

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 12, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion Setting 1*

Worship in-person and livestream

The secret to the Gospel is like the secret to Gardening: we are invited to pay close attention to the soil and trust God to take care of the growth.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song	<i>When at Last the Rain Falls</i>	<i>blue book</i> No. 1066
Greeting		
<i>Kyrie</i>		Page 98
<i>Glory to God</i>		Page 99
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Children's Message		
First Reading	Genesis 25:19-34	...Thanks be to God.
Psalms 119:105-112		
Second Reading	Romans 8:1-11	...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation		Page 102
The Gospel Reading	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	...Glory to you, O God. ...Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	<i>The Word of God Is Source...</i>	<i>red book</i> No. 506
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	<i>Now the Feast and Celebration</i>	<i>red book</i> No. 167
Offering Prayer		
Great Thanksgiving		Page 107
Preface		
<i>Holy</i>		Page 108
Thanksgiving Prayer		
The Lord's Prayer		Page 112
<i>Lamb of God</i>		Page 112

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>Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil</i>	<i>red book</i> No. 512
	<i>As Rivers Flow from a Distant Spring</i>	<i>blue book</i> No. 1046
	<i>Ubi Caritas et Amor</i>	<i>red book</i> No. 642

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements		
Blessing		
Sending Song	<i>Sent Forth by God's Blessing</i>	<i>red book</i> No. 547
Dismissal	...Thanks be to God.	
Postlude		

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

Thank you to Gisela Wolf and friends for hosting!

Worship Assistants

Presider/Preacher	Pr. Zsófi Schmiedge
Assisting Minister	Sabine Lehr
Kantor	Nathan McDonald
Musician	Gail Froyland
Livestreaming	Braeden McKenzie
Communion	Marge Adams, Jane Wicksteed
Ushers	Thiago Hinkel, Bob Kohlert

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

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for the Crossroads newsletter, calendar, and events.

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Psalms 119:105-112

Refrain: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light upon my path.

¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp ¹ to my feet
and a light up- ¹ on my path.
¹⁰⁶ **I have sworn and ¹ am determined
to keep your ¹ righteous judgments. R**
¹⁰⁷ I am ¹ deeply troubled;
preserve my life, O Lord, according ¹ to your word.
¹⁰⁸ **Accept, O Lord, the willing tribute ¹ of my lips,
and teach ¹ me your judgments. R**
¹⁰⁹ My life is al- ¹ ways in danger,
yet I do not for- ¹ get your teaching.
¹¹⁰ **The wicked have set a ¹ trap for me,
but I have not strayed from ¹ your commandments. R**
¹¹¹ Your decrees are my inheri- ¹ tance forever;
truly, they are the joy ¹ of my heart.
¹¹² **I have applied my heart to ful- ¹ fill your statutes
forever and ¹ to the end. R**



Livestream Text

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Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³ And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger." ²⁴ When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³² Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³ Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!" ¹⁸ "Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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