

March 1, 2026

8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services



UNBOUND

Longing for Mystery

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 (**#705**) ***"God of Grace and God of Justice"*** v1, 3 & 4

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

John 3:1–17

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Hymn of the Day

(#856) *"How Great Thou Art"* v1, 2 & 4

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

"Prayers I Pray"

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy p 144

"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

"The Lord's Prayer"

Communion Hymns

(#334) *"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"*

(#684) *"Creating God, Your Fingers Trace"*

(#773) *"Precious Lord, Take My Hand"*

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(#710) *"Let Streams of Living Justice"*

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

"Vagabonds"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

Sermon

Song of the Day

John 3:1–17

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

"No Outsiders"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Communion Blessing

"Prayers I Pray"

"The Lord's Prayer"

"All Belong Here"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"God of Justice, Love, and Mercy"

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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.

Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	March 1	March 8	March 1	March 8
Greeters	Don & Patsy Anundsen	Chuck & Jane Cazett	Sue Hales Betty Zehringer	Kerry Livingston Gail Palmer
Ushers	Mike & Elliot Pruchnik	John Barthel Jane Domeier	Jim & Viv Ayres	Lisa Bossany Joe Livingston
Scripture Reader	Diana Schansberg	Conni Natwick	Chloe Sandvig	Linda Campbell
Communion Servers	Tom & Lorie Werk	Amy Cox Julie Marie Haugen	John & Conni Natwick	Genevieve Chur
Communion Steward	John Barthel		Ann Pelzel	Sarah Chur
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jenny Pruchnik	Jana Lundquist	Jenny Pruchnik	Jana Lundquist
Powerpoint Operator	Mary Barthel	Sarah Auel	Shari Howland	Julie Parks
Soundboard Operator	Bennett Johnson	John Auel	Justin Howland	Brad Evert
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!



Support Our Riverside Ringers at BellFest

Saturday, March 7 | 3:00 PM
North Heights Lutheran Church, 1700 Hwy 96 W, Arden Hills
 Free concert • Freewill offering
 Six of our ringers will be participating — come cheer them on!
 Scan to watch last year's performance – Great Preview on YouTube



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):

- The students and their families that will be going through first communion instruction today, Sunday March 1st and participating in First Communion on Sunday, March 8th.

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Allen Kopp (Service Saturday, March 7 at 11am, visitation 1 hour prior, luncheon to follow)

For Support

- Carley Sorensen & Nellie Taylor. Finding answers and possible solutions to chronic illnesses with upcoming dr. appointments.
- Neighbors who are afraid to go out for fear of ICE
- Families experiencing tension and division

Health concerns

- Tony Putnam, Linda Niemeyer's daughter Samantha's husband, will be undergoing back surgery on March 3
- Cheryl, advanced cancer. Sister-in-law of Ron & Sue Sass
- 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

God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16 (NIV)



The puzzle is based on John 3:16-17

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