August 23, 2026

God is With Us… When We're Lonely

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 #641 "All Are Welcome" v1, 3 & 5***

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 — *House on the Rock*

Scripture Readings — *Luke 19:1–10*

Sermon — *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*

Hymn of the Day — ***ACS #1084 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"***

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 #742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"***
ELW #650 "In Christ There is No East or West"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn — ***ACS #1038 "God, We Gather as Your People" v1, 2 & 4***

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 — *House on the Rock*
Scripture Readings — *Luke 19:1–10*
Sermon — *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*
Song of the Day — ***"Breastplate of St. Patrick"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering — *"Goodness of God"*
Offertory Prayer
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Song — ***"Compassion Hymn"***
Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Sending Blessing
Sending Song — ***"I Belong"***
Sending Dialog

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Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	August 23	**August 30**	**August 23**	**August 30**
Greeters	Mark & Fran Johnson	Annika Gottschalk Renee Thurmer	Lee & Peg Davies	Lee & Peg Davies
Ushers	Cedric Olson Wayne Traaseth	Amanda Lemire Vicki Simpson	Mark & Amelia Schwarze	Tom & LuAnn Wingard
Scripture Reader	Linda Nielsen	Diana Schansberg	Sarah Chur	John Natwick
Communion Servers	Don & Patty Anundsen John Barthel	Paul Hovde Jenny Pruchnik	Nancy Bock Paula Donnelly Laura Guimont	Milo & Kari Christianson
Communion Steward	Dale Ziner	Cedric Olson	Brad Tesdahl	Greg Pouliot
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jana Lundquist	Amy Cox	Jana Lundquist	Amy Cox
Powerpoint Operator	Sarah Auel	Dale Ziner	Tyler Carlson	Tyler Carlson
Soundboard Operator	John Auel	Mike Pruchnik	Brad Evert	Kevin Jenkins
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	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

Announcements

Maintenance Monday Are Back!

Join us **August 31st at 9:30am** for coffee, conversation, and some fix-it fun around the church! We'll review the day's project list and divide up to tackle tasks—big and small. It's a great way to lend a hand and connect with others!

Donate Supplies for LWR School Kits

Partner with the Quilters and Women's Bible study and donate supplies for Lutheran World Relief School Kits. Shopping list can be found on the tall black round table in the fellowship hall or scan QR code or visit our website at elkriverlutheran.org/caring-faith

Deadline: Sunday, August 30

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)

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):*

- Zach Zahn, grandson of Babs and Don Armagost, has been released from the hospital and is recovering at home.
- 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

- Ardis as she lost her spouse

Health Concerns

- Rene Peterson, chemo, niece of Will and Ruth Nordin
- Terry Donnelly, anxiety following triple bypass. Brother-in-law to Paula Donnelly.
- Mike Donnelly, heart surgery. Brother-in-law to Paula Donnelly.
- Todd Zahn, son-in-law of Babs and Don Armagost, is having triple bypass surgery August 18.
- 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.
- 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 Lonely

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Zacchaeus
Crowd
Connection
Grace
Found

Jesus
Lonely
Community
Presence
Salvation

Jericho
Unseen
Welcome
Friendship
Together

Sycamore
Belonging
Compassion
Seek
Seen