

March 17, 2024 • 8:30am

Fifth Sunday of Lent



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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.

Please fill out the enclosed Connection Form slip and drop it in an offering plate to receive more information about Elk River Lutheran or share prayer concerns.

Things to know for the service today:

- **Bathrooms**, complete with changing tables for little ones, are located in the Fellowship Hall in the corner opposite of the main entrance.
- 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) by the entrance in the far corner of the fellowship hall.

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>

Worship Volunteers

	Sunday, March 17	Sunday, March 24
Greeters	Jenny Stanley and Jean Cook	Christy Boese and Dixie Rud
Ushers	Cale Stanley-Wornson and Michal Pruchnik	Paul Hovde and Herm Weidner
Scripture Reader	Cale Stanley-Wornson	
Communion Servers	Karen Acers and Kari Christianson	Jenny Stanley and Cale Stanley-Wornson
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp	Mary Barthel	Paula Rose
Communion Steward	Dale Ziner	Vicki Simpson
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jana Lundquist	Shirley Schmidt
PowerPoint Operator	Audrey Horner	Sarah Auel
Soundboard Operator	Emily Rotz	John Auel
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

Gathering Hymn

(#723) "Canticle of Turning" v1-3

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise (p 139)

"Lord God, Heavenly King"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

John 3:14-21

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Hymn of the Day

(#323) "God Loved the World"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Offering

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy (p 144)

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns

(#334) "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"

(#715) "Christ, Be Our Light"

(#793) "Be Thou My Vision"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

"We Shall Go Out with Hope of Resurrection"

Sending Dialog

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Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Carol Roden's knee replacement surgery went great on 3/5. Discharged the same day and up walking! Thank you to everyone for your support and prayers. God is so very good!
- Prayers of Thanksgiving to the sheriff and passersby who helped when I had truck issues on Saturday

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Carol L Naig, sister-in-law of Chuck and Nancy Naig
- Family and Friends of Gary Gibbons

For Support

- Ron and Kathie Nielsen, Pete Nielsen's parents
- Robin Skeie, cousin of Diana Schansberg
- Carol Secrist, shingles in eyes, sister of Donna Mathison

Health concerns

- Mary Wells, in hospice
- Denita Lemmon, bone cancer. (daughter of Betty Lemmon)
- Doug Stam, friend of Tom & Marilyn Miller, 3/15 heart surgery
- A dear friend of Linda Niemeyer's has 3 little ones who have been running fevers and now the youngest needs to be put under to have his esophagus checked.
- Mary Brown, Pr Anne and Chris Brown's mother
- Friend of Jim and Vicki Simpson with recently found cancer
- Sharee Kampa, serious back and neck problems (surgery last May failed). Daughter of Carol Black
- Kathy, recovery from shoulder surgery, daughter of Elsie Provencher
- Fonda Whalen, dementia
- Rollie Boll
- John Severson
- Garnet Novotny - cancer
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Marie Abrahamsson, cancer, Pauline Kuhn's cousin
- Linda Retel, ongoing treatment for inoperable brain cancer (friend of Pauline Kuhn)
- Diane Harding, ALS diagnosis
- Brian Harding
- Nancy Naig
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde

Share Your Prayer Concerns:

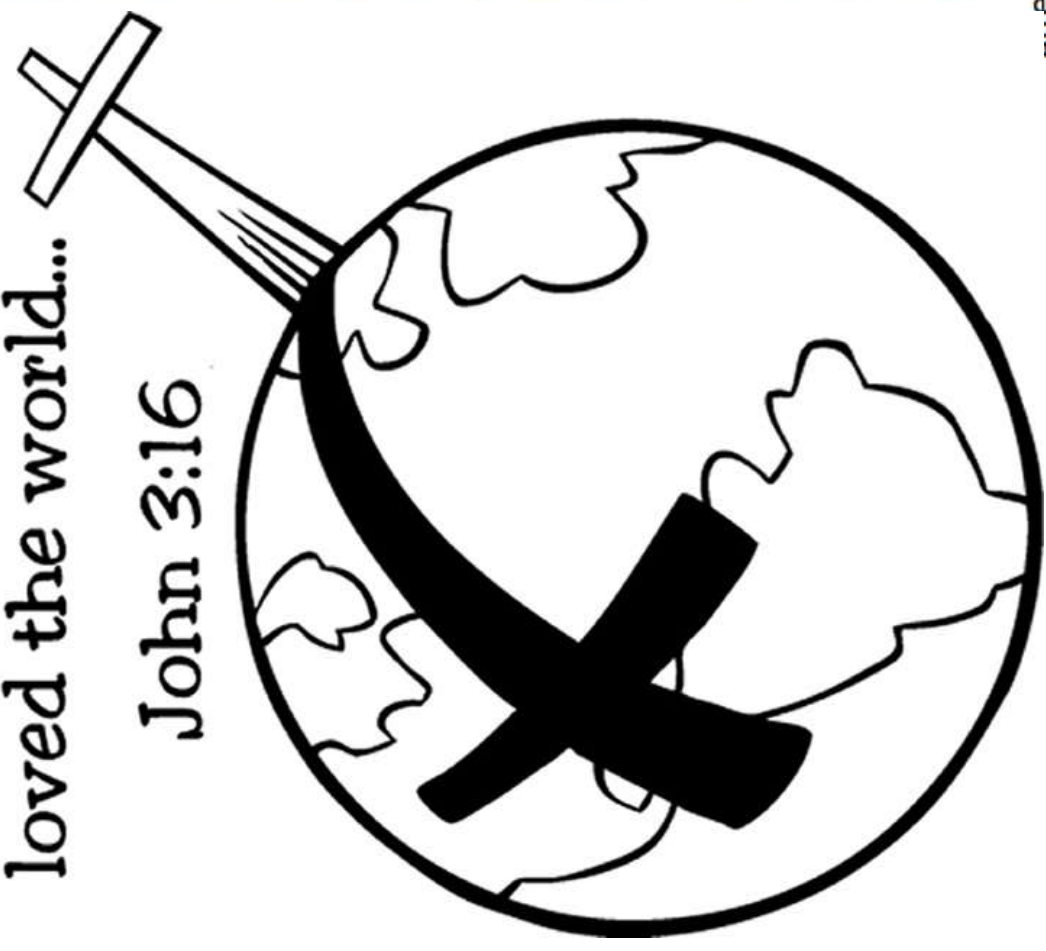
- Email linda@elkriverlutheran.org
- Fill out on your connection form
- Contact the church office at (763) 595-1216
- Fill out form on church website at elkriverlutheran.org

