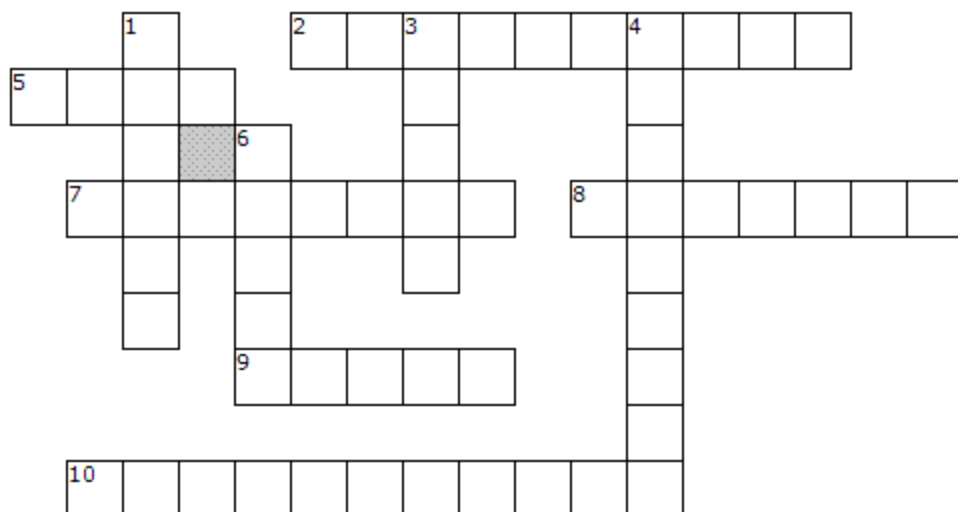
God of grace, we know you guide us and lead us in all that we do. Help us to discover what's next in our faith journey; to lead us closer to you. In your son's name, Amen.



He Has Chosen Us

His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. And this gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5 (NLT)

Based on Ephesians 1:3-14 (NIV)



ACROSS

2. Remaining the same
5. A proposed course of action
7. A considerate and thoughtful act
8. The ability to go wherever one chooses without restriction
9. To have confidence in someone or something; to depend on
10. Money or property left to children by their parents

DOWN

1. A group of persons consisting of one or two parents and their children
3. To have selected something from several possibilities
4. Assurance that something will be done as promised; to make certain
6. To take into one's family and raise as one's own child

GUARANTEE	FAMILY	TRUST	FREEDOM	UNCHANGING
INHERITANCE	PLAN	CHOSE	ADOPT	KINDNESS



Prayer Requests

Thanks for lifting these up in prayer!

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- 2021 ERLC Volunteers

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

Health concerns:

- 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



Pie Sunday

Sunday November 21th
In Between Services

*Sign up on sheet in the
fellowship hall.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

MONDAY November 8

10am Moms Club of Otsego/Elk River
(Fellowship Hall and Nursery)

TUESDAY November 9

9am – Quilting (ERLC Lower Level)
6pm – Riverside Ringers Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)
7pm – Building Committee
(Conference Room)

WEDNESDAY November 10

3pm – Worship & Music Team Meeting
(Community Room)
6:30pm – Confirmation/
HS Youth Group
6:30pm – Worship Band (Sanctuary)

THURSDAY November 11

10am – Genealogy Room
(Community Room)
6pm –Choir Rehearsal
(Sanctuary)

SATURDAY November 13

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

NEXT SUNDAY November 14

8:30am – Traditional Worship Service
9:30am – Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship
2pm –Pokemon League
(Community Room)
6pm – Beer & Hymns Online

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

Thank you! Thank you!

The ERLC Quilting ministry has recovered over \$210 for Lutheran World Relief to ship our quilts and backpacks to people in need. What a generous out pouring of support!

If you have some sheets or fabric that need a new home, please think of donating them to the quilting ministry. All are welcome to help us tie quilts or sew on Tuesday mornings.

