

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21, 2025 - 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting Five

Worship in-person and livestream

Where do you experience Emmanuel, "God is with us," present today?

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and acknowledgement of lands

Confession *see insert*

Gathering Song ***Saviour of the Nations, Come*** *red book* **No. 263**

Greeting The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie *red book* Page 156

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

WORD

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Advent Song ***He Came Down*** *vs. 1-4, red book* **No. 253**

First Reading **Isaiah 7:10-16**

Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 *on the back cover, sung responsively with the refrain*

Second Reading **Romans 1:1-7**

Gospel Acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia** *red book* Page 160

Gospel Reading **Matthew 1:18-25**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day ***No Wind at the Window*** *blue book* **No. 906**

Apostles' Creed *red book* Page 105

Prayers of the People God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peace Sharing The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

Offering Song *Ave Maria - Bach/Gounod - solo*

No offering is collected during worship. There is an offering plate in the entrance.

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Dialogue *red book* Page 161

Holy *red book* Page 162

Thanksgiving Prayer

Lord's Prayer *red book* Page 163

Lamb of God *red book* Page 164

All are welcome at Christ's table. The wine is served in individual glasses and the common cup.

Red grape juice is in the centre of the trays. Gluten-free bread is available by asking the server.

You may commune with bread or wine alone or ask for a blessing.

Those worshipping online are invited to commune where you are.

Communion Songs ***Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*** *red book* **No. 254**

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel *vs. 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, red book* **No. 257**

Deep Peace *blue book* **No. 1018**

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song ***Freedom Is Coming*** *blue book* **No. 903**

Dismissal **...Thanks be to God!**

Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall following worship.

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister

Ben Lukenchuk

Musician

Karen Johnson-Lefsrud

Kantor

Nathan McDonald

Choral Scholar

DJ McGrath

Livestream

Rebecca Wong

Communion

Marge Adams, Tarynn McKenzie

Ushers

Grant Froyland, Murray Nelson

You are invited to Christmas Eve worship:

Wednesday, December 24 at 5 PM PT Candlelight & Carols (livestream)

7 PM - Holy Communion Worship with Carols (no livestream)

Christmas Day, Thursday, December 25 at 11 AM (no livestream)

For more information, please check the website www.lutheranvictoria.ca

for the Crossroads newsletter, calendar, and events.

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