

**April 5, 2026**  
8:00am – 9:30am – 11:00am

# EASTER

## Longing for New Life?

UNBOUND  
*Longing for Wholeness*

### **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](http://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:**

- **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.
- **Assisted Listening Devices** are available. Please contact the Media Booth

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.elkrivlutheran.org>



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

8:00am – 9:30am – 11:00am

## ***The Gathering of God's People***

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Music

**(#365) "Jesus Christ is Risen Today" v1, 2 & 4**

Confession and Forgiveness (8:00 & 9:30 services)

Baptism (11:00 service)

*Harrison Vu Lalum*

## ***The Word of God Proclaimed***

Prayer of the Day

Children's Sermon

Scripture Readings

John 20:1-18

Sermon

*Pastor Nathan Mugaas*

Hymn of the Day

**(#376) "Thine is the Glory"**

## ***Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God***

Offering

*"Jesus Shall Reign" (8:00 service)*

*"Day of Resurrection" (9:30 service)*

*"I Know that My Redeemer Lives" (11:00 service)*

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

**(#413) "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord" v1**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns

**"In Christ Alone"**

**ACS #939 "Touch That Soothes and Heals" *see Insert***

Communion Blessing & Prayer

## ***The Sending of God's People***

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

**(#660) "Lift High the Cross" v1 & 4 (8:00 service)**

**"Hallelujah Chorus" *see Insert* (9:30 service)**

**"Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed" (11:00 service)**

Sending Dialog

# Touch That Soothes and Heals

## *See My Hands and Feet*



1 Touch that soothes and heals the hurt - ing, hands that  
2 Feed the hun - gry, clothe the na - ked, vis - it  
3 Love and serve with - out dis - tinc - tion all earth's  
4 Hands that beck - on lit - tle chil - dren, bind a



break a loaf of bread; steps that walk be - side the  
ones in need of care, give the home - less warmth and  
peo - ple, first and least. Know with - in each act of  
wound, pre - pare a meal, feet that rush to share good



wea - ry, bear - ing bur - dens in their stead:  
shel - ter: Christ will find a wel - come there.  
kind - ness hope and whole - ness are in - creased.  
tid - ings, Christ a - ris - en, still re - veal.

### *Refrain*



"See my hands and feet," said Je - sus, love a - ris - en from the



grave. "Be my hands and feet," said Je - sus, "live as



ones I died to save."

Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953

Music: CIVILITY, Gregg DeMey, b. 1972

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# Hallelujah Chorus

CONGREGATION PART

Revelation 19:6; 11:15; 19:16

MESSIAH

George Frideric Handel (1685-1750)

Setting by HAL H. HOPSON

Introduction

(Keyboard) *f* CONGREGATION (Unison voices)  
Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

6  
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal -

11  
le - lu - jah! *mf* for the Lord God Om - nip - o - tent reign - eth. *f* Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

16  
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! *mf* for the Lord God Om - nip - o - tent reign - eth. *f* Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

21  
lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! *mf* For the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. Hallelujah. *f* The Kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.

28  
King of Kings, \_\_\_\_\_ and Lord of Lords, \_\_\_\_\_ King of Kings, \_\_\_\_\_

35  
and Lord of Lords, \_\_\_\_\_ King of Kings, \_\_\_\_\_ and Lord of Lords, \_\_\_\_\_

42  
\_\_\_\_\_ and Lord of Lords, \_\_\_\_\_ and He shall reign for ever and ever, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hallelujah, King of Kings, and Lord of

49  
Lords, King of Kings, and Lord of Lords, \_\_\_\_\_ and He shall reign for ev - er and ev - er. King of

56  
Kings, and Lord of Lords, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah!

# *Easter Flowers*

## *Memorials and Honorariums*

*Thank you to those that donated flowers to help decorate our Sanctuary this **Faster**.*

**Pick up Easter flowers after the 11am service or during office hours this week.**

In Honor of 4 lovely grandchildren	Don & Patsy Anundsen
In Memory of Bob & Marian Barthel	Mary & John Barthel
In Memory of Fritz & Joan Markfort	Mary & John Barthel
In Honor of Heidi's niece	Eric & Heidi Becker
In Memory of Gary & Becky Becker	Eric & Heidi Becker
	Valerie & Chuck Behling
In Memory of Ed & Shirley Bock, Tony & Dorothy Renner	Rick & Nancy Bock
In Memory of Todd Bucholz	Diana Schansberg & Steve Bucholz
In Memory of John & Doris Campbell	Debbie Campbell
In Memory of Louie & Wilma Helfrich	Debbie Campbell
In Honor of Family	Jane Cazett
In Memory of Our Families	Larry & Jean Cook
In Honor of sons Perry & Keith	Hartley & Kathy Dahl
	Jane Domeier
In Memory of Harriet & Bud Eckland (Paula's Parents)	Paula & Megg Donnelly
In Memory of Pat Donnelly	Paula & Megg Donnelly
In Memory of Rosse & Wally Bachtle, Pat's Twin Sister & Husband)	Paula & Megg Donnelly
In Honor of Denise & Terry Tovsen	Pete & Sara Donnelly
In Memory of Marylin Ball & May Brown	Pete & Sara Donnelly
In Memory of Grandson Riley	Sharon Emerick
In Memory of Parents Ervin and Ardella Anderson	Sharon Emerick
In Memory of Marleen Hentges	Kristina Erickson
In Memory of Shawn McElmury	Kristina Erickson
In Honor of Our Family	Brad and Kyloe Evert
In Memory of Parents, Brothers & Sister	Brian & Linda Felska
In Memory of Curtis Finkelson	Sharon Finkelson
In Memory of Howard, Lois, Cynthia & Kai	Rich Fitzer
In Memory of Thomas Hein (Annika's Grandpa & Thomas's Great Grandpa)	Annika & Thomas Gottschalk
In Memory of Daughter Tenise	Diane Hahn

