September 6, 2026

God is With Us… Wherever We Go

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 #523 "Let Us Go Now to the Banquet"***

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 — *The Great Commission*

Scripture Readings — *Luke 24:13–35*

Sermon — *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*

Hymn of the Day — ***ELW #374 "Day of Arising"***

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 #635 "We Walk by Faith"***

ELW #742 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn — ***ELW #546 "To Be Your Presence"***

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome
Sharing of the Peace
Gathering Song — ***"The House That Love is Building"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Suckers and Stories — *The Great Commission*
Scripture Readings — *Luke 24:13–35*
Sermon — *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*
Song of the Day — ***"The Kingdome of the Lord is Here"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering
Offertory Prayer
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Song — ***"Remembrance"***
Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Sending Blessing
Sending Song — ***"O Give Thanks to the Lord"***
Sending Dialog

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Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	September 6	**September 13**	**September 6**	**September 13**
Greeters	Larry & Jean Cook	Sharon Emerick Jerry Jackson	Lisa Bossany Rod Hansen	Megg Donnelly
Ushers	Bob & Sandy Krumweide	Sue Hovde Kristina Erickson	Dan Nelson Tom Wingard	Jim Ayres Jeff schrock
Scripture Reader	Amanda Lemire	John Barthel	Kelli Horner	Kevin Jenkins
Communion Servers	Ed & Deb Shellum Tom Werk	Jenny Pruchnik Diana Schansberg Cale Stanley-Wornson	Milo & Kari Christianson Debby Pouliot	Viv Ayres Rick Bock Krista Schrock
Communion Steward	John Barthel	Cedric Olson	Greg Pouliot	Nancy Bock
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jana Lundquist	Jenny Pruchnik	Jana Lundquist	Jenny Pruchnik
Powerpoint Operator	Mary Barthel	Elliot Pruchnik	Chris Hansen	Julie Parks
Soundboard Operator	Emily Rotz	Mike Purchnik	Kevin Jenkins	Brad Evert
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	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

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Kickoff Parties & Rehearsals Start
Riverside Ringers Party, Sept 8
Mississippi Sound Party, Sept 9
Choir Party, Sept 10

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.

Blessing Of The Backpacks & School Year

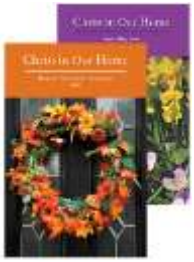
Students, teachers and school staff are invited to bring your backpack, work bag or school bag to worship on **Sunday, September 13** at **8:30 or 10:30 AM** for a special blessing as we begin a new school year!

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.**



Christ in Our Home 2027

Order your 2027 **Christ in Our Home** devotional subscription by **September 27**. Each quarterly issue includes daily scripture, reflection and prayer. **Regular Print: $10/year** or **Large Print: $17/year**. Pay by check to Elk River Lutheran (memo: **CIOH**) or give online by scanning the QR code and selecting **Christ in Our Home** under Giving Type.

Scan to Give Online

Winter Coat Drive

Help support the Sherburne County Area United Way's *Community Connect Event* on October 15 by donating new or gently used coats. Donations are due by **October 1** and can be dropped off at Elk River Lutheran Church on the coat rack as you enter the church. Every coat counts!

Prayer Requests

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

- Last weekend Pastor Nathan had the joy of attending the installation of Bishop Lisa Lewton as Bishop of the Western North Dakota Synod, along with pastors and bishops from across the ELCA!
  Among those gathered were our own Minneapolis Area Synod Bishop Jen Nagel, Southwestern Minnesota Synod Bishop Dee Pederson (who presided at Pastor Jeremy Hallquist's ordination here at ERLC), and ELCA Presiding Bishop Yehiel Curry.
  What a great day of worship, celebration, and being church together! We give thanks for Bishop Lewton and pray God's blessings on her as she begins this new call.

In Sympathy

- Joe Clemensen, cousin of Bev Weidner

For Support

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Health Concerns

- Terry and Mike Donnelly, healing after successful heart surgeries
- Olga Jackson
- Josh Stelton (young 40s), friend of the Nielsens. Stage 4 Colon Cancer
- Linda Quam's friend's granddaughter, Elsie Marie — Prayers for healing following open-heart surgery and complications. She will remain at Children's Hospital until a second heart surgery in about three months.
- Phyllis Scroggins
- 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

Wherever We Go

Emmaus	Jesus	Journey	Presence
Recognize	Disciples	Cleopas	Jerusalem
Road	Bread	Hearts	Scripture
Risen	Faith	Grace	Hope
Near	Walk	Eyes	Opened

D E M X H D F C T A S I O R A E N
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