

February 8, 2026

You ARE the Light of the World

8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services

LIGHT

Of the World In the World

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:

- **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.elkriverlutheran.org>



8:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Gathering Hymn

(#523) "Gather Us In" v1, 2, & 4

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

"Glory and Praise to our God"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Matthew 5:13-20

Sermon

Pastor Sarah Bunge

Hymn of the Day

(ACS #1000) "God's Work, Our Hands"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

"Holy, Holy"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

"The Lord's Prayer"

Lamb of God

"Jesus, Life Giving Lamb of God"

Communion Hymns

(#712) "Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service"

(#688) "Lord of Light"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#677) "This Little Light of Mine"

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

Matthew 5:13-20

Pastor Sarah Bunge

"Go Make a Difference"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Communion Blessing

"The Lord's Prayer"

"Compassion Hymn"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

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Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	February 8	February 15	February 8	February 15
Greeters	Amy Cox Jane Domeier	Christy Boese Sharon Emerick	Paula Donnelly Carolyn Mitzuk	Adam & Kelli Horner
Ushers	Mark Johnson Vicki Simpson Dale Ziner	Don & Patsy Anundsen	Tom & LuAnn Wingard	Dan Nelson Kristina Erickson
Scripture Reader	Kari Christianson	Vicki Granros	Kara Hennig	Nevaeh Katzner
Communion Servers	John & Mary Barthel Milo Christianson	Jenny Pruchnik Cale Stanley- Wornson	Sarah Carlson Laura Guimont Vicki Sackmeister	Genevieve Chur Melania Larson
Communion Steward	Julie Marie Haugen	John Barthel	Brad Tesdahl	Sarah Chur
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Lisa Bossany	Amy Cox	Lisa Bossany	Amy Cox
Powerpoint Operator	Dale Ziner	Elliot Pruchnik	Tyler Carlson	Shari Howland
Soundboard Operator		Bennett Johnson	Brad Evert	Justin Howland
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Chris Hansen	Chris Hansen

If you would like to serve, Great! Please get in touch with 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




Ash Wednesday
February 18, 2026

Elk River Lutheran Church
5:30pm Soup Supper
Willing to bring soup Sign up with the QR Code
6:30pm Ash Wednesday Service

Soup Sign Up

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News & Opportunities



CYF Night - "Yes, And -"

Wednesday, February 11, 6:00–7:45 pm

Join us for a fun, interactive night with improv instructor **John Haynes** as we explore "Yes, And -" through playful improv games and faith-filled reflection. No acting experience needed — just come ready to laugh, participate, and grow together in faith.

Dinner Church & Ash Wednesday Soup Supper - Sign Up Today!

Join us for Dinner Church on Wednesdays during Lent (Feb 25 – March 25), where we share a meal, fellowship, and worship together at 6:00 PM. We also invite you to our **Ash Wednesday Soup Supper on February 18 at 5:30 PM** before the 6:30 PM service. Volunteers are needed to provide food for both events. Sign up to bring a dish and help make these gatherings special!



Third Grade Bible Milestone - Sunday, February 15

Third graders will receive their very own Bible during the **8:30 am or 10:30 am service**. After the **10:30 am service**, students and a parent are invited to a **Lunch 'n Learn** with Pastor Anne to explore their new Bibles.

Please RSVP to Pastor Anne by **Sunday, February 8** to ensure we have enough Bibles and food.

Kaleidoscope Quartet in Concert

Four voices. Harmony in every hue.

Kaleidoscope Quartet returns to ERLC on **Sunday, February 22** with expressive four-part a cappella music. The Quartet will sing during worship at **8:30 & 10:30 am** and present a **4:00 pm concert** in the **sanctuary**. Tickets are **\$20 presale** and **\$25 at the door**; **kids 17 and under are free**.

Tickets at kquartet.ticketspice.com/elk-river-feb2026.



2025 Year End Giving Statements

were **emailed** out to 2025 Givers on **Wednesday January 28th**. 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

Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- *It is with heartfelt appreciation that I'd like to thank everyone for their prayers, love and support in my journey leading up to cancer surgery and beyond. It really has made a difference. My recovery and results are trending in an encouraging direction. ~ Ron Sass*
- Dale Ziner, prayer answered – CBC panel is now normal
- Harry Maher is at home – surgery went well

In Sympathy

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For Support

- I would like to ask for my school community to be lifted up in prayer by our church. I am a 2nd grade teacher in Minneapolis at Twin Cities International School. We are a school community made up of 95% east African students. We also have a staff that is made up of 65% people of color. Many of my students, friends, and colleagues are scared right now. Looking for love and support sent their way. Thank you! ~ Amanda Tschakert

Health concerns

- Sue Lauryn, surgery recovery (from Paula Donnelly)
- Pat Miller, sister of Mary Hansen
- Rick Hines, friend of Joyce and Tom Hels
- Cedric Olson, recovery from broke hip
- Mother of Jared Stevens, broken ribs
- Pastor Jeff Giles
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Alex, 35 year old niece of Barb and Russ Overbye, as she battles stage 4 metastatic melanoma
- Les Johnson, heart issues, friend of Don & Val Nelson
- Nancy Bock as she battles breast cancer
- 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

Share Your Prayer Concerns:

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

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

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Light

World

Salt

Shine

Lamp

Welcome

Glow

Kindness

Compassion

Justice

Mercy

Joy

Goodness

Faith

Calling

Serve

Care

Hope

Love

City

Hill

Porch

Guide

Amen