<b>In Memory of Stan Hahn</b>	Diane Hahn
<b>In Honor of Family</b>	Su Hales
<b>In Memory of Parents - Mr &amp; Mrs C Hulse</b>	Charles Hulse
<b>In Memory of Ronald &amp; Douglas Jackson</b>	Olga Jackson
<b>In Honor of Our Grandchildren</b>	Francine & Mark Johnson
<b>In Honor of Loved Ones</b>	Pam Johnson
<b>In Memory of Ray &amp; Jo Kauffman</b>	Linda Kauffman
<b>In Honor of Christine Cornelius &amp; Family</b>	Georgia Kearney
<b>In Honor of Jerry &amp; Nicole Kearney</b>	Georgia Kearney
<b>In Memory of Jerry Kearney</b>	Georgia Kearney
<b>In Honor of Family</b>	Kathleen Donnelly Kostohryz, Peggy & Craig Riggs
<b>In Memory of Pat Donnelly</b>	Kathleen Donnelly Kostohryz, Peggy & Craig Riggs
<b>In Honor of Loved Ones in Ukraine</b>	Su Legatt
	Amanda Lemire
<b>In Honor of our Children: Sarah, Hunter, Michael, Gabe &amp; Grace</b>	Kerry & Joe Livingston
<b>In Memory of Mike Palmer &amp; Sam Livingston</b>	Kerry & Joe Livingston
<b>In Memory of Donna Mathison</b>	Douglas Mathison
	Sharyn Mayer
<b>In Memory of Dale Mayer</b>	
<b>In Memory of Diane &amp; John McGrath</b>	Susan Moe
<b>In Memory of our parents: Lorenz &amp; Doris Nelson, and Forest &amp; Pearl Abbott, and our brother-in-law Steve Sindelir</b>	Dan & Val Nelson
<b>In Memory of Leona Holzer (Sister)</b>	Linda Niemeyer
<b>In Memory of Marcella/Stanley Silbernagel (Parents)</b>	Linda Niemeyer
<b>In Memory of Harold Novotny</b>	Kristine Novotny
<b>In Memory of Ted &amp; Bunny Dargis</b>	Kristine Novotny
<b>In Honor of Gerri, Mitch, Scott &amp; Families</b>	Russ & Barb Overbye
<b>In Memory of Parents</b>	Russ & Barb Overbye
<b>In Memory of Mary Wells</b>	Jennifer Pruchnik
<b>In Memory of Grandparents</b>	Pruchnik/Stanley Family
<b>In Memory of Mimi &amp; Crystal</b>	Pastor Anne & Family Schaefer
<b>In Memory of Ron Stricker</b>	Gloria Stricker
<b>In Memory of Marci Samuelson</b>	Renee Thurmer
<b>In Memory of Loved Ones</b>	Wayne & Ruth Traaseth
<b>In Honor and Memory of Siblings &amp; Parents</b>	Lorie Schulstad-Werk & Tom Werk
<b>In Honor of Our Family</b>	Tom & LuAnn Wingard
<b>In Memory of Loved Ones</b>	Marv Ziner
<b>In Honor of Diane Schansberg</b>	
<b>In Honor of Olga Jackson</b>	

# Prayer Requests

## ***Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):***

- Jesus Christ is Risen!! Alleluia 🌸🦋
- Praise the Lord for the musicians, volunteers, staff and video participants that enriched the service today!
- Baptism of Harrison Vu Lalum (11am Service)  
Parents: Nathan & Thi Lalum  
Sponsors: William & Amy Lalum

## ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of Lim, owner of Blue Egg Bakery

## ***For Support***

- Jeanine and family after the death of her husband Scott. (Godparents of Elliot and Emmet Pruchnik)
- Curt and Heidi Houghtaling

## **Share Your Prayer Concerns:**

- Email [linda@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto: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](http://elkriverlutheran.org)

