

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 19, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion Setting 1*
Worship in-person and livestream

The kingdom of God is like a full catch of spot prawns.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song	<i>Abba, Abba, Hear Us</i>	<i>blue book</i> No. 1072
Greeting		
<i>Kyrie</i>		Page 98
<i>Glory to God</i>		Page 99
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Children’s Message		
First Reading	Genesis 28:10-19a	...Thanks be to God.
Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24		
Second Reading	Romans 8:12-25	...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation		Page 102
The Gospel Reading	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43	...Glory to you, O God. ...Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	<i>The Reign of God, like Farmer's Field</i>	<i>blue book</i> No. 952
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>For the Fruit of All Creation</i>	<i>red book</i> No. 679
Offering Prayer		
Great Thanksgiving		Page 107
Preface		
Holy		Page 108
Thanksgiving Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		Page 112
Lamb of God		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>As the Grains of Wheat</i>	<i>red book</i> No. 465
	<i>Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil</i>	<i>red book</i> No. 512
	<i>O God, We Call</i>	<i>blue book</i> No. 1075

Prayer

SENDING

Farewell & Godspeed for Rebecca & Ben		
Announcements		
Blessing		
Sending Song	<i>Neither Death nor Life</i>	<i>red book</i> No. 622
Dismissal	...Thanks be to God.	
Postlude		

*You are invited to the Upper Hall for a reception with cake, ice cream, and Galley strawberries to recognize Ben and Rebecca’s farewell.
Hosts are Gerry & Rosalene Saleski, Joanne & Wes Solomonson, and Don & Jan Storch.*

Worship Assistants		
Assisting Minister		Don Storch
Reader		Jane Wicksteed
Kantor		Nathan McDonald
Musician		Lorna Bjorklund
Livestreaming		Boston Laferté
Communion		Ben Lukenchuk, Rebecca Wong
Ushers		Murray Nelson, 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*

Psalms 139:1-12, 23-24

Refrain: You have searched me out and known me.

- ¹ Lord, you have ¹ searched me out; O Lord, you ¹ have known me.
- ² **You know my sitting down and my ¹ rising up;**
you discern my thoughts ¹ from afar.
- ³ You trace my journeys and my ¹ resting-places
and are acquainted with ¹ all my ways.
- ⁴ **Indeed, there is not a word ¹ on my lips,**
but you, O Lord, know it ¹ altogether.
- ⁵ You encompass me, behind ¹ and before,
and lay your ¹ hand upon me.
- ⁶ **Such knowledge is too wonder- ¹ ful for me;**
it is so high that I cannot at- ¹ tain to it. R
- ⁷ Where can I go then ¹ from your Spirit?
Where can I flee ¹ from your presence?
- ⁸ **If I climb up to heaven, ¹ you are there;**
if I make the grave my bed, you ¹ are there also.
- ⁹ If I take the wings ¹ of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts ¹ of the sea,
- ¹⁰ **even there your ¹ hand will lead me,**
and your right hand ¹ hold me fast.
- ¹¹ If I say, "Surely the darkness will ¹ cover me,
and the light around me ¹ turn to night,"
- ¹² **darkness is not dark to you;**
the night is as bright ¹ as the day;
darkness and light to you are ¹ both alike. R
- ²³ Search me out, O God, and ¹ know my heart;
try me and know my ¹ restless thoughts.
- ²⁴ **Look well whether there be any wicked- ¹ ness in me**
and lead me in the way that is ¹ everlasting. R



Livestream Text

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Genesis 28:10-19a

¹⁰ Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹ He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹² And he dreamed that there was a stairway set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.

¹³ And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring, ¹⁴ and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south, and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵ Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go and will bring you back to this land, for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷ And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." ¹⁸ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ^{19a} He called that place Bethel.

Romans 8:12-25

¹² So then, brothers and sisters, we are obligated, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—¹³ for if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴ For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵ For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶ it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷ and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸ I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹ For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God, ²⁰ for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹ that the creation itself will be set free from its enslavement to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning together as it suffers together the pains of labor, ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope, for who hopes for what one already sees? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 19, 2026

