August 30, 2026

God is With Us… With New Beginnings

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 #358 "Great God, Your Love Has Called Us"*** *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 — *A Message from God*

Scripture Readings — *Joshua 1:1–9*

Sermon — *Pastor John Hulden*

Hymn of the Day — ***ELW #633 "We've Come This Far By Faith"***

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 #614 "There is a Balm in Gilead"***
ELW #733 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn — ***ELW #705 "God of Grace and God of Glory"*** *v1, 3 & 4*

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome
Sharing of the Peace
Gathering Song — ***"God Is For Us"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Suckers and Stories — *A Message from God*
Scripture Readings — *Joshua 1:1–9*
Sermon — *Pastor John Hulden*
Song of the Day — ***"Firm Foundation"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering
Offertory Prayer
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Song — ***"Great is Thy Faithfulness (Beginning to End)"***
Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Sending Blessing
Sending Song — ***"My Lighthouse"***
Sending Dialog

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Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	August 30	**September 6**	**August 30**	**September 6**
Greeters	Annika Gottschalk Renee Thurmer	Larry & Jean Cook	Conni Natwick Debby Pouliot	Lisa Bossany Rod Hansen
Ushers	Amanda Lemire Vicki Simpson	Chuck & Jane Cazett	Tom & LuAnn Wingard	Dan Nelson Tom Wingard
Scripture Reader	Diana Schansberg	Amanda Lemire	John Natwick	Kelli Horner
Communion Servers	Jenny Pruchnik John & Mary Barthel	Ed & Deb Shellum Tom Werk	Milo & Kari Christianson	Milo & Kari Christianson Debby Pouliot
Communion Steward	Cedric Olson	John Barthel	Greg Pouliot	Greg Pouliot
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Amy Cox	Jana Lundquist	Amy Cox	Jana Lundquist
Powerpoint Operator	Dale Ziner	Mary Barthel	Tyler Carlson	
Soundboard Operator	Mike Pruchnik	Emily Rotz	Kevin Jenkins	Kevin Jenkins
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Vicki Simpson Jenny Pruchnik	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!

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)

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

Blessing Of The Backpacks & School Year

Students, teachers and school staff are invited to bring your backpack, work bag or school bag to worship on **Sunday, September 13** at **8:30 or 10:30 AM** for a special blessing as we begin a new school year!

Confirmation Orientation & Fall Schedule

Confirmation Registration

Grades 6–8 Confirmation

Student & Parent Orientation: Wednesday, September 23 at 6:30 PM

Pastor Nathan leads Wednesday night Confirmation for grades 6–8 with Bible lessons, real-life application, and small group discussion. This year, students will explore **Lutheran tradition, faith practices, and world religions** as they discover what it means to live out their faith today. **Please register before orientation using the QR code.**

9th Grade Confirmation

Student & Parent Orientation: Wednesday, September 23 at 7:30 PM

9th graders will prepare for their **Confirmation Service on Sunday, October 25.** Until then, students will join the high school gathering on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, followed by special **"After Hours" Confirmation prep sessions.**

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.

In Sympathy

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For Support

- Ardis as she lost her spouse

Health Concerns

- John Sackmeister
- 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
- Phyllis Scroggins
- Marianne Jackson
- 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

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

With New Beginnings

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Joshua Moses Courage Strong Promise
Journey Beginnings Change Trust Hope
Forward WithYou Lead Faith Calling
Transition Jordan People God Wherever