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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 2, 2026 – 10:00 AM  
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion Setting 1*  
*Worship in-person and livestream*

*Where Jesus feels compassion, the church is called to action: mercy, healing, empowerment, and feeding are acts of grace.*

GATHERING

Prelude  
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* red book No. 843  
Greeting  
*Kyrie* Page 98  
*Glory to God* Page 99  
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children’s Message  
First Reading **Genesis 32:22-31** ...Thanks be to God.  
**Psalms 17:1-7, 15**  
Second Reading **Romans 9:1-5** ...Thanks be to God.  
**Gospel Acclamation** Page 102  
The Gospel Reading **Matthew 14:13-21** ...Glory to you, O God.  
...Praise to you, O Christ.  
Sermon  
**Hymn of the Day** *Loaves Were Broken* blue book No. 966  
Baptism of Clara Kindred McKenzie Page 232

Baptismal Verse *You Belong to Christ* red book No. 212  
Prayers of the People Merciful God,  
Receive 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 *God of Promise* blue book No. 959  
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 *O Blessed Spring* red book No. 447  
*Come to the Water of Life* blue book No. 955  
*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* red book No. 712

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements  
Blessing  
Sending Song *Be Thou My Vision* red book No. 793

Dismissal ...Thanks be to God.  
Postlude

*Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall following worship.  
Thank you to Don, Joanne, Vera, and Judy for hosting.  
The flowers in worship are given by Dana McKee in honour of Clara’s baptism.*

Worship Assistants  
Preacher/Presider Pr. Zsófi Schmiedge  
Presider at Baptism Pr. Lyle McKenzie  
Assisting Minister Sarah Pinto  
Kantor Nathan McDonald  
Musician Carolyn Hoekstra  
Livestreaming Christopher McDonald  
Communion Christopher McDonald  
Ushers Bob Kohlert, 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](http://www.lutheranvictoria.ca)*

## Psalm 17:1-7, 15

**Refrain: I shall see your face; when I awake, I shall be satisfied.**

<sup>1</sup> Hear a just cause, O Lord; give heed <sup>1</sup> to my cry;  
listen to my prayer, which does not come from <sup>1</sup> lying lips.

<sup>2</sup> **Let my vindication come forth <sup>1</sup> from your presence;  
let your eyes be <sup>1</sup> fixed on justice.**

<sup>3</sup> Examine my heart, visit <sup>1</sup> me by night,  
melt me down; you will find no impuri- <sup>1</sup> ty in me.

<sup>4</sup> **I have not regarded what <sup>1</sup> others do;  
at the word of your lips I have avoided the ways <sup>1</sup> of the violent. R**

<sup>5</sup> My footsteps hold fast to your <sup>1</sup> well-worn path;  
and my feet <sup>1</sup> do not slip.

<sup>6</sup> **I call upon you, O God, for you will <sup>1</sup> answer me;  
incline your ear to me and <sup>1</sup> hear my words.**

<sup>7</sup> Show me your marvelous <sup>1</sup> lovingkindness,  
O Savior of those who take refuge at your right hand

from those who <sup>1</sup> rise against them.

<sup>15</sup> **But at my vindication I shall <sup>1</sup> see your face;  
when I awake, I shall be satisfied, behold- <sup>1</sup> ing your likeness. R**



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## Genesis 32:22-31

<sup>22</sup> [At night Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. <sup>23</sup> He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. <sup>24</sup> Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. <sup>25</sup> When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. <sup>26</sup> Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." <sup>27</sup> So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." <sup>28</sup> Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." <sup>29</sup> Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. <sup>30</sup> So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." <sup>31</sup> The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

## Romans 9:1-5

<sup>1</sup> I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—<sup>2</sup> I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. <sup>3</sup> For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own brothers and sisters, my own flesh and blood. <sup>4</sup> They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; <sup>5</sup> to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Christ, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

## Matthew 14:13-21

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist,] he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup> When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and blessed and broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And all ate and were filled, and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

**Tenth Sunday After  
Pentecost  
August 2, 2026**

