

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

Sunday, July 19, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.
Worship Service
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A



Welcome

Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

Children's Song *"He's Got the Whole World In His Hands"*
He's got the whole world in His hands (X4)

He's got the little tiny baby in His hands (X3)
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's Got the moon and the stars in his hands (3x)
He's Got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the sun and the rain in His hands
He's got the wind and the snow in His hands
He's got the summer and the winter in His hands
He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got everybody here in His hands (X3)
He's got the whole world in His hands.

traditional African American spiritual with an unknown original author

Celebration Candle

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

824 *"This Is My Fathers World"*

Prayer of the Day

Faithful God, most merciful judge, you care for your children with
firmness and compassion. By your Spirit nurture us who live in your
kingdom, that we may be rooted in the way of your Son, Jesus Christ, our
Savior and Lord.
Amen.

Song of Praise

736 *"God the Sculptor of the Mountains"*

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24, Romans 8:12-25

Psalm

139:1-12, 23-24 (in red hymnal after page 338)

Gospel Hymn

“You Are The Seed”

You are the seed that will grow a new sprout;
You’re a star that will shine in the night;
You are the yeast and a small grain of salt, a beacon to glow in the dark.
You are the dawn that will bring a new day;
You’re the wheat that will bear golden grain;
You are a sting and a soft, gentle touch, my witnesses wher-e’er you go.

Refrain:

Go, my friends, go to the world,
proclaiming the great love go God,

Messengers to tell the way of life.
peace and pardon for all.

Be, my friends, a loyal witness,
from the dead Christ arose;

“Lo, I’ll be with you forevermore,
till the end of the world.”



You are the flame that will lighten the dark,
So resplendent with hope, faith, and love;
You are the shepherds to lead the whole world to waters and pastures of peace.
“You are the friends that I chose for myself,
You’re the word that I want to proclaim.
You are the new reign of God built on a rock where justice and truth are at home.”
R

You are the life that will nurture the plant;
You’re the waves in a turbulent sea;
Yesterday’s yeast is beginning to rise, a new loaf of bread it will yield.
There is no place for a city to hide,
There’s no a mountain can cover its might;
Let your light shine so that your loving works give honour and glory to God. R
Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, published it in 1979

Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Word of God

Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Reflection

Rev. Heather Parrott-Howdle

Guest Speaker

Lainie Nichols, Young Adults in Global Mission

Hymn of the Day

734 “God, Whose Farm Is All Creation”

Apostles Creed

tune “Joyful, Joyful”

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 of the Peace

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

Offering Hymn **478 “Father, We Thank You”**

Offering Prayer

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

Sending Hymn ***“All Things Bright And Beautifull”***

Refrain
All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours, God made their tiny wings. R**

**The purple headed mountains, the river running by
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. R**

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden, God made them everyone. R**

**God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. R**
Text: Cecil F. Alexander, 1818-1895, alt.

Blessing

Announcements

Activities for the Week of July 20, 2026, to July 26, 2026

Monday, July 20 – Deadline for ELC Newsletter Articles

Thursday, July 23 – Private Kitchen Rental

Friday, July 24 – Private Kitchen Rental

Sunday, July 26 – Lay Service followed by Coffee, Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.



Renewers of Faith

Mary Magdalene, Apostle Wednesday, July 22, 2026

Sometimes called "the apostle to the apostles" because she told them of her encounter with the risen Lord, Mary was a woman of Galilee who followed Jesus throughout his ministry. She was present at Jesus' crucifixion and his burial.

Birgitta of Sweden, renewer of the church, died 1373 Thursday, July 23, 2026

Birgitta married at age thirteen and had four daughters. Widowed at age thirty-eight, she gave all that she owned to the poor and founded a community of monks and nuns led by a woman. The Society of St. Birgitta today continues her work.

James, Apostle Saturday, July 25, 2026

James and his brother John were the sons of Zebedee, fishermen by trade before their call from Jesus. He was the first of the twelve apostles to be martyred, and his death is the only one recorded in scripture (Acts 12:1-2).



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