October 4, 2026

Bursting at the Musical Seams

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
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ORDER OF WORSHIP
8:30 & 10:30

The Gathering of God's People

Opening Music — *"Sally Garden"*
Welcome
Sharing of the Peace
Gathering Hymn — ***ELW #859 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Kids Connect
Scripture Readings — *Ephesians 5:19*
Sermon Music — *"Nettleton"*
"O Love"
"Calling to Me"
"Amazing Grace"
"They'll Know We Are Christians"
Hymn of the Day — ***"O God of Music, Art and Word"***
See insert

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering — ***ELW #359 "When Charity and Love Prevail"***
Offertory Prayer
Thanksgiving for Baptism
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer — ***"The Lord's Prayer"***
Communion Song — ***"Let All Who are Thirsty, Come"***
Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Benediction — *"God Be With You"*
Sending Hymn — ***"May the Peoples Praise You"***
Sending Dialog

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O God of Music Art and Word

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Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	October 4	**October 11**	**October 4**	**October 11**
Greeters	Cedric & Marlys Olson	Jane Domeier Doug Mathison	Mandy & Lucy Day	Sue Hales Betty Zehringer
Ushers	Don & Patsy Anundsen	John & Debbie Campbell	Joyce Hels Dan Nelson	Mark & Amelia Schwarze
Scripture Reader	Mary Barthel	Vicki Granros	Babs Armagost	Jim Ayres
Communion Servers	John & Conni Natwick Diana Schansberg	John Barthel Cedric & Marlys Olson	Rick & Nancy Bock Paula Donnelly	Rock Bock John & Conni Natwick
Communion Steward	Amy Cox	Vicki Simpson	Brad Tesdahl	Nancy Bock
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Lisa Bossany	Deb Shellum	Lisa Bossany	Deb Shellum
Powerpoint Operator	Mike Pruchnik	Mary Barthel	Krista Schrock	Mike Anderson
Soundboard Operator	Emily Rotz	Tom Clements	Jeff Schrock	Brad Evert
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Jenny Pruchnik	Vicki Simpson	Sue Sass	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

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.

2027 ELCA Youth Gathering: Parent & Student Info Meeting

Youth in **grades 9–12** and their parents/caring adults are invited to an informational meeting about the **2027 ELCA Youth Gathering in Minneapolis**! Come learn more about the Gathering, ask questions, and hear what this experience could look like for ERLC youth. **No commitment is required just to attend the meeting.**

Sunday, October 4 at 11:45 AM

ERLC Community Room — Lower Level

Kids Connect Volunteers Needed

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.

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.

Rachel Kurtz — Live at Elk River Lutheran!

Join us **Wednesday, October 21** for an evening of music, stories, faith, and community with singer, songwriter, speaker, and storyteller **Rachel Kurtz**! We'll begin with **dinner at 6:00 PM** in the Community Room, followed by a **concert from 6:30–7:45 PM** in the Sanctuary. Rachel's powerful music and heartfelt storytelling will make this a wonderful evening for the whole community. **This event is FREE and all ages are welcome!**

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):*

- For Pastor John Hulden, giving thanks for his 13 years of faithful service as Assistant to the Bishop for Leadership and for the many ways he has walked alongside Elk River Lutheran through pastoral calls, installations, and transitions. Blessings to John in his retirement!
- I am deeply grateful for all the prayers and a quick healing - thanks be to God. ~ Olga Jackson

In Sympathy

- Family and Friends of Laura Gildemeister, eldest daughter of the late Darrell Gildemeister
- Family and friends of Linda Niemeyer's friend — Prayers of comfort and peace following the death of her mother.

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

- Amy Anderson's Father Don for upcoming kidney surgery
- Jeremie Brown, son-in-law of Mike & Linda Quam, recovery from fall off ladder
- Jim Kallas, friend of Mike & Linda Quam, new diagnosis of Lymphoma as well as testing for heart issues
- Debbie Campbell, recovery from cataract surgery
- 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
- 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

ERLC Music Ministry

Music	Choir	Ringers	Mississippi
Collective	Piano	Guitar	Keyboards
Vocals	Bells	Strings	Winds
Percussion	Cantor	Hymns	Liturgy
Caroling	Children	Ensembles	Worship

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