

# March 8, 2026

## 8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services



# UNBOUND

*Longing for Relationship*

## **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 (#843) ***"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"***

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 4:5–15

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Hymn of the Day

***"Living Waters"***

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

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

***"Lean on Me"***

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy p 144

***"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"***

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns

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

***"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"***

Communion Blessing & Prayer

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

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

***"Lean on Me" Reprise***

Sending Dialog

## 10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Welcome

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

***"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"***

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

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

John 4:5–15

Sermon

Pastor Nathan Mugaas

Song of the Day

***"Living Waters"***

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

Offering

***"Lean on Me"***

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

First Communion

Communion Song

***"Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)"***

Communion Blessing

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

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

***"Lean on Me" Reprise***

Sending Dialog

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# Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	March 8	March 15	March 8	March 15
<b>Greeters</b>	Chuck & Jane Cazett	John & Debbie Campbell	Kerry Livingston Gail Palmer	Adam & Kelli Horner
<b>Ushers</b>	Don Anundsen Jane Domeier	John Froelich	Lisa Bossany Joe Livingston	Dan Nelson Anthony Schaefer
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	Conni Natwick	Linda Campbell	Linda Campbell	Kari Christianson
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Amy Cox John Campbell	Don & Patsy Anundsen	Genevieve Chur	Tom & LuAnn Wingard
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Julie Marie Haugen	Amy Cox	Sarah Chur	Samantha Tiemens-Anderson
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Jana Lundquist	Joyce Hels	Jana Lundquist	Joyce Hels
<b>Powerpoint Operator</b>	Sarah Auel	Dale Ziner	Adam Horner	Mike Anderson
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	John Auel	Emily Rotz	Brad Evert	Kevin Jenkins
<b>Switcher Operator</b>	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Chris Hansen	Sue Sass

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

### *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!



### *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.



### *Serve With Joy This Holy Week & Easter*

Holy Week and Easter are beautiful, sacred moments in our life together. We invite you to help make worship welcoming and smooth by serving on Friday, April 3 and Easter Sunday, April 5. Scan the QR code to sign up and find your place to serve or find the link on the homepage at [elkriverlutheran.org](http://elkriverlutheran.org).





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):***

- Students receiving in First Communion on Sunday, March 8 during the 10:30am Service.
  - Cora Clements
  - Berkeley Davis
  - Brexton Gauderman
  - Cailean Potter
  - Simone Potter
  - Gwen Scheff
  - Reese Tschakert
  - Harper Zins

## ***In Sympathy***

- Family and Friends of Myron Grams
- Family and Friends of Allen Kopp

## ***For Support***

- Eric, friend of Mike and Linda Quam. Saefy in Dubai & speedy return home.
- Curt and Heidi Houghtaling
- 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***

- Heidi Houghtaling
- 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
- 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
- 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](mailto: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](http://elkrivrlutheran.org)

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

# Holy Communion

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

Communion  
 Bread  
 Promise  
 Faith  
 Blessing

Eucharist  
 Wine  
 Forgiveness  
 Jesus  
 Welcome

Sacrament  
 Cup  
 Covenant  
 Body  
 Thanksgiving

Grace  
 Table  
 Baptism  
 Blood