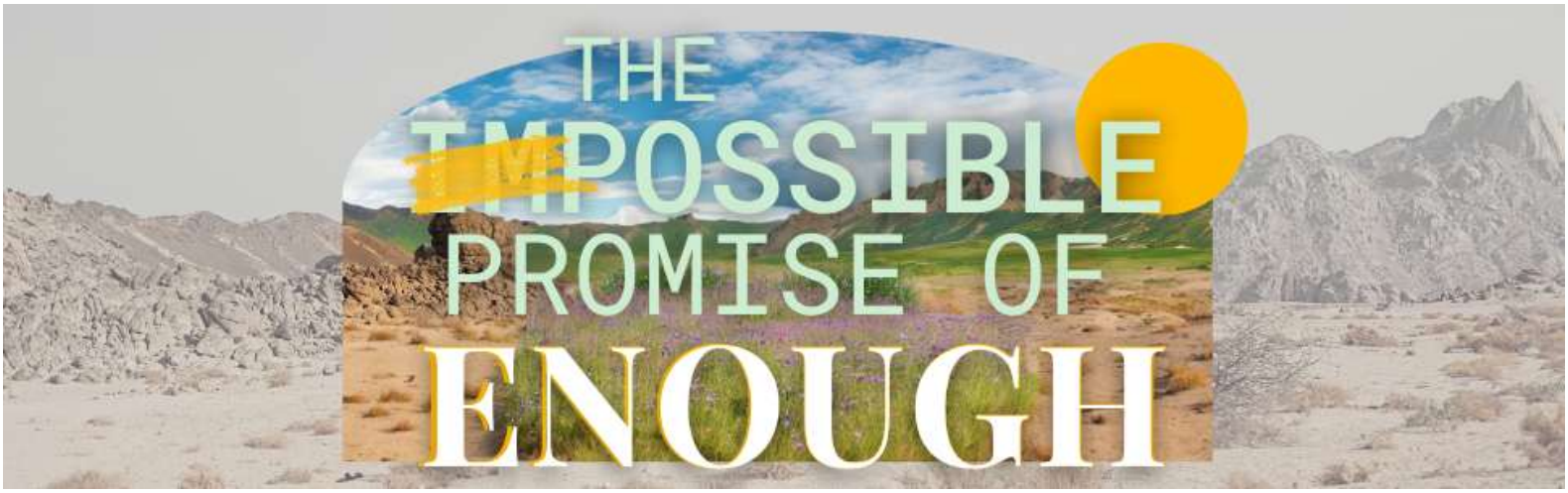
November 1, 2026

IT ALL COUNTS

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 #423 "Shall We Gather at the River" v1-3***

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Song of Praise — ***"Above the Hills"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day

Kids Connect

Scripture Readings — *Matthew 5:1–12*

Sermon — *Pastor Natalia Terfa*

Hymn of the Day — ***"Blessed Are the Poor in Spirit"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Apostles Creed

Bidding Prayers

Sharing of the Peace

Offering — *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Holy, Holy, Holy — ***"Holy, Holy, Holy Lord"***

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer — ***"The Lord's Prayer"***

Lamb of God — ***"O Lamb of God"***

Communion Hymn and Candle Lighting — *"Pie Jesu"*

Communion Blessing & Prayer

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements

Sending Blessing

Sending Hymn — ***ACS #950 "Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In" v1, 4 & 5***

Sending Dialog

10:30AM ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome
Sharing of the Peace
Gathering Song — ***"Oh How Good It Is"***

The Word of God Proclaimed

Prayer of the Day
Scripture Readings — *Matthew 5:1–12*
Sermon — *Pastor Natalia Terfa*
Song of the Day — ***"The Beatitudes"***

Sharing & Receiving the Gifts of God

Offering — *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"*
Offertory Prayer
Thanksgiving for Baptism
Holy Communion
The Lord's Prayer — ***"The Lord's Prayer"***
Communion Song and Candle Lighting — *"Pie Jesu"*
Communion Blessing

The Sending of God's People

Community Announcements
Sending Blessing
Sending Song — ***"All the People Said Amen"***
Sending Dialog

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Worship Volunteers

	8:30AM Service		10:30AM Service	
	November 1	**November 8**	**November 1**	**November 8**
Greeters	Amanda Lemire Ken Wells	Bob & Sandy Krumwiede	Lee & Peg Davies	Mandy & Lucy Day
Ushers	John & Karen Froelich	John Barthel Dale Ziner	Tom & Joyce Hels	Megg Donnelly Dan Nelson
Scripture Reader	Cedric Olson	Vicki Granros	Kelli Horner	Noelle Kuitunen-Johnson
Communion Servers	Milo & Kari Christianson Diana Schanberg	Cedric & Marlys Olson Tom Werk	Melania Larson Greg Pouliot	Mike Anderson Debby Pouliot Samantha Tiemens-Anderson
Communion Steward	Amy Cox	Debbie Campbell	Cathy Dalnes	Greg Pouliot
Mid-Week Communion Fill	Jana Lundquist	Julie Marie Haugen	Jana Lundquist	Julie Marie Haugen
Powerpoint Operator	Dale Ziner	Mary Barthel	Mike Anderson	Shari Howland
Soundboard Operator	Mike Pruchnik	Kevin Jenkins	Brad Evert	Justin Howland
Switcher Operator	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements	Tom Clements
Volunteer Coordinator	Jenny Pruchnik	Vicki Simpson	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

All Saints Sunday – November 1

Join us for All Saints Sunday as we welcome **Pastor Natalia Terfa** as our guest preacher at both the 8:30 and 10:30 AM worship services. Pastor Natalia is a Lutheran pastor, author, and host of the *Cafeteria Christian* podcast. Her sermon, **"It All Counts,"** reminds us that even the smallest acts of love, kindness, and faithfulness matter. During both services, we will also remember and honor the saints who have gone before us with a special candle lighting.

