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God's Blessings

To God Be The Glory!

Upcoming Commemorations and Renewers of Faith

Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, martyr, died 156
Monday, February 23, 2026

Because he is said to have been known by John, the author of Revelation, as well as the important early church fathers Irenaeus and Ignatius, Polycarp serves as a vital link in church history. He was burned at the stake at age 86 for refusing to renounce his faith.

Elizabeth Fedde, deaconess, died 1921
Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Born in Norway and trained there as a deaconess, Fedde was asked to come and minister to the poor and to seamen in New York City. She established the Deaconess House in Brooklyn as well as Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis.

Erickson Lutheran Church
30 – 3rd Avenue SW
Sunday, February 22, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

Lay Leader Service
First Sunday in Lent, Year A



Welcome

Call to Worship *Choir "Psalm 121"*

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Children's Song *"Our God Is an Awesome God"*

Our God is an awesome God,
He reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power and love,
Our God is an awesome God.

Text: Rich Mullins , 1988

Celebration Candle

Confession and Forgiveness

Gracious God,
have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Gathering Hymn 613 *"Thy Holy Wings"*

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and

when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Song of Praise **723** *“Canticle of the Turning” (Hymn of the Day)*

Scripture Readings *Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7, Psalm 32, Romans 5:12-19*

Gospel Hymn **333** *“Jesus is a Rock”*

Gospel **Matthew 4:1-11**

Word of God Word of Life Thanks be to God

Hymn of the Day **770** *“Give Me Jesus”*

Reflection: *Lay Leader Dolores Hall*

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

 the holy apostolic church, the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers for the People

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sharing of the Peace

May the Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

Offering Hymn **639** *“When We Are Living”*

Offering Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer *tune Morecambe*

Father in heaven, holy be your name
Your Kingdom come. Your will be done the same
On earth as it is done in heav’n above.
Our Father, bless your children with your love.

Our daily bread provide for us each day.
As we forgive, so take our sins away.
In time of trial, saving Lord, be near.
From ev’ry evil our Deliverer.

Yours is the kingdom; ov’r all things you reign.
Yours is the power; all things you maintain.
Yours be the glory, sounding forth again
Forever and forevermore. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn **547** *“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”*

Announcements

Dismissal

Go in peace. Believe the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Activities for the Week February 22 to March 1

February 24 – Choir at 7:00 p.m.

March 1 – Annual General Meeting after Service and Potluck