

Erickson Lutheran Church  
30 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Street S. W.

Sunday, July 26, 2026, at 10:30 a.m.  
Lay Service  
Nineth Sunday after Pentecost, Year A



### Welcome

### Indigenous Land Acknowledgement

#### Children's Song

God is so good, X3  
He's so good to me

He cares for me, X3  
He's so good to me

I'll do His will, X3  
He's so good to me

He knows me so, X3  
He's so good to me  
African folk hymn (no single  
credited author)

*"God Is So Good"*



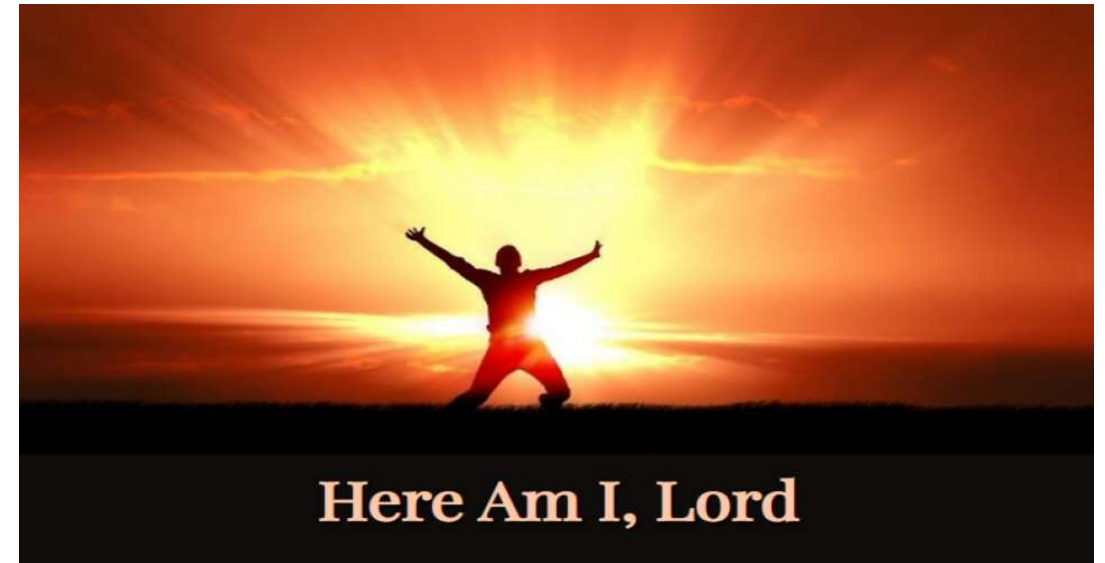
### Celebration Candle

### 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

574 *"Here I Am Lord"*



### Prayer of the Day

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of  
your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By  
your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that  
comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
Amen.

Song of Praise

576    “We Are All One In Mission”

Scripture Readings

1 Kings 3:5-12, Psalm 119:129-136, Romans 8:26-39

Psalm

119:129-136 (in red hymnal after page 338)

<sup>129</sup> Your decrees are wonderful;  
therefore I obey them with all my heart.  
<sup>130</sup> **When your word is opened it gives light;  
it gives understanding to the simple.**  
<sup>131</sup> I open my mouth and pant  
because I long for your commandments.  
<sup>132</sup> **Turn to me and be gracious to me,  
as you always do to those who love your name.**  
<sup>133</sup> Order my footsteps in your word;  
let no iniquity have dominion over me.  
<sup>134</sup> **Rescue me from those who oppress me,  
and I will keep your commandments.**  
<sup>135</sup> Let your face shine up on your servant  
and teach me your statutes.  
<sup>136</sup> **My eyes shed streams of tears,  
because people do not keep your teaching.**

Gospel Hymn

“Seek Ye First”

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness,  
And all these things shall be added unto you! Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find.  
Knock and the door shall be opened up to you, Allelu, alleluia!

We do not live by bread alone, but by every word  
That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord, Allelu, alleluia!

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Gospel

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Word of God

Word of Life

Thanks be to God

Reflection

Dolores Hall

Hymn of the Day

“I Love Thy Kingdom”

I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,  
The Church our blest Redeemer bought  
With His own precious blood.  
  
I love the Church, O God! Her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye  
And graven on Thy hand.

For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be given  
Till toils and cares shall end.

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.

Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can yield,  
And brighter bliss of heaven

Text: Timothy Dwight

### 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

**752 "Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"**

### Offering Prayer

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

### Blessing

### Sending Hymn

**325 "I  
Want Jesus To  
Walk With Me"**



### Announcements

#### Activities for the Week of July 27, 2026, to August 2, 2026

Thursday, July 30 – Private Kitchen Rental

Friday, July 31 – Private Kitchen Rental

Sunday, August 2 – Worship Service with Peter Harvey, followed by Potluck Lunch, Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

### Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news! **Thanks be to God.**

**Renewers of Faith**

**Johann Sebastian Bach, died 1750; Heinrich Schütz, died 1672; George Frederick Handel, died 1759; musicians Tuesday, July 28, 2026**

These three German-born musicians have done much to enrich the life of the church. Schütz was an early master who focused on settings of biblical texts. Bach wrote over 300 cantatas along with works for organ and instrumental pieces and has been called the "fifth evangelist" for the way he proclaimed the gospel in music. Handel's great work, Messiah, is a setting of scriptural texts.

**Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany Wednesday, July 29, 2026**

Friends of Jesus, Mary and Martha are remembered for the hospitality of their home that they offered him—Martha focused on serving their guest, and Mary on listening to him. Their brother Lazarus was raised from the dead as a sign of the greater resurrection to come.

**Olaf, King of Norway, martyr, died 1030 Wednesday, July 29, 2026**

Considered the patron saint of Norway, Olaf went from a life of piracy to becoming Christian and declaring himself king of Norway. He revised the laws and tried to administer them fairly. Driven from Norway in a rebellion, he was killed in battle trying to regain his kingdom.



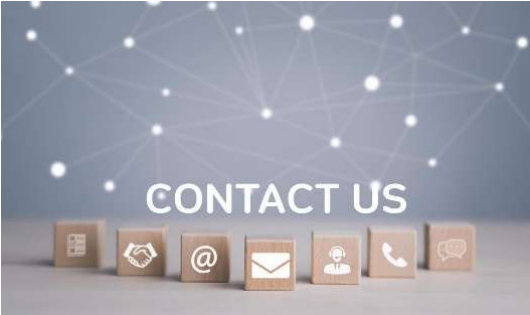
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