July 19, 2026

Flora & Fauna 1: Consider the Lilies

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
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8:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome

Gathering Hymn — ***ELW #881 "Let All Things Now Living"***

Confession and Forgiveness

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

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Suckers and Stories — *Jesus Feeds 5,000*

Scripture Readings — *Matthew 6:25–34*

Sermon — *Pastor Anne Schaefer**

Hymn of the Day — ***ELW #681 "We Plow the Fields and Scatter"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

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 #781 "Children of the Heavenly Father"***

ELW #613 "Thy Holy Wings"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn — ***ELW #771 "God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens"***

Sending Dialog

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10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome
Sharing of the Peace
Gathering Song — ***"May the Peoples Praise You"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Suckers and Stories — *Jesus Feeds 5,000*
Scripture Readings — *Matthew 6:25–34*
Sermon — *Pastor Anne Schaefer**
Song of the Day — ***"Honey in the Rock"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering — *"His Eye is On the Sparrow"*
Offertory Prayer
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Song — ***"Just As I Am (I Come Broken)"***
Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Sending Blessing
Sending Song — ***"His Kingdom Now Is Come"***
Sending Dialog

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Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	July 19	**July 26**	**July 19**	**July 26**
Greeters	Don & Patsy Anundsen	Chuck & Jane Cazett	Kerry Livingston Val Nelson	John Natwick
Ushers	John & Karen Froelich	Kristina Erickson John Barthel	Dan Nelson Joe Livingston	Lisa Bossany Megg Donnelly
Scripture Reader	Diana Schansberg	Levi Ethen	Jim Ayres	Conni Natwick
Communion Servers	John & Mary Barthel Vicki Simpson	Tom & Lorie Werk	Paula Donnelly Viv Ayres	Vicki Sackmeister Debby Pouliot
Communion Steward	Julie Marie Haugen	Vicki Simpson	Brad Tesdahl	Greg Pouliot
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Lisa Bossany	Chris Hansen	Lisa Bossany	Chris Hansen
Powerpoint Operator	Dale Ziner	Mary Barthel	Krista Schrock	Matt Rotz
Soundboard Operator	Bennett Johnson	Mike Pruchnik	Justin Howland	Emily Rotz
Switcher Operator	Nick Campbell	Tom Clements	Jeff Schrock	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Vicki Simpson	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

Sunday – Last Day for Ticket Sales

Prayer Requests

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

- **Praise God!** Through the generosity of Elk River Lutheran members and the Mission Endowment Fund's $5,000 matching gift, more than **$13,100** was raised for Open Doors for Youth to establish a vehicle repair fund for young people in need.

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Dennis Clafin, Brandon Wolff's mentor
- Family and Friends of Lila Mathias, Mother of David Lorenz
- Family and friends of Jeff Davey, friend of Tyler Carlson

For Support

- Answers and healing for other medical issues Vicki Granros is still dealing with.
- Support & guidance to Xander (age 4) and his family . He was newly diagnosed with type 1 diabetes. Parents, Julie & Tom, brother Brexton. Grandparents Mike and Carol Roden

Health Concerns

- John Sackmeister, lung cancer
- Frank Hood, nephew - Steve and Barb Brosko
- Nettie DuBois, heart surgery 7/16
- Connie Edstadt, admitted to Mercy 7/4. Sister of Wendy Klein
- Carol Black, recovering after hospitalization
- Glen Geving, after 2 weeks in hospital for brain surgeries, is now in Guardian Angels Care Center.
- Robin Lease, serious heart problems, sister of Pat Guimont
- Crystal, safe & healthy delivery of baby girl, Nellie & Carley Sorensen's sister
- Lynn Hondo, recovering from cancer treatments, friend of Deb Johnson
- Debbie Campbell, broken right humerus just below shoulder joint
- Pray for support and that the doctors find answers for Phyllis Scroggins. Phyllis entered U of M Hospital June 22 for one week of brain function studies.
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Les Johnson, friend of Don & Val Nelson
- Fran Johnson diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's lymphoma
- Alex Hensen cancer treatment
- Bryana Mayer prayers for healing autoimmune diseases, daughter of Sharyn Mayer
- Brian Harding
- 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
- 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

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Lilies	Birds	Flowers	Grass
Creation	Garden	Bloom	Grow
Field	Father	Jesus	God
Kingdom	Righteousness	Trust	Faith
Peace	Provide	Care	Today
Tomorrow	Worry	Prayer	Thankful

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