

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

August 16, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion Setting 1*
Worship in-person and livestream

*Baptism’s water and crumbs from the table hold God’s dream,
that love heals every divide between us.*

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song *Morning Has Broken* red book No. 556
Greeting
Kyrie Page 98
Glory to God Page 99
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children’s Message *Candyce McDonald*
First Reading **Genesis 45:1-15** ...Thanks be to God.
Psalms 133
Second Reading **Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32** ...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation Page 102
The Gospel Reading **Matthew 15: 21-28** ...Glory to you, O God.
...Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon
Hymn of the Day *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth* red book No. 735
Holy Baptism *Silas Gabriel McDonald* Page 227
Baptismal Verse You have put on Christ, in whom you have been baptized.
Alleluia, Alleluia.
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 *Goodnight Moon - Eric Whitacre - solo*
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 *Healer of Our Every Ill* red book No. 612
Joyful is the Dark blue book No. 1096
Build a Longer Table blue book No. 1062

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 Gisela W, Beverley, and friends for hosting.
The flowers this Sunday are from Jan and Don in recognition of the baptism of Silas.*

Worship Assistants

Preacher/Presider Pr. Lyle McKenzie
Assisting Minister Thiago Hinkel
Kantor Nathan McDonald
Musician Karen Johnson-Lefsrud
Soloist Gina Johnson
Livestreaming Boston Laferté
Communion Anna Mueller, Ann Baty
Ushers Murray Nelson, Grant Froyland

*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 133

Refrain: Deep peace of the running waves, deep peace of the flowing air, deep peace of the shining stars to you, deep peace of the quiet earth.

- ¹How good and how pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity! **R**
- ²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down upon the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar of his robe. **R**
- ³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing: life forevermore. **R**

Genesis 45:1-15

[After Judah offered himself in place of his brother Benjamin,] ¹Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed or angry with yourselves because you sold me here, for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years, and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me; do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there, since there are five more years of famine to come, so that you and your household and all that you have will not come to poverty.' ¹²And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them, and after that his brothers talked with him.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

[Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so also they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Matthew 15: 21-28

²¹Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²²Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed from that moment.



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