September 27, 2026

LOVE Lives Here

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 #532 "Gather Us In" 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 — *Acts 8:26–40*

Sermon — *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*

Hymn of the Day — ***ELW #641 "All Are Welcome"***

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 #631 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"***

ELW #644 "Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue"

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn — ***ELW #535 "Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises"***

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome
Sharing of the Peace
Gathering Song — ***"God of Justice, Love, and Mercy"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Kids Connect
Scripture Readings — *Acts 8:26–40*
Sermon — *Pastor Nathan Mugaas*
Song of the Day — ***"The House That Love is Building"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering — *"Ain't No Grave"*
Offertory Prayer
Thanksgiving for Baptism
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer
Communion Song — ***"All Belong Here"***
Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Sending Blessing
Sending Song — ***"Lovingkindness"***
Sending Dialog

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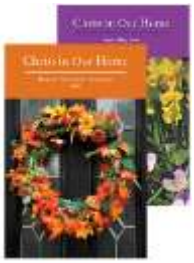
Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	September 27	**October 4**	**September 27**	**October 4**
Greeters	Milo & Kari Christianson	Cedric & Marlys Olson	Adam & Kelli Horner	Mandy & Lucy Day
Ushers	Chuck & Jane Cazett	Don & Patsy Anundsen	Carolyn Mitzuk Megg Donnelly	Joyce Hels Dan Nelson
Scripture Reader	Amy Cox	Mary Barthel	Babs Armagost	Babs Armagost
Communion Servers	Don & Patsy Anundsen John Campbel	John & Conni Natwick Diana Schansberg	Genevieve Chur Laura Guimont Melania Larson	Rick & Nancy Bock Paula Donnelly
Communion Steward	Debbie Campbell		Sarah Chur	Brad Tesdahl
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Paula Rose	Lisa Bossany	Paula Rose	Lisa Bossany
Powerpoint Operator	Tyler Carlson	Tyler Carlson	Shari Howland	Krista Schrock
Soundboard Operator	Tom Clements	Emily Rotz	Justin Howland	Jeff Schrock
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Vicki Simpson	Jenny Pruchnik	Chris Hansen	Sue Sass

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.

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.

Club 45 Fall Fun Night!

Calling all **4th & 5th graders!** Join us **Friday, October 9 from 6:00–9:00 PM** for a night just for you! We'll have pizza, games, fall fun, and plenty of time to hang out together. **Friends are welcome, too!** This event is free. **Register by Tuesday, October 6** using the QR code.

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!**

Financial Update

MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

2026, January-August

	August Actual	Year to Date Actual	Year to Date Budget
General Income	*$39,989.19*	*$379,502.11*	*$584,255.00*
Expenses	*$42,648.00*	*$396,406.62*	*$583,846.80*
Profit/Loss	*-$2,658.81*	*-$16,904.51*	*$408.20*

Prayer Requests

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

- Happy Wedding Anniversary to Ed and Deb Shellum. Donuts provided during Fellowship Hour in their honor.
- I am deeply grateful for all the prayers and a quick healing - thanks be to God. ~ Olga Jackson

In Sympathy

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

For Support

- Linda Niemeyer's daughter Sam to help her with anxiety as she continues to battle with since her cancer diagnosis.
- Linda Niemeyer's granddaughter Lillian, struggling to find herself and spark again (daughter of Sam)

Health Concerns

- Dale Ziner – foot surgery on 9/22
- 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 attack, Gail Palmer's sister's grandson
- Josh Stelton (young 40s), friend of the Nielsens. Stage 4 Colon Cancer
- 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

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Love	Welcome	Belong	Accept
Include	Grace	Justice	Pride
Rainbow	Neighbor	Community	Kindness
Compassion	Generous	Partner	Open
Together	Reconciling	Christ	Everyone

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