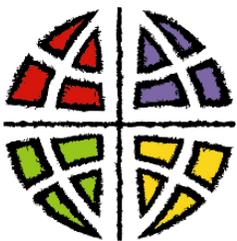


May 23, 2021 • 9:30am
God, Is My Faith Enough?



 **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 Drive-In 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.

Our worship services include many elements of traditional Lutheran worship, like favorite hymns, liturgy, and celebrating Holy Communion every week (so if you're joining us online, have bread and wine or grape juice and crackers ready). We also incorporate more modern elements like contemporary music, sermons that help connect faith to everyday life, engaging conversation, and a relaxed, friendly atmosphere.

We hope and pray you have a wonderful worship experience here today and invite you to join us again. If this is your first time visiting, or you have updated contact information, fill out our connection form here: <https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/im-new-here.html>

4 Ways to Attend Worship

Sundays at 9:30 am

ONLINE OPTIONS



Watch Live



Watch Later

IN PERSON OPTIONS



In Vehicle



In Lawn Chair

Find out more at elkriverlutheran.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

OPENING SONG: “We’ve Come This Far By Faith”

ELW #633

REFRAIN (All)

**We've come this far by faith,
leaning on the Lord;
trusting in his holy word,
he's never failed us yet.
Oh, can't turn around,
we've come this far by faith.
We've come this far by faith.**

REFRAIN

VERSE 2 (Leader)

Don't be discouraged
with trouble in your life;
he'll bear your burdens,
and move all the discord and strife.
Oh!

VERSE 1 (Leader)

Just remember
the good things God has done,
things that seemed impossible;
oh, praise him for the vict'ries he has won.
Oh!

REFRAIN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

O God, we strive to always arrive at the next thing, the next stage in life, the next achievement, or the next goal. Like impatient children, we continually ask, are we there yet, missing out on the journey. Give us faith, trusting in your promise that we are where you have called us to be, knowing that you are leading us. May we find peace in the journey through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵ even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹ not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SERMON

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

SONG OF THE DAY: “Into Faith I Go” featuring Ron Sass and Taylor Quinn

BLESSING OF THE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2021

*Faith Dahlheimer
Gabe Livingston*

Dear Friends in Christ, there was a day when your parents held you in their arms and rocked you to sleep. They cuddled you in a blanket to keep you warm, safe, and comforted. Very soon you will be launching a new adventure, a new phase in your journey. As you go out into the world, may this quilt be a reminder of your parents' love and the nurture of this Christian community. Wherever you go, when the night is cold and you feel alone, may it help you remember that you are never alone and always loved.

As a congregation, I ask you to covenant for the ongoing support of these graduating seniors as they celebrate this milestone and move forward in faith into this new phase of life. Will you routinely lift them up and their fellow graduates in prayer?

If so say we will and we ask God to help and guide us.
We will, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us celebrate with the graduating class of 2021

THANK YOU Elk River Lutheran Church Quilters for all your time, energy, and love that went into these special gifts.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;
who in dying has destroyed death,
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.
And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection,
with earth and sea and all their creatures,
and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY LORD, GOD OF HOSTS

from the *Chicago Folk Service*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Hosts.
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to you, O Lord most high.**

**Blest is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Blest is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosannah in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION SONG (Drive-In): "Ocean (Where Feet May Fail)"

CHORUS

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves.
When oceans rise,
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine.

VERSE 1

You call me out upon the waters,
The great unknown where feet may fail.
And there I find You in the myst'ry,
In oceans deep, my faith will stand.

CHORUS

VERSE 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters,
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide.
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me,
You've never failed and You won't start
now.

CHORUS

BRIDGE

Spirit lead me where my trust is without
borders,
Let me know walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me.
Take me deeper than my feet
could ever wander
And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour. (Repeat)

CHORUS 2

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves.
My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine.

