August 16, 2026

God is With Us… When We're Joyful

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 #881 "Let All Things Now Living"***

Confession and Forgiveness

Song of Praise *p 167* — ***"Glory to God in the Highest"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Suckers and Stories — *A Ruler from Bethlehem*

Scripture Readings — *Luke 1:39–56*

Sermon — *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*

Hymn of the Day — ***ELW #251 "My Soul Proclaims the Greatness"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy *p. 173* — ***"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"***

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God *p. 174* — ***"Lamb of God"***

Communion Hymns — ***ELW #685 "Take My Life, That I May Be"***
ELW #793 "Be Thou My Vision

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn — ***ELW #677 "This Little Light of Mine"***

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome
Sharing of the Peace
Gathering Song — ***"Come People of the Risen King"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Suckers and Stories — *A Ruler from Bethlehem*
Scripture Readings — *Luke 1:39–56*
Sermon — *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*
Song of the Day — ***"Magnificent, Marvelous, Matchless Love"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering — *"Calling to Me"*
Offertory Prayer
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Song — ***"Goodness of God"***
Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Sending Blessing
Sending Song — ***"All the People Said Amen"***
Sending Dialog

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Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	August 16	**August 23**	**August 16**	**August 23**
Greeters	Herm & Bev Weidner	Mark & Fran Johnson	Lisa Bossany Paula Donnelly	Lee & Peg Davies
Ushers	Ed & Deb Shellum Jerry Jackson	Cedric Olson Wayne Traaseth	Jim Ayres Rick Bock	Mark & Amelia Schwarze
Scripture Reader	Linda Campbell	Linda Nielsen	Babs Armagost	Sarah Chur
Communion Servers	John Campbell Julie Marie Haugen Vicki Simpson	Don & Patty Anundsen John Barthel	Viv Ayres Jodie Dahlheimer Laura Guimont	Paula Donnelly Laura Guimont Vicki Sackmeister
Communion Steward	John Barthel	Dale Ziner	Nancy Bock	Brad Tesdahl
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Paula Rose	Jana Lundquist	Paula Rose	Jana Lundquist
Powerpoint Operator	Mary Barthel	Sarah Auel	Matt Rotz	Tyler Carlson
Soundboard Operator	Bennett Johnson	John Auel	Emily Rotz	Brad Evert
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Vicki Simpson	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

Announcements

Fall Issue of The ERLC Current

Submissions Due Soon!

We're preparing the Fall 2026 issue of *The ERLC Current*, our quarterly church magazine. If you have a ministry update, event, article, or reflection you'd like to share, please send it in!

Submissions are due by Noon on Thursday, August 20.

Watch for the magazine arriving in your mailbox before Labor Day—it's your go-to guide for everything happening at ERLC this fall!

Elk River Lutheran Book Club

Join us for enriching literature and fellowship. All are Welcome! We meet once a month on Mondays at 6:30pm in the lower level of Elk River Lutheran.

- **September 14 Book: "The Quiet Librarian" *by Allen Eskens***
- **October 5 Book: "All the Colors of the Dark"** *by Chris Whitaker*

For more information: Sharyn Mayer (sharynmayer@gmail.com) or Ann Lauinger (jimann95@yahoo.com)

Meals on Wheels – September

Elk River Lutheran will be delivering meals for *Meals on Wheels* weekdays throughout the month of **September**.

- Meals picked up daily at 10:30 AM
- Delivery takes about an hour

Interested in helping out for a day or a week? Contact:
Barb Overbye – 612-799-5929 – boverbye@gmail.com
Linda Felska – 763-242-5319 – thefelskas@aol.com
Thank you for helping fill our schedule!

RISE 2026 Fundraising Breakfast

Elk River Lutheran's Social Justice Action Team invites you to learn about the life-changing ministry of Terebinth Refuge and consider attending the **RISE 2026 Fundraising Breakfast** on **Thursday, September 10, 7:30-9:00 AM** at the *Park Event Center, Waite Park*. Registration is free, breakfast is provided, and everyone is welcome. Learn more and register by September 3 at terebinthrefuge.org/RISE.

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)

In Sympathy

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For Support

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Health Concerns

- Jim Kollas, friend of Mike and Linda Quam. Challenges recovering from aortic aneurysm surgery
- 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
- Phyllis Scroggins, surgery Aug 17
- 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

When We're Joyful

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JOY
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PRAISE

MARY
LORD
GREETING
MERCY
MAGNIFY

ELIZABETH
SPIRIT
WONDER
PROMISE
THANKFUL

JESUS
BLESSED
SHARE
BELIEVE
CELEBRATE