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FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PRIDE SUNDAY

June 28, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion Setting for Pentecost*
Worship in-person and livestream

Lifting up the diversity of the body of Christ as we celebrate Pride.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands
Thanksgiving for Baptism *not in hymnal*
Gathering Song *God is Here!* *red book No. 526*
Greeting
Kyrie Lord, have mercy, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy, have mercy upon us.

Gloria Glory to God, Glory to God, glory in the highest.
To God be glory forever. Alleluia, Amen.

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children’s Message
First Reading **Genesis 22:1-14** ...Thanks be to God.
Psalms 13
Second Reading **Romans 6:12-23** ...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation *Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen...*
The Gospel Reading **Matthew 10:40-42** ...Glory to you, O God.
...Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon
Hymn of the Day *God, We Gather as Your People* *blue book No. 1038*
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

*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 *Now Thank We All Our God* *red book No. 840*
Offering Prayer

The Creator be with you. ...And also with you.
Lift up your hearts. ...We lift them to our God.

Let us give thanks to Creator, our God. ...It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy *red book No. 473*
Thanksgiving Prayer
The Lord’s Prayer Insert
Lamb of God *red book No. 198*

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 *Around You, O Lord Jesus* *red book No. 468*
Just As I Am, without One Plea *red book No. 592*
God Welcomes All *blue book No. 978*

Prayer

SENDING

Thanksgiving for Sunday School Teachers
Announcements
Blessing
Sending Song *To Be Your Presence* *red book No. 546*
Dismissal ...Thanks be to God.
Postlude
*Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall following worship.
Thank you to Iris, Donna, Rosalene, Ann, and friends for hosting.
The flowers on the altar are to celebrate Marge Adams’ 99th birthday and are given in love and joy by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.*

Worship Assistants
Assisting Minister Jeanie Stann
Kantor Nathan McDonald
Musician Carolyn Hoekstra
Livestreaming Christopher McDonald
Communion Ben Lukenchuk, Rebecca Wong
Ushers Don Storch, Thiago Hinkel

*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 13

Refrain: I trust in your unfailing love, O Lord.

- ¹ How long, O Lord? Will you forget I me forever?
How long will you hide your I face from me?
² **How long shall I have perplexity in my mind,
and grief in my heart, day I after day?
How long shall my enemy triumph I over me?**
³ Look upon me and answer me, O I Lord my God;
give light to my eyes, lest I I sleep in death;
⁴ **lest my enemy say, "I I have defeated you,"
and my foes rejoice that I I have fallen. R**
⁵ But I trust in your un- I failing love;
my heart is joyful because of your I saving help.
⁶ **I will sing I to the Lord,
who has dealt I with me richly. R**



Livestream Text

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Genesis 22:1-14

¹ God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." And the two of them walked on together. ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am."¹² [The angel] said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from

me."¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide," as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided."

Romans 6:12-23

¹² Do not let sin reign in your mortal bodies, so that you obey their desires. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. ¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that, if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you who were slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become enslaved to righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and lawlessness, leading to even more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness, leading to sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what fruit did you then gain from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the fruit you have leads to sanctification, and the end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 10:40-42

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰ "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous, ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

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