July 26, 2026

Flora & Fauna 2: Growing the Kingdom

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 — ***ACS #1040 "Love Has Brought Us Here Together"***

Confession and Forgiveness

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

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Suckers and Stories — *Love Your Enemies*

Scripture Readings — *John 13:31-35*

Sermon — *Mikah Meyer*

Hymn of the Day — ***"Down by the Riverside"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering — *"Wade in the Water"*

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 — *"Give Me Jesus"*

ELW #658 "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn — ***ELW #641 "All are Welcome" v1 & 5***

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome
Sharing of the Peace
Gathering Song — ***"The Table"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Suckers and Stories — *Love Your Enemies*
Scripture Readings — *John 13:31-35*
Sermon — *Mikah Meyer*
Song of the Day — ***"Down by the Riverside"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering — *"Wade in the Water"*
Offertory Prayer
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Song — *"Give Me Jesus"*
Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Sending Blessing
Sending Song — ***"Lead with Love"***
Sending Dialog

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Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	July 26	**August 2**	**July 26**	**August 2**
Greeters	Chuck & Jane Cazett	John & Mary Barthel	John & Conni Natwick	
Ushers	Kristina Erickson John Barthel	Chuck Hulse Jane Domeier	Lisa Bossany Megg Donnelly	Carolyn Mitzuk Megg Donnelly
Scripture Reader	Larry Cook	Larry Cook	Conni Natwick	Mandy Day
Communion Servers	Tom & Lorie Werk	John & Conni Natwick	Vicki Sackmeister Debby Pouliot	Greg & Debby Pouliot
Communion Steward	Vicki Simpson	Amy Cox	Greg Pouliot	Cathy Dalnes
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Chris Hansen	Cedric & Marlys Olson	Chris Hansen	Cedric & Marlys Olson
Powerpoint Operator	Mary Barthel	Dale Ziner	Matt Rotz	Shari Howland
Soundboard Operator	Mike Pruchnik	Brad Evert	Emily Rotz	Justin Howland
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

ROAD TRIP SERMON SERIES

Continue the Road Trip with us each Sunday!

This August and early September, we're taking a **Road Trip** in worship. Inspired by our Vacation Bible School theme - On the Go with God - we'll follow the stories our kids explore during VBS and discover how they connect to our everyday lives.

Wherever life takes us - on the journey, through detours, in joy and loneliness, and in new beginnings - God is there.

> **"The LORD your God is with you wherever you go."**
> **– Joshua 1:9**

God is With Us...

- **August 2** — On the Journey
- **August 9** — Following the Cloud
- **August 16** — When We're Joyful
- **August 23** — When We're Lonely
- **August 30** — With New Beginnings
- **September 6** — Even When We Don't See It

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Prayer Requests

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

- Nettie DuBois for a successful valve replacement in her heart. Continued prayers for a quickly and fully recovers!
- Glen and Lynette Geving would like to thank the Elk River Lutheran community for the prayers for Glen during his recovery.
- Thank you for your continued prayers for my sister, Pat Miller. She was in hospitalized for 5 months with multiple surgeries and numerous complications, She has finally been able to return home and is doing well with her recovery. We are so grateful for your support and the amazing Power of Prayer!! Thank You! Mary Hansen

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Leon Nelson, husband of Betty Nelson
- Family and Friends of Dennis Clafin, Brandon Wolff's mentor

For Support

- Autumn & Tom, support for apartment search and moving

Health Concerns

- Florence Grams as she recovers from a fall
- June, recovery from accident and surgery
- Emma, undergoes testing at the Mayo Clinic
- Sam, surgery recovery
- Kathy Scheel
- Phyllis Scroggins, surgery Aug 17
- John Sackmeister, lung cancer
- Frank Hood, nephew - Steve and Barb Brosko
- Connie Edstadt, admitted to Mercy 7/4. Sister of Wendy Klein
- Carol Black, recovering after hospitalization
- 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.
- 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

Mikah Meyer

Mikah	Meyer	Outside	Safespace	Welcome
Inclusion	Belonging	Parks	National	Adventure
Journey	Roadtrip	Nature	Community	Kindness
Hope	Friendship	Courage	Wonder	Faith

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