

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

July 26, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion Setting 1*
Worship in-person and livestream

With God, that which is small provides life to all creation.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song	<i>Gather Us In</i>	red book No. 532
Greeting		
<i>Kyrie</i>		Page 98
<i>Glory to God</i>		Page 99
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Children’s Message		
First Reading	Genesis 29:15-28	...Thanks be to God.
Psalms 105:1-11, 45b		
Second Reading	Romans 8:26-39	...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation		Page 102
The Gospel Reading	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52	...Glory to you, O God. ...Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	red book No. 793
Prayers of the People	God of grace, Hear our prayer.	

Peace Sharing	The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.
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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> red book No. 167
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> red book No. 465
	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> red book No. 705
	<i>What Is the World Like</i> blue book No. 1047

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements	
Blessing	
Sending Song	<i>I Love to Tell the Story</i> red book No. 661

Dismissal ...Thanks be to God.

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 are given by Sabine Lehr in loving memory of her father, Helmut Lehr.*

Worship Assistants	
Assisting Minister	Ben Lukenchuk
Kantor	Nathan McDonald
Musician	Lorna Bjorklund, Judy Roberts
Livestreaming	Boston Laferté
Communion	Beverley Norman, Dana McKee
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
for the Crossroads newsletter, calendar, and events.
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Psalm 105:1-11, 45b

Refrain: Make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples. Hallelujah!

- ¹ Give thanks to the Lord and call up- ¹ on God's name;
make known the deeds of the Lord a- ¹ mong the peoples.
- ² **Sing to the ¹ Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's ¹ marvelous works.**
- ³ Glory in God's ¹ holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the ¹ Lord rejoice.
- ⁴ **Search for the strength ¹ of the Lord; continually ¹ seek God's face.**
- ⁵ Remember the marvels ¹ God has done,
the wonders and the judgments ¹ of God's mouth,
- ⁶ **O offspring of Abra- ¹ ham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's ¹ chosen ones. R**
- ⁷ The Lord ¹ is our God, whose judgments prevail in ¹ all the world,
- ⁸ **who has always been mindful ¹ of the covenant,
the promise made for a thousand ¹ generations:**
- ⁹ the covenant ¹ made with Abraham, the oath ¹ sworn to Isaac,
- ¹⁰ **which God established as a stat- ¹ ute for Jacob,
an everlasting cove- ¹ nant for Israel,**
- ¹¹ saying, "To you will I give the ¹ land of Canaan
to be your allotted inheritance." ^{45b} ¹ Hallelujah! **R**



Livestream Text

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Genesis 29:15-28

¹⁵ Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶ Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷ Leah's eyes were weak, but Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸ Jacob loved Rachel, so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹ Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰ So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of his love for her. ²¹ Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²² So Laban gathered together all the people of the place and made a feast. ²³ But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and he went in to her. ²⁴ (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵ When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶ Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷ Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸ Jacob did so and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶ The Spirit helps us in our weakness, for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with groanings too deep for words.

²⁷ And God, who searches hearts, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. ²⁸ We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹ For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰ And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son but gave him up for all of us, how will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ who died, or rather, who was raised, who is also at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? ³⁶ As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than victorious through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³ He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened." ⁴⁴ "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. ⁴⁷ "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁵¹ "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵² And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

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