

February 22, 2026

8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services



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). 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

Opening Music *"We'll Camp a Little While in the Wilderness"*
Welcome
Gathering Hymn **(#717) "Let Justice Flow Like Streams"**
Confession and Forgiveness
Song of Praise p 139 **"Lord God, Heavenly King"**

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Kids Connect
Scripture Readings Matthew 4:1-11
Sermon *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*
Hymn of the Day **(#650) "In Christ There is No East or West"**

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed
Bidding Prayers
Sharing of the Peace
Offering *"The Steady Light"*
Offertory Prayer
Great Thanksgiving
Holy, Holy, Holy p144 **"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"**
Words of Institution
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Hymns **(#334) "Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"**
(#319) "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days"
Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Temple Talk Tuesday Text Study
Benediction *"Deep Peace"*
Sending Hymn *"The Mirthful Heart"*
Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Opening Music

"We'll Camp a Little While in the Wilderness"

Welcome

Temple Talk

Tuesday Text Study

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

"The Table"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Matthew 4:1–11

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Song of the Day

"His Kingdom Now is Come"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

"The Steady Light"

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

"He Will Hold Me Fast"

Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Benediction

"Deep Peace"

Sending Song

"The Mirthful Heart"

Sending Dialog

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Kaleidoscope Quartet in Concert

Four voices. Harmony in every hue.

Kaleidoscope 4:00 pm concert Today February 22nd 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.



Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	February 22	March 1	February 22	March 1
Greeters	Annika Gottschalk Renee Thurmer	Don & Patsy Anundsen	Rachel Johnson Julie Parks	Sue Hales Betty Zehringer
Ushers	John & Karen Froelick	Mike & Elliot Pruchnik	Mark Schwarze Jim Ayres	Jim & Viv Ayres
Scripture Reader	Lorie Schulstad- Werk	Diana Schansberg	Tyler Carlson	Chloe Sandvig
Communion Servers	Milo & Kari Christianson	Tom & Lorie Werk	Tom & LuAnn Wingard	John & Conni Natwick
Communion Steward	Debbie Campbell	John Barthel	Samantha Tiemens-Anderson	Ann Pelzel
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Chris Hansen	Jenny Pruchnik	Chris Hansen	Jenny Pruchnik
Powerpoint Operator	Dale Ziner	Mary Barthel	Krista Schrock	Shari Howland
Soundboard Operator	John Auel	Bennett Johnson	Jeff Schrock	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

News & Opportunities

Dinner Church 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.. Volunteers are needed to provide food for these Lenten events. Sign up to bring a dish and help make these gatherings special!



First Communion at Elk River Lutheran

Sunday, March 8 during the 10:30am worship service.

Instruction for students and families will take place on Sunday, March 1 at 11:30am.

If your child is interested in receiving First Communion and you have not yet connected with Pastor Anne, we would love to include your family. Questions? Please contact Pastor Anne.



Youth Mission Trip Fundraiser: Dinner & Variety Show

Friday, March 13 | 6:00–9:00 PM | Elk River Lutheran Church

Join us for a fun **Survivor-themed evening** featuring a plated dinner, youth variety show, dessert, and silent auction—all to support our Youth Mission Trip to **Jamaica** this summer. Come enjoy great food, great entertainment, and help our students serve and grow in faith through this life-changing mission experience.

Tickets: \$35 per person (includes dinner, show, silent auction & dessert)

Purchase tickets using the QR code.





MAKE SOME SPACE THIS LENT FOR

UNBOUND

Longing for Wholeness

Lent & Holy Week Schedule - 2026

Lent is a season that invites honesty about what we carry and what we seek. This year, we explore the many forms of longing that shape our lives—longing for wholeness, mystery, relationship, community, courage, and new life. Rather than rushing to easy answers, this series invites us to listen for how Jesus meets our deepest longings with presence, compassion, and grace. Our Lenten journey unfolds through Ash Wednesday, Sunday worship, alongside our Dinner Church gatherings, and Holy Week.

Ash Wednesday — February 18

Soup Supper (Community Room): 5:30 PM

Worship (Sanctuary): 6:30 PM

Sunday Worship During Lent - 8:30AM & 10:30AM

February 22 — Longing for Wholeness

March 1 — Longing for Mystery

March 8 — Longing for Relationship

March 15 — Longing for Community

March 22 — Longing for Authenticity

Dinner Church (Meal & Worship Together)

Wednesdays, February 25 – March 25

6:00 PM in the Community Room

Palm Sunday — March 29

8:30AM & 10:30AM

W/ Special Kids Program

Special Holy Week Service — Friday, April 3

6:30 PM in the Sanctuary

A service combining elements of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday

Easter Sunday Worship — April 5

8:00 AM • 9:30 AM • 11:00 AM

Elk River Lutheran Church ELCA

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
 - Simone Potter
 - Isaac Rotz
 - Reese Tschakert

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
- 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, 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
- 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

MATTHEW 4: 1-11

R P J L D S T E M P T E D B K
 P Q G R H P W E G H J S V W J
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WORD	WORSHIP	LORD	MOUNTAIN	BOW
TEMPTED	ANGELS	HUNGRY	STONES	SERVE
WORLD	KINGDOMS	BREAD	DESERT	SPLENDOR
DEVIL	FASTING	SATAN	TEMPLE	JESUS