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

## ***Health concerns***

- Linda Nielsen, total ankle replacement March 31; prayers for successful surgery and healing during recovery. [Mealtrain.com/5w80qy/](http://Mealtrain.com/5w80qy/)
- Reid Olson, son of Karen and Harry Maher
- Triny Dawson, friend of Linda Quam, knee replacement March 19; prayers for recovery as she is primary care giver for her husband
- Roger Knudson, hospice for stage 4 melanoma (Cale Stanley-Wornson's Great Grandpa)
- Heidi Houghtaling
- Cheryl, advanced cancer. Sister-in-law of Ron & Sue Sass
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Pat Miller, sister of Mary Hansen
- Alex, 35 year old niece of Barb and Russ Overbye, as she battles stage 4 metastatic melanoma
- Les Johnson, friend of Don & Val Nelson
- Hartley Dahl
- Loretta Mae Roden, Mike Roden's mom, in hospice care.
- Babs Armagost, cancer treatment and the effects of chemo
- Kay Foss, Karen Froelich's cousin, esophageal and stomach cancer
- Fonda Whalen, dementia
- Brian Harding
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen

# I've Just Seen Jesus

Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned toward him and cried out in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means "Teacher"). John 20:16 (NIV)



Complete the activity below. The words in the puzzle are found in John 20:1-18.

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

CRYING	STRIPS	HEAD	DEAD	STONE
WEEK	ANGELS	FIRST	BURIAL	LORD
RISE	REMOVED	TOMB	FOLDED	MARY
BELIEVED	LINEN	DAY	DARK	CLOTH

# Worship Volunteers

	8:00AM	9:30AM	11:00AM
<b>Greeters</b>	Patsy Anundsen Jim Simpson	Megg Donnelly Doug Mathison	Anthony & Jeremiah Schaefer
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck Cazett Chuck Hulse	Rod Hansen Chuck Hulse	John Campbell Jenny Pruchnik
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Dixie Rud	Kris Knutson	Diana Schansberg
<b>Communion Servers</b>	John Barthel Julie Marie	Milo Christianson Paula Donnelly Tom & LuAnn Wingard	Laura Guimont Tom Werk
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Vicki Simpson	Dale Ziner	
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Vicki Simpson		
<b>Powerpoint Operator</b>	Mary Barthel	Matt Rotz	Mike Pruchnik
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Brad Evert	Emily Rotz	
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Vicki Simpson	Chris Hansen	Jenny Pruchnik

If you would like to serve, Great! Please contact the Worship Volunteer Coordinating Team so we can get you filled in. If you cannot volunteer for the upcoming Sunday, also contact the Team at [erlcvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:erlcvolunteers@gmail.com)

## News & Opportunities



### *Holy Humor Sunday - April 12*

***A time to laugh!***

The Bible reminds us, “For everything there is a season... a time to weep and a time to laugh.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1,4) Holy Humor Sunday is a joyful tradition that dates back to the early church, celebrating the Resurrection with laughter. On this day we remember the great surprise of Easter—God raised Jesus from the dead, defeating sin and death!

Join us at 8:30 or 10:30 AM on Sunday, April 12 for a lighthearted and joy-filled worship service. Come ready to smile, laugh, and celebrate the good news of Easter together.



### *ERLC Block Party - Sunday May 17*

**Joint Outdoor Worship Service at 9:30am followed by Block Party from 11am-1pm**

Once again we will kick off the season by worshipping outdoors and throwing a party for our community. Food, Games, Live Music, Bounce House, Fire Show and Entertainment for All. Volunteer using the QR Code to access the Sign Up.



### *LIFE Groups - Spring Session*

LIFE (Living In Faith Everyday) Groups will meet for five weeks this spring, April 19–May 17. Groups meet weekly to reflect on each Sunday’s sermon and grow in faith together, building relationships and meaningful connection. If you are interested in joining a group, contact Pastor Nathan at [pastornathan@elkrivertlutheran.org](mailto:pastornathan@elkrivertlutheran.org) or call 763-595-1216. Many existing groups will meet again, and you are invited to join or start one.



# Children, Youth & Family Ministries



## *CYF Night - Call to Care for God's Creation*

**Wednesday, April 22 • 6:00–7:45pm**

Join us for a special CYF Night with guest speaker Heidi Ferris from Growing Green Hearts as we connect faith, water, and care for the mighty Mississippi River right outside our church windows. Community meal at 6:00pm followed by speaker and hands-on activities for all ages.



## *Varty's Greenhouse Fundraiser: May 3rd 5-8pm*

**Fundraiser for the 2026 Youth Mission Trip to Jamaica**

We 'll gather at the greenhouse, and sing our hearts out while purchasing beautiful plants! A huge THANK YOU to Varty's for hosting us and making a generous donation to ERLC youth as they prepare for the summer mission trip.



## *Luther Crest Summer Camp - Grades 3-8*

Registration is now open for Luther Crest Bible Camp!

Students finishing grades 3–5 (Leapers) and 6–8 (Witnesses) can attend either June 28–July 1 or July 19–24. Thanks to our Endowment Team, **half the cost of camp is covered for ERLC youth.**

Registration: <https://luthercrest.org/summer-camps>



## *Summer Festival Camp - High School Youth*

**July 12–15 • Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter**

High school youth are invited to experience Summer Festival Camp—a powerful few days of worship, music, speakers, and faith-building community with youth from across the region.



## *Vacation Bible School - Save the Date!*

**August 3–6 • 9:00am–12:00pm**

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School at ERLC! Kids will enjoy a joyful week of faith, music, games, crafts, and learning about God's love together. More details and registration coming soon.