

March 22, 2026

8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services



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Longing for Community

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 (ACS #1038) "God, We Gather as Your People" v1 & 2

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 9:1–7, 13–17, 24–38

Sermon

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Hymn of the Day

(#715) "Christ Be Our Light" v1, 3-5

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Bible Presentation

John Beiswenger

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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"

(#327) "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow"

(#793) "Be Thou My Vision"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Temple Talk

Men's Saturday Zoom Bible Study and

Women's Monthly Gather Bible Study

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn

(ACS #1038) "God, We Gather as Your People" v3 & 4

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Temple Talk

*Men's Saturday Zoom Bible Study and
Women's Monthly Gather Bible Study*

Sharing of the Peace

Gathering Song

"The House That Love is Building"

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings

John 9:1–7, 13–17, 24–38

Sermon

Pastor Anne Schaefer

Song of the Day

"All Belong Here"

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Confession and Forgiveness

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

First Communion

Communion Song

Communion Blessing

Gwen Scheff

"Beautiful Things"

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Song

Sending Dialog

"Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly"

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Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	March 22	March 29	March 22	March 29
Greeters	Sue Hovde Ken Wells	Angie and Brooke Raveling	David & Nevaeh Katzner	Val Nelson Vicki Sackmeister
Ushers	Amy & Douglas Cox	Chuck & Jane Cazett	Tom & Joyce Hels	Mark & Amelia Schwarze
Scripture Reader	Fran Johnson	Amanda Lemire	Jen Clements	
Communion Servers	John & Debbie Campbell	Diana Schansberg Dale Ziner	Paula Donnelly Laura Guimont	Jodie Dahlheimer
Communion Steward	Dale Ziner	Debbie Campbell	Cathy Dalnes	Brad Tesdahl
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Paula Rose	Bev Weidner	Paula Rose	Bev Weidner
Powerpoint Operator	Mike Pruchnik	Tyler Carlson		Tyler Carlson
Soundboard Operator	Kevin Jenkins	Emily Rotz	Jeff Schrock	Emily Rotz
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Vicki Simpson	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

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 elkrivlutheran.org.



Last Dinner Church Supper

Join us for the final Dinner Church of the 2026 Lenten season on Wednesday, March 25 at 6:00 PM. Come share in a time of meal, fellowship, and worship together.

Menu: Sandwiches, chips, and dessert
(The church will provide sandwiches and chips.)

Serving Teams:
Social Justice Action Team & Endowment Team

Palm Sunday — March 29

8:30AM & 10:30AM

W/ Special Kids Program

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SPECIAL HOLY WEEK SERVICE

From Table to Tomb

Walking with Jesus in the Final Hours

Friday, April 3

6:30 PM



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**LONGING FOR
NEW LIFE?
Join us this Easter!**

Easter Worship

April 5

8:00 AM • 9:30 AM • 11:00 AM

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Prayer Requests

Praise the Lord (joys and answered prayers):

- John Beiswenger who are getting his bible at the 8:30 worship service
- Gwen Scheff who will be receiving First Communion at the 10:30 worship service
- Babs Armagost in thankfulness for God's amazing healing powers and for the thoughts, meals, cards and prayers of support from the ERLC family
- Eric, friend of Mike and Linda Quam. He made it home safely – prayers answered!
- Nancy Bock completed breast cancer treatment, all clear!

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Lim, owner of Blue Egg Bakery
- Family and Friends of Marvel Flodquist
- Family and Friends of Myron Grams
- Family and Friends of Allen Kopp

For Support

- Jeanine and family after the death of her husband Scott. (Godparents of Elliot and Emmet Pruchnik)
- .Curt and Heidi Houghtaling

Health Concerns

- Triny Dawson, friend of Linda Quam, knee replacement March 19; prayers for recovery as she is primary care giver for her husband
- Roger Knudson, hospice for stage 4 melanoma (Cale Stanley-Wornson's Great Grandpa)
- Heidi Houghtaling
- Cheryl, advanced cancer. Sister-in-law of Ron & Sue Sass
- 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
- Hartley Dahl
- Loretta Mae Roden, Mike Roden's mom, in hospice care.
- 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

Jesus Heals a Blind Man

So the man went and washed, and came home seeing. John 9:7 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on John 9:1-34 (NIV).



S R E X T B S D W O R L D W T
 R B P N H D E I A M B I R T H
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 B K N E H U P O O L T I G E U
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 C C F E N W K J A U Q R O R Y
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BLIND	EYES	SPIT	POOL	WASH
WORLD	SINNED	SIGHT	NIGHT	BORN
HOME	MUD	LIFE	OPENED	LIGHT
SILOAM	PARENTS	RECEIVED	BIRTH	GROUND