



Erickson Lutheran Church
30 – 3rd Street S. W.

Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service
The Holy Trinity, Year A

Welcome

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Celebration Candle

Children's Hymn *"If I Were a Butterfly"*

If I were a butterfly I'd thank you, Lord, for giving me wings
And if I were a robin in a tree I'd thank you, Lord, that I could sing
And if I were a fish in the sea I'd wiggle my tail, and I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank you Father, for making me me.

Refrain:

'Cause you gave me a heart and you gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus, and you made me your child
And I just thank you Father for making me me.

If I were an elephant I'd thank you, Lord, by raising my trunk
And if I were a kangaroo I'd just hop right up to you
And if I were an octopus I'd thank you, Lord, for my good looks
But I just thank you Father for making me. R

If I were a wiggly worm I'd thank you, Lord, that I could squirm
And if I were a billy goat I'd thank you Lord, for my strong throat.
And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear I'd thank you Lord, for my fuzzy wuzzy hair
But I just thank you Father for making me. R

Text: Brian Howard 1974

Confession and Forgiveness

Compassionate God, we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

Gathering Hymn 558 *"Lord God, We Praise You"*

Prayer of the Day

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal
Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us
steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into

your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Song of Praise *“Faith begins by Letting Go” (hymn of the month)*

Faith begins by letting go, giving up what had seemed sure,
Taking risks and pressing on, though the way feels less secure:
Pilgrimage both right and odd, trusting all our life to God.

Faith endures by holding on, keeping mem'ry's roots alive
So that hope may bear its fruit; promise-fed, our souls will thrive,
Not through merit we possess but by God's great faithfulness.

Faith matures by reaching out, stretching minds, enlarging hearts,
Sharing struggles, living prayer, binding up the broken parts;
Till we find the commonplace ripe with witness to God's grace.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

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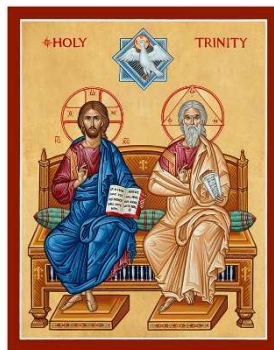
Scripture Reading *Genesis 1:1—2:4a, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11-13*

Psalm 8 *(in your red hymnal after page 338)*

Gospel Hymn: **413** *“Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!”*

Gospel: *Matthew 28:16-20*

Reflection *Peter Harvey*



Hymn of the Day

412 *“Come, Join the Dance of Trinity”*

Apostles Creed

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We believe in God the Father, God almighty, by whose plan
Earth and heaven sprang to being all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour, Son of God in human frame,
Virgin-born, the child of Mary upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken, like a Lamb to slaughter led,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate, He descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen, heaven's King to rule and reign,
To the Father's side ascended till as judge He comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit; In one church, below, above:
Saints of God in one communion, one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven, Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
We shall rise with Him in glory to the life that knows no end.

Prayers for the People

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Sharing the Peace of Christ:

May the peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you

Offering Hymn

407 *“O Living Breath of God”*

Offering Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(in your red hymnal page 221 right hand column)*

Blessing

Sending Hymn **883** ***“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”***

Announcements

Activities for the Week June 1 to June 7

Tuesday, June 2 – Healthy Baby Program 10:00 AM

Thursday, June 4 – Private Event – Kitchen

Friday, June 5 – Private Event - Kitchen

Sunday, June 7 – Communion Service followed by Potluck Lunch and Church Council Meeting, Second Sunday after Pentecost

Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God.

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Upcoming Commemorations – Renewers of Faith

Visit of Mary to Elizabeth, Sunday, May 31, 2026

This festival marks the occasion when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, visited her cousin Elizabeth who was herself pregnant with John. Elizabeth pronounced Mary "blessed among women," and Mary responded with the song called the Magnificat.

Justin, martyr at Rome, died around 165, Monday, June 1, 2026

Born of pagan parents, Justin was influenced by an elderly Christian in Ephesus. He became a teacher of philosophy and the Christian faith. Jailed for practicing an unauthorized religion, he refused to renounce his faith and was beheaded.

The Martyrs of Uganda, died 1886, Wednesday, June 3, 2026

On June 3, 1886, thirty-two young men were burned to death for refusing to renounce Christianity. The confident manner in which these Christians went to their deaths contributed to a much stronger Christian presence in Uganda.

John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, died 1963, Wednesday, June 3, 2026

When elected pope, the former Angelo Roncalli was expected to be a short-term caretaker. He showed great spirit, though, and convened the Second Vatican Council which helped bring great changes to Roman Catholic and other churches.

Boniface, Bishop of Mainz, missionary to Germany, martyr, died 754, Friday, June 5, 2026

Boniface was a native of England who became a Benedictine monk and was called to missionary work among the Vandal tribes of Germany. With fellow workers, he established churches and schools, and he also worked to reform the church.



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God's Blessings

To God Be The Glory!

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Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

God's Peace be with you.