~ The Quilters



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

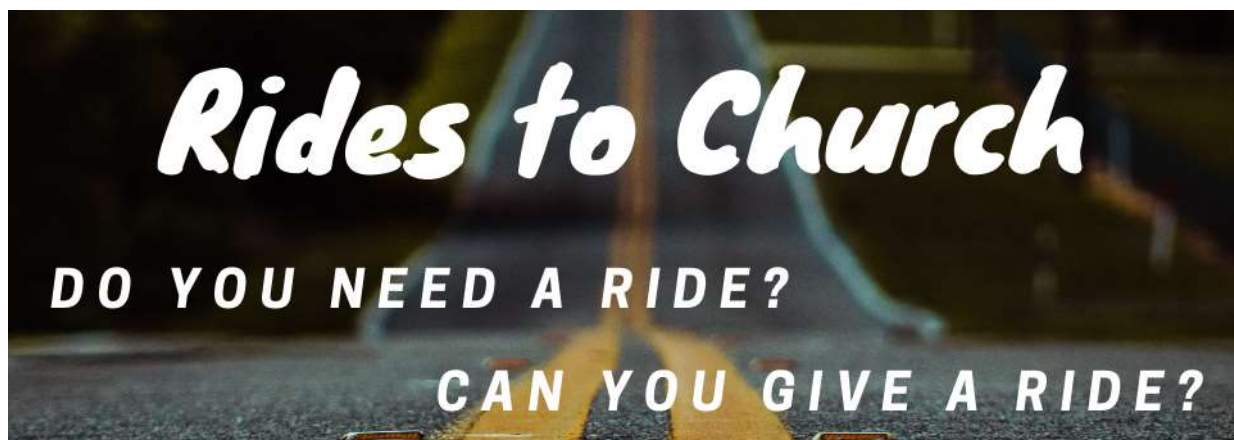
Online via
Facebook & YouTube

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.

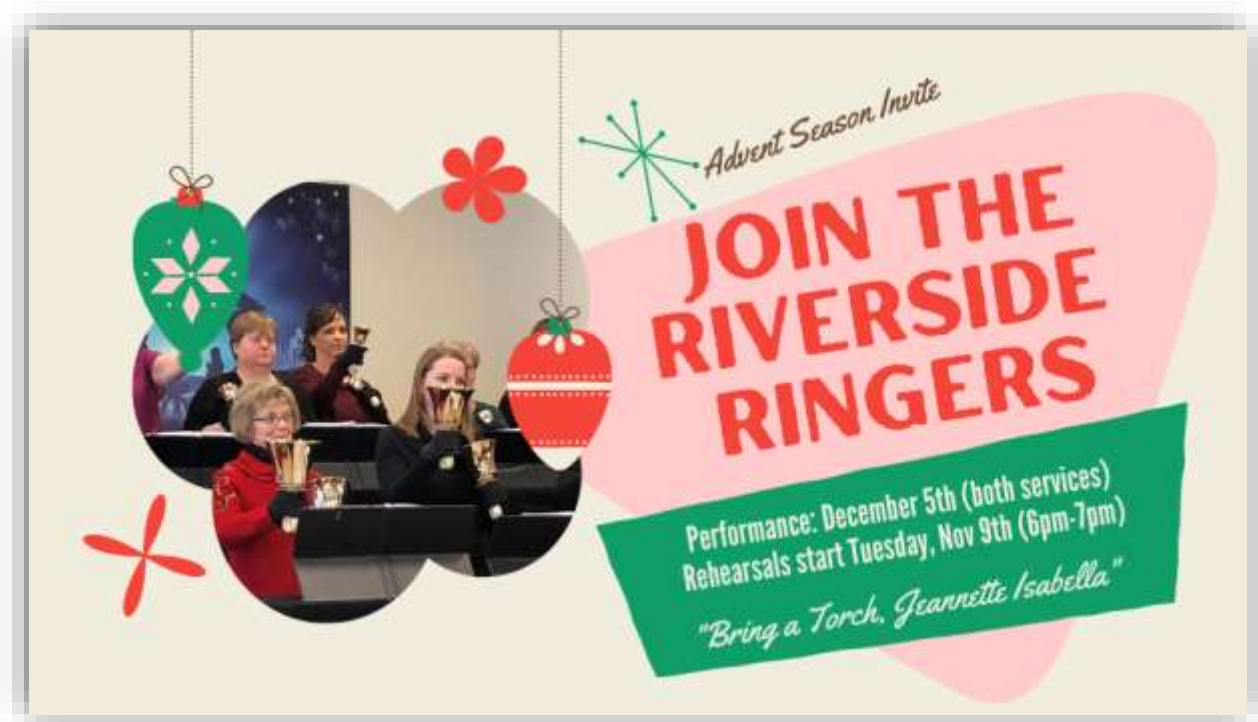
Thank you for your faithful flexibility as we do our best to love one another through this difficult time.

-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.

A logo for the "Do Not Be Afraid" program. It features a blue diamond shape with a yellow and blue geometric pattern inside. The text "DO NOT BE AFRAID" is written in white, stylized capital letters across the center of the diamond. The diamond is surrounded by yellow and blue dashed lines radiating outwards.

A Hybrid Christmas Program

December 19th, 2021: 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Join us for our hybrid (in-person and online) 2021 Christmas program. If you love to act, read, dress up in costume, or you want to see your kids up front, join us for this year's program! RSVP your interest to Jeremy ASAP!

Our 2021 Christmas program, "Do Not Be Afraid," will be **on December 19th** at both services. We are looking for students who are interested in taking parts for this year's program. We will be working to accommodate families who don't quite feel comfortable returning to worship by offering some video-recorded parts. We will also have plenty of opportunities for in-person participation as well. We are asking that families let Jeremy know my November 14th what their preference would be. You can email Jeremy at jeremy@elkriverlutheran.org or text 612-201-6382. Thanks for letting us know!

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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