

May 21, 2023 • 9:30am
In the Neighborhood

STOP

GOING TO

CHURCH.

BE THE CHURCH.



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, May 21	Next Sunday, May 28 8:30am	Next Sunday, May 28 10:30am
Greeters		Bob and Sandy Krumweide	Anne Popovich
Ushers	Rick Bock, John and Debbie Campbell, Jenny Stanley	Renee Thurmer and Herm Weidner	
Scripture Reader	Babs Armagost	Vicki Granros	Linda Campbell
Communion Server		Milo and Kari Christianson	Debby Pouliot
Sunday Morning Communion Setup/ CleanUp			
Mid-Week Communion Fill:			
PowerPoint Operator	Nick Campbell		
Soundboard Operator	Emily Rotz		
Switcher Operator	Nick Campbell	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

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WELCOME

GATHERING SONG

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

VERSE

I will call upon the Lord
Who is worthy to be praised
So shall I be saved from my enemies
I will call upon the Lord

CHORUS

The Lord liveth
And blessed be the Rock
And may the God of our salvation
be exalted

VERSE

CHORUS (2X)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit
Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

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.

SONG OF PRAISE:

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

VERSE 1

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind but now I see.**

CHORUS (2X)

**My chains are gone.
I've been set free,
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
Unending love, amazing grace.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray,

Holy God, we give thanks for this church building and this time together in worship, but help us to BE the Church, always living out this life of faith, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

THE WORD OF GOD PROCLAIMED

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4:11-19

¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *“In the Neighborhood”*

Pastor Anne Mugaas

HYMN OF THE DAY

“God of Justice, Love and Mercy”

VERSE 1

**God of justice, love, and mercy
Pour your wisdom on our souls;
By your all-sustaining power
Keep our spirits strong and whole.**

**Lift our eyes to see your vision
Of a world in urgent need;
Grant us courage, then, to follow.
Bringing comfort with each deed.**

VERSE 2

**God of justice, love, and mercy
With compassion let us care;
As we come in humble weakness,
May your strength be ours to share.**

**Press our hearts to know the struggle
Of the ones we cannot see;
Brothers, sisters, all who suffer,
May Your kindness set them free.**

VERSE 3

**God of justice, love, and mercy,
Send us out and make us bold.
As we strive for your high calling,
Let our hands your mercies hold.**

**You have blessed us with abundance,
Gifts to share with those in need;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
May we follow as You lead.**

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Gifts to share with those in need;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
May we follow as You lead.**

SHARING & RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF GOD

BIDDING PRAYER

**Lord, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

**The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.**

OFFERING

**“Shout to the Lord”
arr. by Jack Schader
featuring the ERLC Choir and Lisa Griffin**

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray,

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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...

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

(#413) "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty" v1

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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 INVITATION

You are invited to join in Holy Communion.

Children are welcomed to receive communion or a blessing.

Gluten free wafers available.

Both wine (red) and grape juice (white) are available.

LAMB OF GOD

(#336) *"Lamb of God"*

VERSE 1

Your only Son, no sin to hide,
But you have sent him from your side
To walk upon this guilty sod
And to become the Lamb of God.

REFRAIN

O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God,
I love the holy Lamb of God.
Oh, wash me in your precious blood,
My Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

VERSE 2

Your gift of love we crucified.
We laughed and scorned him
as he died.
The humble king we named a fraud
And sacrificed the Lamb of God.

REFRAIN

VERSE 3

I was so lost, I should have died,
But you have brought me to your side
To be led by your staff and rod
And to be called a lamb of God.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

Amen.

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING OF CONGREGATION

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Amen.

SENDING SONG

"People in Your Neighborhood"

CHORUS 1

Oh, who are the people
in your neighborhood?
In your neighborhood?
In your neighborhood?
Say, who are the people
in your neighborhood?
The people that you meet each day

VERSE 1

Oh, the postman always
brings the mail
Through rain or snow or sleet or hail
They'll work and work
the whole day through
To get your letters safe to you

CHORUS 2

**'Cause a postman is a person
in your neighborhood
In your neighborhood
They're in your neighborhood
A postman is a person
in your neighborhood
A person that you meet each day**

VERSE 2

**Oh, a fireman is brave it's said
Their engine is shiny red
If there's a fire anywhere about
Well, they'll be sure to put it out**

CHORUS 3

**'Cause a fireman is a person
in your neighborhood
In your neighborhood
They're in your neighborhood
A fireman is a person
in your neighborhood
A person that you meet each day**