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

For God so

loved the world...

John 3:16



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- Altered
- Preached
- Love
- Joseph
- Abraham
- Pentecost
- God's Text
- Arc
- Forgiveness
- Sarah
- Spirit
- Creativity
- Lens
- World
- Brothers
- Vision
- Gospel
- John Plan
- Creation
- Commitment
- Blessing

News & Opportunities



Women's Monthly Bible Study - March 18 @ 6:30pm

This group follows the Women's ELCA magazine "GATHER". This month's study is entitled "Rivers: Springs of Life and Hope" and is by Rev. Sara Olson-Smith. The group meets the 3rd Monday of the Month at 6:30pm in the Lower Level Quilting Room. All are welcome.



Last Dinner Church This Wednesday at 6pm

Join us for our last Dinner Church of the season. You'll probably want to arrive ten to fifteen minutes early and find some people to sit with.

1st Communion. March 20th during Dinner Church

First Communion Service will be Wednesday, March 20th during Dinner Church



Worship Volunteers Needed

1st Communion Dinner Church 3/20; Maundy Thurs 3/28; Good Fri 3/29

Please visit elkriverlutheran.org for available slots for weekday Lenten Worship services such as First Communion during Dinner Church, Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Thank you!

HOLY WEEK



This Week at Elk River Lutheran

SUNDAY

Easter Flower Orders Due

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect
11:30am First Communion Instruction
12:30pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal

MONDAY

6:30pm Grief Group: A Journey Through Loss
(Community Room, Lower Level)
6:30pm Women's Monthly Bible Study *(Quilting Room)*

TUESDAY

9:00am Quilting *(Lower Level Quilting Room)*
Mission Quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief. All skill levels welcome.
10:00am Text Study *(Lower Level Community Room)* *Studying the bible text for the upcoming Sunday Worship along with the preaching pastor. All are welcome. Come once or come every week*
6:00pm Riverside Ringers Rehearsal
6:30pm Church Council
7:00pm AA Meeting *(Community Room)*

WEDNESDAY

6:00pm Dinner Church with First Communion

THURSDAY

10:00am Worship at GA Riverview Landing
4:30pm Generosity Team
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

9:00am Women's Coffee *(Panera, Elk River)*
9:00am Men's Breakfast *(Coborns, Elk River)*
6:00pm Club 4-5-6

SATURDAY

8:00am Men's Bible Study *(Zoom Bible Study)*
Find a link at:
<https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>
9:00am Dress/Tech Rehearsal for Palm Sunday Program

NEXT SUNDAY

Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

8:30am Traditional Worship
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship
1:00pm Instrumental Ensemble Rehearsal



Club 456 on Friday March 22nd from 6-8pm

Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 come join us for a night of games, food and fun! All friends are welcome too. Pizza dinner provided. Need 2-3 parents to help chaperone. Please let Pastor Anne know if you can help or if your student can attend.



Are you our next New Member?..Join Our Church!

To do so, we ask that you attend a New Member Orientation Class and complete our new member forms found at the top of elkriverlutheran.org/forms. To sign up, let us know on the connection form with your bulletin or send an email to linda@elkriverlutheran.org. Sunday, **April 21st** at 9:30am: *New Member Orientation*; Sunday, **April 28th** *New Member Sunday with Fellowship (choose the worship service that works for you)*

Meet the Staff

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Tom Werk

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Matt Glasoe

Amy Anderson

Zoey Day

Sue Hales

Kelli Horner

Conni Natwick

Jeff Schrock

Confirmation Links



Confirmation Worship
Notes Form



Confirmation Volunteer
Form

2023 Year End Giving Statements were emailed out to 2023 Givers on Thursday January 18th in the afternoon. It was only emailed to one member of the household. Check your spam/junk folder if you cannot find it. It came from linda@elkriverlutheran.org

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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Church Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 am – 4 pm; Fri Closed