God is With Us... Following the Cloud

9:30 Worship Service

CELEBRATING

Pastor Anne's MINISTRY

With Gratitude for Four Years of Faithful Ministry

FAREWELL & GODSPEED

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9, 2026

"I thank my God every time I remember you,
constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you,
because of your sharing in the Gospel from the first day until now."
Philippians 1:3–5

Elk River LUTHERAN ELCA

Trusting in God's grace, an accepting, joyful community, serving God & neighbor.

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

9:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome and Announcements
Greetings from the Synod — *Bishop Jen Nagel*
Gathering Song — ***"Vagabonds"***
Confession and Forgiveness

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Children's Sermon — *Pastor Anne Schaefer*
Scripture Readings — *Exodus 13:17-22*
Sermon — *Pastor Anne Schaefer*
Song of the Day — ***"Goodness of God***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Farewell Pastor Anne Schaefer
Sharing of the Peace
Offering — *"One Love"*
Offertory Prayer
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Hymns — ***"In Christ Alone"***
ELW #472 "Eat This Bread"
Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Thanksgiving at the Conclusion of a Call — *Bishop Jen Nagel*
Sending Song — ***"Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love"***
Sending Dialog

Join Us for the Farewell Luncheon

Immediately following worship
Community Room – Lower Level

Everyone is welcome!

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A Farewell Message from Pastor Anne

Good morning, Church!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart to everyone who came to celebrate God's ministry through our shared partnership. What a gift it has been to witness all that God has done among us. Thank you for four years of ministry; for welcoming me into your sacred spaces of grief and hardship, for inviting me to share in the joy of mission trips and events, for worshiping and studying God's Word with honesty and authenticity, and for your overwhelming generosity, love, and care. As I leave, I carry each of you with me, even as I leave a piece of my heart here with you.

Never forget that God made you good, and the Holy Spirit is always with you. I have every confidence that this congregation is in faithful and capable hands. Thank you for allowing me the privilege of walking alongside you.

I am incredibly grateful for you!

Grace and peace,

Pastor Anne

Worship Volunteers

	August 9	**August 16**	
	9:30 AM Joint Service	**8:30 AM**	**10:30 AM**
Greeters	Debbie Campbell Jess Pelzel	Herm & Bev Weidner	Paula Donnelly Lisa Bossany
Ushers	Kristina Erickson Dan Nelson	Ed & Deb Shellum Jerry Jackson	Rick Bock Jim Ayres
Scripture Reader	Megg Donnelly	Linda Campbell	Babs Armagost
Communion Servers	Milo & Kari Christinanson Laura Guimont	John Campbell Julie Marie Haugen Vicki Simpson	Viv Ayres Jodie Dahlheimer
Communion Steward	Vicki Simpson	John Barthel	Nancy Bock
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Joyce Hels	Paula Rose	Paula Rose
Powerpoint Operator	Tyler Carlson	Mary Barthel	Matt Rotz
Soundboard Operator	Emily Rotz	Bennett Johnson	Emily Rotz
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Vicki Simpson Chris Hansen	Vicki Simpson	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

Celebrating Pastor Anne's Ministry

ANNE	GODSPEED	JOURNEY	GRATITUDE
BLESSING	COMMUNITY	WELCOME	COMPASSION
KINDNESS	JOY	WORSHIP	SERMON
BAPTISM	COMMUNION	CHILDREN	CONFIRMATION
VBS	PRIDE	MISSION	PRAYER
ELKRIVER	LUTHERAN	FAITH	HOPE

G O D S P E E D P P B S D Y Y Z N
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Prayer Requests

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

- Many thanks for the prayers of healing for my friend Sue Anderson. She is cancer free – Praise the Lord! (Debby Pouliot)
- 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

- Glen and Lynette Geving, for Glen's continued recovery
- Paula Donnelly's brother in law Terry Donnelly (Pat's brother) had bypass heart surgery
- Renee Peterson, niece of Ruth and Wil Nordin, non-Hodgkin lymphoma.
- Will Nordin, chemo began 8/5/26
- Zach Zahn, grandson of Don & Babs Armagost. Hospitalized with severe infection and edema
- Ousman, friend of Paula Donnelly, sickle cell dementia
- Bob & Nancy Arseneau, Syracuse, NY, member of Saturday Men's Bible Study
- 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, Right arm pain - tendons torn from injury
- Phyllis Scroggins, surgery Aug 17
- Carol Black, recovering after hospitalization
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- Les Johnson, friend of Don & Val Nelson
- 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.

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

A Blessing for

Pastor Anne

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

Thank you for four years of faithful ministry.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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