VERSE 4

**A teacher works the whole day
through
To teach important things to you
They'll teach you things
you won't forget
Like numbers and the alphabet**

CHORUS 5

**'Cause a teacher is a person
in your neighborhood
In your neighborhood
They're in your neighborhood
A teacher is a person
in your neighborhood
A person that you meet each day**

CHORUS 7

**These are the people
in your neighborhood
In your neighborhood
In your neighborhood**

**Yes, these are the people
in your neighborhood
They're the people that you meet
When you're walking down the street;
They're the people that you
meet each day.**

SENDING DIALOG

**Go in peace. Share the Good News!
We will! Thanks be to God.**

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PRAYER REQUESTS

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- Vivian and James Ayres celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary on May 26, 2023!

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Pr Robert Bergland, brother-in-law of Dorothy Westrum
- Family and Friends of Curt, brother of Rita Jenkins

For Support

- Ron and Kathie Nielsen, parents of Pete Nielsen

Health concerns

- Blair, Cancer
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Ron Stricker, has completed 4 rounds of Chemo Therapy. CT scan is scheduled for May 1.
- Tom Lund, nephew of Deb Pouliot, stage 4 brain cancer
- Mary Wells, pancreatic cancer
- Anne S. friend of Mike and Linda Quam, completed radiation, ongoing chemo for spread of brain & bone cancer
- Linda Campbell's sister Bonnie and her partner Richard who was diagnosed with cancer and receiving treatments for next 4-6 months
- Renee Anderson, bone cancer, Vicki Sackmeister's sister
- Art Johnson, pulmonary fibrosis
- Nancy Naig
- Yvonne Frandsen, cancer, aunt of Jennifer Stanley
- Conni Natwick, complete healing from cancer, successful surgery and radiation therapy
- Steve Lindberg
- 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

Connect all of God's children together to make a chain of storytellers. Mark each person with the sign of the cross. We can all share God's love!



1 John 4: 11-19

M K B W P V H W N P U N E V O L T C E F R E P X
 S O N O F G O D O N N W R T Z B W G Y D S O Q J
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 G O W Y A H V B P R A Q P K H O Q C X Z C E T G
 E Y C C N V W D O F N H S U Y R X N W H N O S I

Beloved	God	Loved	One Another
Abides	Perfected	Spirit	Father
Son	Savior	World	Confess
Son of God	Believe	God is Love	Boldness
Day of Judgement	No Fear in Love	Perfect Love	Punishment
We Love Because	He First Loved Us		

WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY

9:30am Joint Outdoor Worship Service
11am-1pm Downtown Block Party

MONDAY

6:30pm Church Council
6:30pm Worship Band Rehearsal

TUESDAY

9:00am Quilting (*Lower Level Quilting Room*)
10:00am Text Study – Optional Fellowship Time starting at 9:30am (*Lower Level Community Room*)
5:00pm Stewardship/Genealogy Team Meeting
6:00pm Riverside Ringers Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY

3:00pm Worship/Music Team Meeting

THURSDAY

10:00am Mailing Assembly for ERLC Current
6:00pm Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

9:00am Women's Coffee (*Panera, Elk River*)
9:00am Men's Breakfast (*Coborns, Elk River*)

SATURDAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY *Pentecost Sunday*

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

SMALL GROUPS

ERLC Quilting Group

Tuesdays @ 9AM
Lower Level at Church

Mission Quilts are made for Lutheran World Relief.
All skill levels welcome.

Text Study

Tuesdays @ 10AM
(Optional Fellowship @9:30AM)
Meeting in the 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

Men's Breakfast

Fridays @ 9AM
Coborns, Elk River
Food – Fellowship

Women's Coffee

Fridays @ 9AM
Panera, Elk River
Coffee – Food – Fellowship

Men's Bible Study

Saturdays @ 8AM
On Zoom

Find a link at
<https://www.elkriverlutheran.org/adult-ministries.html>

Genealogy Group

1st Thursday of the Month
10AM – 12 Noon
2nd Floor Conference Room

All are welcome even if you haven't joined before.
Meeting begins by sharing what each are working on, discoveries, questions, roadblocks and family stories.

Women's Monthly Bible Study

3rd Monday of the Month
6:30PM
Lower Level at the Church

This group follows the Bible Studies of the
Women's ELCA magazine Gather.

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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 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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