Fall Back! Daylight Saving Time Ends November 1

Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK one hour** before heading to bed on Saturday, October 31! Daylight Saving Time ends at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 1. Enjoy that extra hour of sleep, and we'll see you bright and early for worship at 8:30 or 10:30 AM!

Funeral & Memorial Planning Workshop

Sunday, November 8 | 9:40–10:20 AM
Lower Level – Community Room
Planning ahead is a thoughtful gift to those we love. Join Pastor Nathan for a workshop offering guidance and resources to help you plan your own funeral or memorial service. Learn how your wishes can reflect your faith while providing comfort, clarity, and peace of mind for your loved ones.

Sandwich Making Event – November 18

Join us **Wednesday, November 18, 6:00–7:45 PM**, as we once again come together to make **1,000 sandwiches for area food shelves and ministries!** Dinner is served at 6:00 PM, and **everyone is welcome to lend a hand.**

Want to help even more? **Sign up to donate supplies or deliver finished sandwiches** to our ministry partners. Supplies are due **Sunday, November 15 at noon.**

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.

Become a New Member at Elk River Lutheran!

Interested in making Elk River Lutheran your church home? Join us for our **New Member Luncheon & Orientation on Sunday, November 15 at 11:30 AM**. Lunch will be provided as we share more about ERLC's vision, ministries, and life together.

New members will then be welcomed during worship on **New Member Sunday, November 22**, at either the **8:30 AM or 10:30 AM service**.

Sign up using the Connection Form, visit **elkriverlutheran.org/forms**, or contact Linda in the church office at **linda@elkriverlutheran.org**.

Prayer Requests

Please keep the Elk River Lutheran Call Committee in your prayers as they prepare for their first meeting on November 4. We give thanks **for Amy Anderson, Katherine Horner, Joseph Livingston, Nathan Mugaas, Jennifer Pruchnik, Emily Rotz, and Susan Sass** and their willingness to serve. Pray for wisdom, patience, discernment, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit as they begin the important work of seeking our next Associate Pastor.

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

- Students affirming their baptism during the Confirmation Service October 25th.
    - Faith Bourdeaux
    - Lucy Day
    - Nathaniel Sandvig
    - Caleb Scheff
    - Hadley Schmidt
    - Myles Wagner

In Sympathy

- Family and friends of Charlie Brown
- Family and friends of Sonja Nielsen, aunt of Pete Nielsen

For Support

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Health Concerns

- Robin Lease, Pat Guimont's sister. Recovering from a huge back surgery and heart issues. In a nursing home for rehab.
- Tammy Lund, Heart Attach. She is the office manager at Servant of Christ, Champlin
- Lucy Boeshans, back surgery, Oct 29
- Sue Hales, broken arm
- Dale Ziner, hand surgery on October 22nd.
- Carol Sindelir, Val Nelson's sister
- John Sackmeister – Vicki Sackmeister's husband, battling cancer. Pray for John and the family during this time.
- 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
- 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

It All Counts

Saints	Beatitudes	Remember	Mercy
Comfort	Generosity	Compassion	Kingdom
Righteousness	Encourage	Blessed	Faithfulness
Love	Peacemakers	Kindness	Service
Gratitude	Heaven	Forgiveness	Rejoice

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Treasurer: Amy Anderson
Secretary: Kelli Horner

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Julie Marie Haugen
Justin Howland
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Dan Nelson
Renee Thurmer

Ways to Give

Cash / Check
Offering plate is by the entrances to the sanctuary

Mobile Giving QR Code

Text to Give
Text Give to (612) 324-8257

Additional Ways to Give:

- **Automated Recurring Giving:** Set up online via website give button, via the Tithe.ly phone app or by contacting the church office
- **Stocks:** consider donating stocks through a conversation with your financial advisor and the church.

This Week

SUNDAY 11/1

All Saints Sunday
Daylight Savings Time Ends
(Clocks Fall Back)
8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect

MONDAY 11/2

6:00pm Choir Rehearsal (United Methodist)
6:30pm Elk River Luther Book Club
7:30pm Powered By Love Collective

TUESDAY 11/3

9:00am Quilting
10:00am Text Study
Matthew 5:1–12
7:00pm AA Meeting *(Lower Level)*

WEDNESDAY 11/4

2:00pm Endowment Team
6:30pm Confirmation
6:30pm HS Youth
7:30pm Call Committee First Meeting w/ Pastor Eric Hoffer

THURSDAY 11/5

10:00am Genealogy Group

FRIDAY 11/6

9:00am Women's Coffee *(Panera – Elk River)*
9:00am Men's Breakfast *(Coborns – Elk River)*

SATURDAY 11/7

8:00am Men's Bible Study *(Zoom Bible Study)*

NEXT SUNDAY 11/8

8:30am Traditional Worship with Kids Connect
9:40pm Funeral and Memorial Planning Workshop *(Community Room)*
9:30am Fellowship Hour
10:30am Contemporary Worship with Kids Connect