OFFERING

A graphic titled "5 Ways to Give" with a dark grey background. It features five icons in a row, each with a small heart icon in the top right corner. Below each icon is a label: "Mobile Giving" (smartphone), "Online Giving" (laptop), "Text Giving" (speech bubble), "Cash / Check" (check), and "Stock Donation" (bar chart with dollar sign). At the bottom, it says "Find out more at www.elkriverlutheran.org/give".

Blessed are you, O God, ruler of heaven and earth. Day by day you shower us with blessings. As you have raised us to new life in Christ, give us glad and generous hearts, ready to praise you and to respond to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

SENDING BLESSING

VERSE 1

How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in Christ Jesus, the Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said
who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?

VERSE 2

"Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you,
and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

VERSE 3

"When through fiery trials
your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume
and your gold to refine."

VERSE 4

"Throughout all their lifetime
my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and then, when gray hairs
shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still
in my bosom be borne."

SENDING

"Go in peace, share the good news
"We will, thanks be to God!"

Please fill out the **Connection Form** to let
us know you were here and any
needs/prayer requests you may have.

Found on the web at elkriverlutheran.org

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a future worship service,
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Class of 2021

Congratulations graduates!

Colin Bedbury

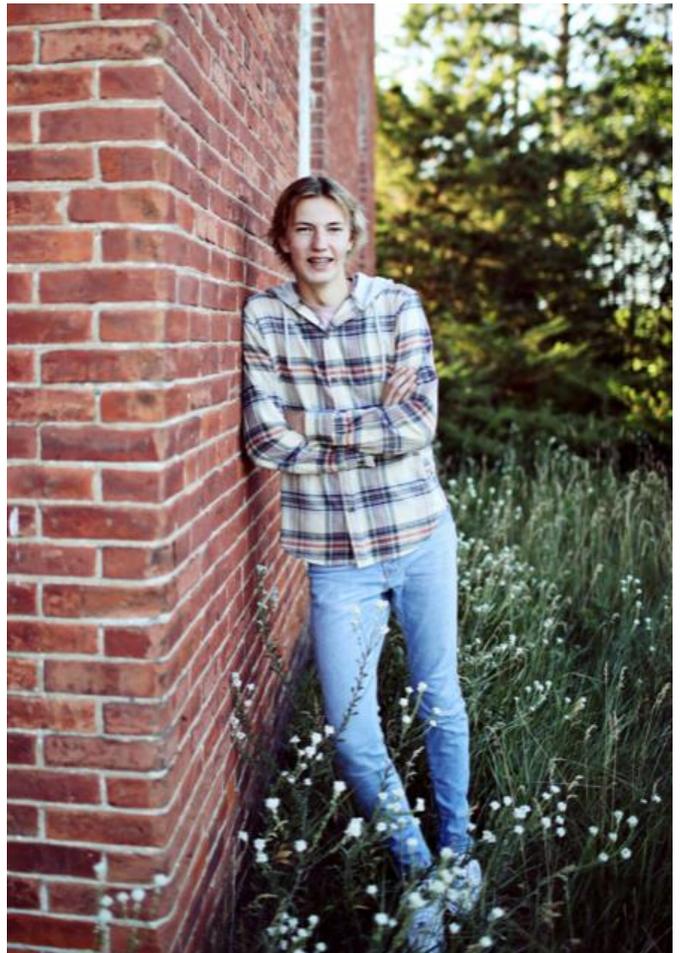
Parents: Sarah and John Auel

Siblings: Katie Bedbury and Erin Auel

Graduating from: Elk River High School

Interests: Cross-Country, Track, Swimming. All-Conference in Swimming 2020-22021. Won the Gold-Key Award for pottery and a photo of his winning piece is on display in the ISD District Office.

Future Plans: Colin will be attending the University of Minnesota – Duluth in the fall.



