

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 17, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion Setting 9*

Worship in-person and livestream

We are reminded Jesus fervently prays for us.

GATHERING

Prelude

Easter Greeting

Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song

I Come With Joy

red book **No. 482**

Greeting

Kyrie

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Song of Praise

This is the Feast

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Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

...Thanks be to God.

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

...Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia....

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The Gospel Reading

John 17:1-11

...Glory to you, O God.

...Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Oh, Love, How Deep

red book **No. 322**

Nicene Creed

red book **page 104**

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

Let Hope Arise - T. Eggleston - choir

Offering Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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Preface

Holy

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Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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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

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!

red book **No. 393**

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

red book **No. 531**

Christ, Our Peace

blue book **No. 1037**

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song

Come, Share the Spirit

blue book **No. 1045**

Dismissal

...Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

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

The yellow and blue flowers are given in memory of Lennor Stieda's youngest brother Hans-Holger Mündel, who died 50 years ago in a canoe accident. He is fondly remembered by his five siblings.

The Johnson Family has given flowers today in honour of Alfred Johnson, their loving friend and father, who would have been 100 today.

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister

Jeanie Stann

Kantor

Nathan McDonald

Musician

Carolyn Hoekstra

Choral Scholar

Madison Blackman

Livestreaming

Josh Boutin

Communion

Ann Baty, Judy Bergbusch

Ushers

Murray Nelson, Grant Froyland

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 68:1-10, 32-35

Refrain: Sing to God, who rides upon the clouds

¹ Let God arise, and let God's enemies be scattered;
let those who hate God flee.

² As smoke is driven away, so you should drive them away;
as the wax melts before the fire,
so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

³ But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God;
let them also be merry and joyful.

⁴ Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;
exalt the one who rides the clouds;
I Am is that name, rejoice before God! R

⁵ In your holy habitation, O God,
you are a father to orphans, defender of widows;

⁶ you give the solitary a home and bring forth prisoners into freedom;
but the rebels shall live in desert places.

⁷ O God, when you went forth before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,

⁸ the earth quaked, and the skies poured down rain,
at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

⁹ You sent a bountiful rain, O God;
you restored your inheritance when it languished.

¹⁰ Your people found their home in it;
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor. R

³² Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth;
sing praises to the Lord.

³³ You ride in the heavens, O God, in the ancient heavens;
you send forth your voice, your mighty voice.

³⁴ Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel; whose strength is in the skies.

³⁵ How wonderful you are in your holy places, O God of Israel,
giving strength and power to your people! Blessed be God! R

Acts 1:6-14

⁶ When [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near



Livestream Text

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Jerusalem, a Sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying: Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. ^{5:6} Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

John 17:1-11

¹ After Jesus had spoken these words [to his disciples,] he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you, ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you, and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine, and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Seventh Sunday of
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