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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Installation of Pr. Eli Deifeld

May 3, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion Setting 9*

Worship in-person and livestream

"Owning" our space - where God has prepared our place.

GATHERING

Prelude	
Easter Greeting	Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands	
Gathering Song	<i>Let Streams of Living Justice</i> red book No. 710
Greeting	
Kyrie	Page 193
Song of Praise	<i>This is the Feast</i> Page 196
Prayer of the Day	

WORD

Children's Message	
First Reading	Acts 7:55-60 ...Thanks be to God.
Psalms 31:1-5, 15-16	
Second Reading	1 Peter 2:2-10 ...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia....</i> Page 198
The Gospel Reading	John 14:1-14 ...Glory to you, O God. ...Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon	
Hymn of the Day	<i>Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds</i> red book No. 367
Installation of Pr. Eli Deifeld	
Taizé chant	A alma que anda no amor não cansa, nem se cansa
Prayers of the People	Merciful God, Receive our prayer.
Peace Sharing	The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. And also with you.

MEAL

In the church community we give our time, our gifts, and our resources.

We collect an offering as one way of giving.

Offering of Gifts	
Offering Song	<i>Canticle of the Turning</i> red book No. 723
Offering Prayer	
Great Thanksgiving	Page 199
Preface	
Holy	Page 200
Thanksgiving Prayer	
The Lord's Prayer	Page 201
Lamb of God	

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	<i>Bring Many Names</i> blue book No. 1094
	<i>Come My Way - V. Williams - solo</i>
	A alma que anda no amor não cansa, nem se cansa

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements	
Blessing	
Sending Song	<i>Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing</i> red book No. 389
Dismissal	...Thanks be to God. Alleluia!
Postlude	

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

Thank you to all who contributed for hosting.

The flowers today are given by Daryl Hardin and Mark Hanson

in loving and grateful memory of Carole Hardin and Cheryl Hanson.

Worship Assistants

Preacher	Rev. Zsófi Schmiedge
Assisting Minister	Thiago Hinkel
Kantor	Nathan McDonald
Musician	Karen Johnson-Lefsrud
Choral Scholar	Madison Blackman
Livestreaming	Boston Laferté
Communion	Ann Baty, Anna Mueller
Ushers	Donna Delaney, Don Storch

You are invited to Holy Communion Worship, Sundays, 10AM PT in-person and online.

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

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

Refrain: Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be | put to shame;
deliver me | in your righteousness.

² **Incline your | ear to me;
make haste to de- | liver me.**

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag | and my stronghold;
for the sake of your name, lead | me and guide me.

⁴ **Take me out of the net that they have secretly | set for me,
for you are my tow- | er of strength. R**

⁵ Into your hands I com- | mend my spirit,
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, | God of truth.

¹⁵ **My times are | in your hand;
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who | persecute me.**

¹⁶ Let your face shine up- | on your servant;
save me in your | steadfast love." **R**



Livestream Text

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Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵ Filled with the Holy Spirit, [Stephen] gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him, and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

1 Peter 2:2-10

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

⁶ For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." ⁷ This honor, then, is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner," ⁸ and "A stone that makes them stumble and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the excellence of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

John 14:1-14

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹ "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵ Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶ Jesus said to him, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him." ⁸ Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

**Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026**