Faith Dahlheimer

Parents: James and Jodie Dahlheimer

Siblings: Jake and Luke

Graduating from: Elk River High School

Interests: Volleyball, AVID, Working at State Farm, and hanging out with friends

Favorite Memory at ERLC: I loved attending Bible Camp with my Confirmation Class.

Future Plans: Model College of Hair Design
St. Cloud MN in June



Gabe Livingston

Parents: Joe and Kerry Livingston

Siblings: Sarah, Michael, and Grace

Graduating from: Elk River High School

Interests: Marching Band, Math Team, Gather Leader
– LGBTQ+ group at ERLC

Favorite Memory: Leading Gather with Sonja Tesdahl
creating a safe and supportive place for other LGBTQ+
people.

Future Plans: University of Minnesota, possibly in
Biomedical Engineering



Prayer Requests

Thanks for lifting these up in prayer!

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Our 2021 Graduating Seniors
 - Colin Bedbury
 - Faith Dahlheimer
 - Gabe Livingston

For Support:

- Country of India as well as the family of Arthi (friends of Paula Donnelly)
- Janet Van Ryn
- Nick and Rachel Brisson, friends of Taylor Quinn
- John Ernst and Carol Black
- Linda and Mike Cheney
- Jan Bucher
- All military personnel and their families

In Sympathy

- Family and friends of Delphine Dietz
- Family and friends of Sean-David Doyle, friend of Linda Nielsen
- Family and friends of Sylvia Rasmussen Lemke, mother of Marty Lemke
- Family and friends of Sonja Johnson, cousin of Dale Ziner

Health concerns:

- Margaret Blahosky, cancer in one of her lungs and her liver. Friend of Donn and Vicki Granros
- Laura Sullivan for a successful knee replacement surgery May 14 after first one didn't go well (sister of Martha Hippe)
- Richard Bourque, father of Karen Rupprecht - friend of the Nielsens
- Linda Van Ryn
- Steve Lindberg
- Don Saterbak in hospice, father of Diane Harding
- Ryan Snelling, Pat Kyro's friend's son (COVID, off ventilator and in rehab)
- Elvi Peterson
- Carol Sindelir
- Diane McGrath, pancreatic cancer
- Mike Cheney, continued healing from stroke
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Duane Jerde
- Erich VanRyn, in hospice

Prayer Concerns: can be shared by emailing linda@elkrivrlutheran.org or by contacting the church office at (763) 595-1216, or by visiting the church website at elkrivrlutheran.org

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY May 23 **Graduating Senior Sunday**

9:30am – Worship Service
(Drive-In and Online)
10:30 – First Communion
Time with Pastor Nathan

MONDAY May 24
6pm – Riverside Ringers

TUESDAY May 25
9am – Quilting (ERLC Basement)

SATURDAY May 29
8am - Men's Bible Study
(Zoom Bible Study)

NEXT SUNDAY May 30
9:30am – Worship Service
(Drive-In and Online)
6:30pm – Final Gen to Rev Bible Study
(Zoom)

NEXT MONDAY May 31
Memorial Day
Church Office Closed for the Holiday

Genesis to Revelations

Sunday May 30 @ 6:30pm

Revelation is one of those books that for centuries has confounded people. Is it an accurate depiction of the end times, or a made-up tale like the Odessey? Join us for an exploratory dive into this book and its purpose

Join us at <https://zoom.us/j/733768254>

Men's Bible Study

Saturday mornings at 8am
Meeting on Zoom

Find the link at elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html

Are you interested in Playing Handbells?
Then join us for the...

RIVERSIDE RINGERS DINNER ON THE DECK

May 24th at 6pm

Join ERLC's handbell choir for a casual dinner on the Church's Deck. Bring your own food and catch up with old & new friends. Later, we'll go inside for a little bit of rinaina.



Camp Dates

High School Camp

July 11 - 14

Middle School Camp

July 18 - July 21

Cost

\$260

Location

Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN

Questions?

Contact Lisa

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Perhaps Too Much Fun

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