

# March 29, 2026

## 8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services

# Palm Sunday

## with Special Kids Program



### **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

Welcome and Community Announcements

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

Blessing of the Palms

Gathering Hymn

(ACS #928) ***"Pave the Way with Branches"***

### ***Palm Sunday Program***

Hymn of the Day

(#344) ***"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"***  
v1, 3 & 5

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

***"Hosanna"***  
Featuring Kids' Sing

Offertory Prayer

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns

(#334) ***"Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery"***  
(#592) ***"Just As I Am"***  
(#338) ***"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"***

Communion Blessing and Prayer

### ***Palm to Passion***

Luke 23: 1-49  
(#336) ***"Lamb of God"***

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

Sending of the Congregation

Sending Dialog



## 10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome and Community Announcements

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

Blessing of the Palms

Gathering Song

***"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"***

### ***Palm Sunday Program***

Song of the Day

***"Hail to the Lord's Anointed"***

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

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

***"Hosanna"***  
*Featuring Kids' Sing*

Offertory Prayer

Holy Communion

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Song

Communion Blessing

***"Remembrance"***

### ***Palm to Passion***

*Luke 23: 1-49*  
***"Lamb of God"***

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

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## *Special Thanks to Palm Sunday Program and Kids' Sing:*

Jordan Brown, Payton Brown, Adley Carlson, Emma Carlson, Cora Clements, Berkeley Davis, Willow Davis, Alex Knutson, Wyatt Lalum, Jackson Larson, Helen Lemire, Herbert Lemire, , Ben Mugaas, Stanley Mugaas, Teddy Mugaas, and Isaac Rotz



### *Special Thanks to our Directors:*

Melissa Macari-Coons, Henry Boese, Adrienne Rotz, Carley Sorensen, and Melania Larson

## Volunteers

	March 29		April 5 Easter		
	8:30am	10:30am	8:00am	9:30am	11:00am
<b>Greeters</b>	Milo & Kari Christianson	Val Nelson Vicki Sackmeister	Patsy Anundsen Jim Simpson	Megg Donnelly Doug Mathison	Anthony & Jeremiah Schaefer
<b>Ushers</b>	Chuck & Jane Cazett	Mark & Amelia Schwarze	Chuck Cazett Chuck Hulse	Rod Hansen Chuck Hulse	John Campbell Jenny Pruchnik
<b>Scripture Reader</b>			Dixie Rud	Kris Knutson	Diana Schansberg
<b>Communion Servers</b>	Diana Schansberg Dale Ziner	Jodie Dahlheimer	John Barthel Julie Marie	Milo Christianson Paula Donnelly Tom & LuAnn Wingard	Laura Guimont Tom Werk
<b>Communion Steward</b>	Debbie Campbell	Brad Tesdahl	Vicki Simpson	Dale Ziner	
<b>Mid-Week Communion Fill</b>	Bev Weidner	Bev Weidner	Vicki Simpson		
<b>Powerpoint Operator</b>	Tyler Carlson	Tyler Carlson	Mary Barthel	Matt Rotz	Mike Pruchnik
<b>Soundboard Operator</b>	Emily Rotz	Emily Rotz	Brad Evert	Emily Rotz	
<b>Volunteer Coordinator</b>	Vicki Simpson	Chris Hansen	Vicki Simpson	Chris Hansen	Jenny Pruchnik

*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)*

## *LIFE Groups - Spring Session*

LIFE (Living In Faith Everyday) Groups will meet for five weeks this spring, April 19– May 17. LIFE Groups meet weekly to reflect on each Sunday’s sermon and grow in faith together.



A wonderful way to build relationships, share stories, and connect in meaningful conversation. Groups meet in homes throughout the week.

If you are interested in joining a group, please contact Pastor Nathan at [pastornathan@elkriverlutheran.org](mailto:pastornathan@elkriverlutheran.org) or call the church office at 763-595-1216.

Many existing groups will meet again, and we invite you to join one or start a new group. Please reach out to Pastor Nathan with any questions.



## *Holy Humor Sunday - April 12*

### ***A time to laugh!***

The Bible reminds us, “For everything there is a season... a time to weep and a time to laugh.” (Ecclesiastes 3:1,4) Holy Humor Sunday is a joyful tradition that dates back to the early church, celebrating the Resurrection with laughter. On this day we remember the great surprise of Easter—God raised Jesus from the dead, defeating sin and death!

Join us at 8:30 or 10:30 AM on Sunday, April 12 for a lighthearted and joy-filled worship service. Come ready to smile, laugh, and celebrate the good news of Easter together.

## Children, Youth & Family Ministries



### *CYF Night - Call to Care for God's Creation*

**Wednesday, April 22 • 6:00–7:45pm**

Join us for a special CYF Night with guest speaker Heidi Ferris from Growing Green Hearts as we connect faith, water, and care for the mighty Mississippi River right outside our church windows. Community meal at 6:00pm followed by speaker and hands-on activities for all ages.



### *Varty's Greenhouse Fundraiser: May 3rd 5-8pm*

**Fundraiser for the 2026 Youth Mission Trip to Jamaica**

We 'll gather at the greenhouse, and sing our hearts out while purchasing beautiful plants! A huge THANK YOU to Varty's for hosting us and making a generous donation to ERLC youth as they prepare for the summer mission trip.



### *Luther Crest Summer Camp - Grades 3-8*

Registration is now open for Luther Crest Bible Camp!

Students finishing grades 3–5 (Leapers) and 6–8 (Witnesses) can attend either June 28–July 1 or July 19–24. Thanks to our Endowment Team, **half the cost of camp is covered for ERLC youth.**

Registration: <https://luthercrest.org/summer-camps>



### *Summer Festival Camp - High School Youth*

**July 12–15 • Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter**

High school youth are invited to experience Summer Festival Camp—a powerful few days of worship, music, speakers, and faith-building community with youth from across the region.



### *Vacation Bible School - Save the Date!*

**August 3–6 • 9:00am–12:00pm**

Mark your calendars for Vacation Bible School at ERLC! Kids will enjoy a joyful week of faith, music, games, crafts, and learning about God's love together. More details and registration coming soon.



# Prayer Requests

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

- John Beiswenger who received his bible at the 8:30 worship service on 3/22
- Gwen Scheff who received First Communion at the 10:30 worship service on 3/22
- 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***

- Linda Nielsen, total ankle replacement March 31; prayers for successful surgery and healing during recovery. [Mealtrain.com/5w80qy/](http://Mealtrain.com/5w80qy/)
- Reid Olson, son of Karen and Harry Maher
- 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](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 Triumphal Entry

Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!"  
 "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" Mark 11:9 (NIV)

*Hosanna  
 in the  
 Highest!*



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HIGHEST	SHOUTED	DISCIPLES	LORD	JESUS
HEAVEN	CLOAKS	NAME	ROAD	COLT