June 28, 2026

Air 1: Breath of Life

8:30 and 10:30 Worship Services

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

Elk River LUTHERAN ELCA
Trusting in God's grace, an accepting, joyful community, serving God & neighbor.

8:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Gathering Hymn ***ELW #400 " God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind" v1, 3, & 4***

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise ***"Above the Hills"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Suckers and Stories *The Empty Tomb*

Scripture Readings *Ezekiel 37:1–14*

Sermon *Pastor Anne Schaefer*

Hymn of the Day ***ELW #396 "Spirit of Gentleness"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering *"Testify to Love"*

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God ***"O Lamb of God"***

Communion Hymns ***ELW #498 "United at the Table"***

ELW #800 "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn ***ELW #547 "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"***

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome
Sharing of the Peace
Gathering Song — ***"God of Science"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Suckers and Stories — *The Empty Tomb*
Scripture Readings — *Ezekiel 37:1–14*
Sermon — *Pastor Anne Schaefer*
Song of the Day — ***"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering — *"Testify to Love"*
Offertory Prayer
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Song — ***"Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)"***
Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Sending Blessing
Sending Song — ***"Grateful"***
Sending Dialog

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Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	June 28	**July 5**	**June 28**	**July 5**
Greeters	Doug Mathison Christy Boese	John & Karen Froelich	Lee & Peg Davies	Lisa Bossany
Ushers	Don & Patsy Anundsen	John & Debbie Campbell	Vicki Sackmeister Lisa Bossany	Anthony Schaefer Carolyn Mitzuk
Scripture Reader	Debbie Campbell	Christy Boese	Laura Guimont	
Communion Servers	John & Mary Barthel	Dale Ziner Amy Cox	Sarah Carlson Rick Bock	Milo & Kari Christianson
Communion Steward	Cedric Olson	John Barthel	Nancy Bock	Greg Pouliot
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Deb Shellum	Joyce Hels	Deb Shellum	Joyce Hels
Powerpoint Operator	Dale Ziner	Mary Barthel	Tyler Carlson	Matt Rotz
Soundboard Operator	Bennett Johnson	Bennett Johnson	Justin Howland	Emily Rotz
Switcher Operator	Nick Campbell	`Tom Clements	Nick Campbell	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Vicki Simpson	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	Chris Hansen	Chris Nansen

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

Recognize and Avoid Internet and Phone Scams

- **Signs:** Scammers impersonate trusted authorities, create fake urgency or threats, and demand payment via cryptocurrency, gift cards, or wires.
- **Protection:** Block contacts, verify claims independently, secure personal info, resist pressure, and consult someone you trust.

Scan the QR code for full details and suggestions.

News & Opportunities

Open Doors for Youth

Fight Youth Homelessness in our Community by donating to the Auto Repair Fund.

- The Cause: Funding critical auto repairs for local youth experiencing homelessness who rely on their vehicles for work and daily survival.
- The Impact: Your donation triggers a matching gift from our Endowment Team, doubling your support.
- The Goal: Provide reliable transportation and long-term stability.

Donate by June 28th to double your impact.

Vacation Bible School – Register TODAY!

August 3–6 • 9:00am–12:00pm

Embark on an exciting journey with Road Trip VBS, inspired by Joshua 1:9: "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Kids will explore new places, build friendships, and discover God's presence through engaging Bible stories, games, and hands-on activities. Led by the Navigator and Scout the pup, this fun-filled adventure helps children grow in faith while making lasting memories. Join us for excitement, connection, and discovering God's goodness together!

ERLC's Social Justice Action Team (SJAT) meets monthly

to discuss happenings in our greater Elk River community to find ways for ERLC to love God and love all our neighbors by advocating for the least of these. We focus on educating ourselves as well as the ERLC community, and helping to provide opportunities for involvement and support of local organizations. For more information or if you want to be a part of SJAT, contact Kevin Jenkins FRMagnum@gmail.com.

Hey KIDS! If you are 3 years old through 5th grade, we have a new fun BINGO game with prizes just for you! Grab a bingo card off the cool poster in the Fellowship Hall. Follow the directions on the back to win a bingo! You'll win a sucker every time you play, and you'll be entered to win an even bigger prize in a few weeks! This new program is thanks to the Age to Age initiative that we are part of! See Pastor Anne with questions!

Prayer Requests

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

- Jim and Sue Hecker – 60th Wedding Anniversary! Enjoy treats during Fellowship Hour in their honor!
- My recovery is at a point where I can return to work on 6/23. Thank you for this time to heal, all of your prayers, and the meal train! ~ Linda Nielsen

In Sympathy

- Passing of Jerilyn Munsterman, Sister-In-Law of Vivian and Jim Ayres and Aunt of Krista and Jeff Schrock

For Support

- Love, prayers, and support for Miranda, her father, and her family as father was just diagnosed with terminal brain cancer, Miranda is sister-in-law of Kelli Sweeny

Health Concerns

- Gwen
- Pray for healing and recovery for Mike Guimont, following a motorcycle accident, Pat Guimont's brother
- Chuck Stanely upcoming heart surgery, pray for healing, father of Jennifer Pruchnik
- Fran Johnson recently diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Melanie Clemons battling ovarian cancer
- Pray for support and that the doctors find answers for Phyllis Scroggins.
- Brett Bucholz heart and pancreas issues, brother of Steve Bucholz
- Kathy Scheel, heart condition
- Keep Larry Swedal in your prayers. Recovering from heart bypass surgery
- Alex Hensen cancer treatment
- Brian Harding
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Bryana Mayer prayers for healing autoimmune diseases, daughter of Sharyn Mayer
- Cheryl advanced cancer, sister-in-law of Ron & Sue Sass
- Fonda Whalen dementia
- Hartley Dahl
- Kay Foss esophageal and stomach cancer, Karen Froelich's cousin
- Ken Bucher
- Kris West, daughter of Bob and Sue Hagen
- Les Johnson, friend of Don & Val Nelson
- Loretta Mae Roden in hospice care, Mike Roden's mom
- Marianne Jackson home recovering from her stroke which happened April 10th.
- Pat Miller, sister of Mary Hansen
- Sue Anderson fighting metastatic breast cancer, friend of Debby Pouliot

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

Ezekiel 37:1-14

BEARS	BONE	BREATH	DRY	FLESH	FOUR
GRAVE	HEAR	HOPE	ISRAEL	LIVE	LORD
MOUTH	NOISE	PARCHED	PROPHESY	RATTLE	REVIVE
SINEW	SKIN	SLAIN	SPIRIT	VALLEY	WIND

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