

**February 15, 2026**  
**The Light That Transforms**  
**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](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.elkriverlutheran.org>



## 8:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Welcome

Gathering Hymn (**#834**) *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"* v1-3

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise

***"Glory and Praise to our God"***

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

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Matthew 17:1–9

Sermon

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Hymn of the Day

**(#315) *"How Good, Lord to Be Here"***

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

Bible Presentation

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy

***"Holy, Holy"***

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

***"Jesus, Life Giving Lamb of God"***

Communion Hymns

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*

**(#770) *"Give Me Jesus"***

Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

**(#661) *"I Love to Tell the Story"* v1 & 2**

Sending Dialog

## 10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

***"The House that Love Is Building"***

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

Prayer of the Day

Scripture Readings

Matthew 17:1–9

Sermon

*Pastor Anne Schaefer*

Song of the Day

***"The Kingdom of the Lord is Here"***

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

Bible Presentation

Offering

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

*"Shine, Jesus, Shine"*  
**(#770) "Give Me Jesus"**

Communion Blessing

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

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

***"All the People Said Amen"***

Sending Dialog

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# Worship Volunteers

|                                | 8:30AM Service                         |                                    | 10:30AM Service                  |                               |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|
|                                | February 15                            | February 22                        | February 15                      | February 22                   |
| <b>Greeters</b>                | Christy Boese<br>Sharon Emerick        | Annika Gottschalk<br>Renee Thurmer | Adam & Kelli<br>Horner           | Rachel Johnson<br>Julie Parks |
| <b>Ushers</b>                  | Don & Patsy<br>Anundsen                | John & Karen<br>Froelich           | Dan Nelson<br>Kristina Erickson  | Mark & Amelia<br>Schwarze     |
| <b>Scripture Reader</b>        | Vicki Granros                          | Lorie Schulstad-<br>Werk           | Emily Rotz                       | Tyler Carlson                 |
| <b>Communion Servers</b>       | Jenny Pruchnik<br>Cale Stanley-Wornson | Milo & Kari<br>Christianson        | Genevieve Chur<br>Melania Larson | Tom & LuAnn<br>Wingard        |
| <b>Communion Steward</b>       | John Barthel                           | Debbie Campbell                    | Sarah Chur                       | Samantha Tiemens-<br>Anderson |
| <b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b> | Amy Cox                                | Chris Hansen                       | Amy Cox                          | Chris Hansen                  |
| <b>Powerpoint Operator</b>     | Elliot Pruchnik                        | Dale Ziner                         | Shari Howland                    | Krista Schrock                |
| <b>Soundboard Operator</b>     | Bennett Johnson                        | John Auel                          | Justin Howland                   | Jeff Schrock                  |
| <b>Switcher Operator</b>       | Tom Clements                           | Tom Clements                       | Tom Clements                     | Tom Clements                  |
| <b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>   | Vicki Simpson<br>Jenny Pruchnik        | Vicki Simpson<br>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](mailto:erlcvolunteers@gmail.com)*

## News & Opportunities

# Kaleidoscope Quartet

returns to ERLC with expressive four-part a cappella music, singing at both worship services and presenting a special concert that afternoon.

**Sunday, February 22nd**



**Worship services, 8:30 & 10:30 am**

**Concert, 4 pm**

Adults: \$20 presale and \$25 at the door  
Kids 17 and under get in free

Get your tickets here:  
<https://kquartet.ticketspice.com/elk-river-feb2026>



# 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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**JOIN US THIS LENTEN SEASON FOR:**

## **DINNER CHURCH**

*Share a Meal. Share a Moment. Share in Worship*

**Wednesdays @ 6pm  
February 25 - March 25**



**Sign up to bring a meal item at  
[elkriverlutheran.org/lent-to-easter-2026](http://elkriverlutheran.org/lent-to-easter-2026)**



# Prayer Requests

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

- For Students who are getting their bibles:
  - Jonny Anderson
  - John Beiswenger
  - Berkeley Davis
  - Frederick Martinson
  - Stanley Mugaas
  - Isaac Rotz
  - Reese Tschakert
- Dale Ziner, prayer answered – CBC panel is now normal

## ***In Sympathy***

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## ***For Support***

- Neighbors who are afraid to go out for fear of ICE
- Families experiencing tension and division

## ***Health concerns***

- Joanne, Surgery on Feb 13. Friend of Vicki Simpson
- Jane recovering from Surgery
- Sue Lauryn, surgery recovery (from Paula Donnelly)
- Pat Miller, sister of Mary Hansen
- Rick Hines, friend of Joyce and Tom Hels
- 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@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*

# The Transfiguration

While he was still speaking, a bright cloud enveloped them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to him!" Matthew 17:5 (NIV)

Based on Matthew 17:1-9



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

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| SIX   | PETER | CLOTHES  | VOICE    | JOHN   |
| LOVE  | MOSES | GOOD     | WHITE    | ELIJAH |
| JAMES | DAYS  | APPEARED | MOUNTAIN | HIGH   |