September 20, 2026

Seriously 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 #521 "O Day of Rest and Gladness" v1, 2 & 4***

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Song of Praise — ***"Glory and Praise to our God"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings — *Psalms of Joy*

Sermon — *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*

Hymn of the Day — ***ELW #836 "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy — ***"Holy, Holy, Holy One"***

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God — ***"Jesus, Life Giving Lamb of God"***

Communion Hymns — ***ELW #498 "United at the Table"***

ELW #477 "I Received the Living God"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn — ***ELW #726 "Light Dawns in a Weary World"***

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome
Sharing of the Peace
Gathering Song — ***"Grateful"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Kids Connect
Scripture Readings — *Psalms of Joy*
Sermon — *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*
Song of the Day — ***"I Got the Joy"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering
Offertory Prayer
Thanksgiving for Baptism
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Song — ***"So Will I"***
Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Sending Blessing
Sending Song — ***"Your Everlasting Love"***
Sending Dialog

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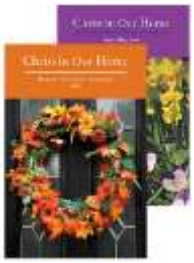
Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	September 20	**September 27**	**September 20**	**September 27**
Greeters	Jane Domeier Sharon Emerick	Milo & Kari Christianson	Val Nelson Julie Parks	Adam & Kelli Horner
Ushers	Herm Weidner John Froelich	Ed & Deb Shellum	Rick Bock Tyler Carlson	Carolyn Mitzuk Smantha Tiemens-Anderson
Scripture Reader	Larry Cook	Amy Cox	Megg Donnelly	Babs Armagost
Communion Servers	John & Mary Barthel Marlys Olson	Don & Patsy Anundsen John Campbel	Sarah Carlson Milo & Kari Christianson	Genevieve Chur Laura Guimont Melania Larson
Communion Steward	Cedric Olson	Debbie Campbell	Lisa Bossany	Sarah Chur
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Bev Weidner	Paula Rose	Bev Weidner	Paula Rose
Powerpoint Operator	Sarah Auel	Tyler Carlson	Matt Rotz	Shari Howland
Soundboard Operator	John Auel	Tom Clements	Emily Rotz	Justin Howland
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Kerry Livingston	Vicki Simpson	Kerry Livingston	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



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!

Made for These Times: Open Forum Series

Sundays, Sept. 27–Oct. 18 | 9:30 AM

Join the Social Justice Action Team (SJAT) for four weeks of video and conversation exploring faithful ways to respond to today's challenges with **courage, compassion, and hope**. Using selected videos from Convergence's *Made for These Times: Spiritual Leadership for a World in Crisis*, we'll reflect and talk together in a welcoming space.

No homework • Discussion questions provided • Everyone is welcome—regardless of background, political perspective, or faith tradition.

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.**

Kids Connect Volunteers Needed

Starts September 20

Help kids (PreK–5th) grow in faith on **Sundays during worship** through crafts, games, and Bible stories. *Lessons and supplies are provided—just bring your smile*!

Sign up with the QR code or visit the **Children, Youth & Family** page on our website.

Youth Mock-In | Friday, October 2

ERLC youth in **grades 9–12** are invited to join youth from across the Twin Cities for worship, a youth message, and tons of fun at Roseville Lutheran Church! **Cost is $15**. **Register by Sunday, September 27.**

- Scan the QR code to register and pay.

Downtown Trick or Treat

Candy & Volunteers Needed!

Help Elk River Lutheran Church make **Downtown Trick or Treat** a fun and welcoming event for our community!

- We are collecting **individually wrapped candy**—please drop off donations at the church by **Tuesday, October 20**.
- We also need volunteers on **Friday, October 23, from 2:00–6:00 PM** to help with **set-up, handing out candy in one-hour shifts, and clean-up**.
- Scan the QR code to sign up and join the fun!
- And new this year—a **Fire Show Entertainer at 5:30 PM!**

Prayer Requests

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

- Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Herm and Bev Weidner! Cake during fellowship hour provided in their honor.
- Thanks for your prayers and serving us ~ Wil Nordin

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Valerie Laptuta
- Family and Friends of Joe Clemensen, cousin of Bev Weidner

For Support

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Health Concerns

- Linda Niemeyer's friend and her family — Prayers for peace and comfort as her mother struggles to recover following a recent fall.
- Miriam Campbell
- Lucas Schlect, heart attach, Gail Palmer's Sister's Grandson
- 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 as she awaits a second surgery in three months.
- 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

Seriously Joyful

Joy	Laugh	Humor	Smile	Stories
Jokes	Play	Bounce	Delight	Grace
Faith	Happy	Celebrate	Fun	Light
Spirit	Praise	Sunday	Seriously	Weird

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