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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Joint Worship with St. Luke Cedar Hill

August 23, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion Setting 1*
Worship in-person and livestream

We celebrate our ongoing partnership together with St. Luke Cedar Hill!

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation* red book No. 645
Greeting
Kyrie Page 98
Glory to God Page 99
Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children’s Message
First Reading **Exodus 1:8—2:10** ...Thanks be to God.
Psalms 124
Second Reading **Romans 12:1-8** ...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation Page 102
The Gospel Reading **Matthew 16:13-20** ...Glory to you, O God.
...Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon
Hymn of the Day *By All Your Saints - Vs. 1, 2, 7, Last* red book No. 420
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 *Come to the Banquet – J.M. Marin – Choir*
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 *Eat This Bread* red book No. 472
I Come With Joy red book No. 482
Taste and See red book No. 493

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Song **We Are All One in Mission** red book No. 576
Dismissal ...Thanks be to God.
Postlude
*Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall following worship.
Thank you to the Board of Worship for hosting.
Flowers on the altar are given by Don and Jan Storch in honour of Alfred and Inge Maier’s 60th wedding anniversary*

Worship Assistants
Preacher Pr. Daniel Fournier
Assisting Minister Sabine Lehr
Kantor Nathan McDonald
Musician Karen Johnson-Lefsrud
Livestreaming Braeden McKenzie
Communion Jane Wicksteed, Marge Adams
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*

Psalm 124

Refrain: We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler.

¹If the Lord had not been ¹ on our side,
let Isra- ¹ el now say;
²**if the Lord had not been ¹ on our side,
when enemies rose ¹ up against us,**
³then would they have swallowed us ¹ up alive
in their fierce ¹ anger toward us;
⁴**then would the waters have ¹ overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone ¹ over us;**
⁵then would the ¹ raging waters
have gone right ¹ over us.
⁶**Blessed ¹ be the Lord
who has not given us over to be a prey ¹ for their teeth. R**
⁷We have escaped like a bird from the snare ¹ of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we ¹ have escaped.
⁸**Our help is in the name ¹ of the Lord,
the maker of heav- ¹ en and earth. R**



Livestream Text

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Exodus 1:8—2:10

⁸Now a new king arose over Egypt who did not know Joseph. ⁹He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." ¹¹Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹²But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³The Egyptians subjected the Israelites to hard servitude ¹⁴and made their lives bitter with hard servitude in mortar and bricks and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them. ¹⁵The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶"When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this and allowed the boys to live?" ¹⁹The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women, for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." ²⁰So God dealt well with the midwives, and the people multiplied and became very strong.

²¹And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²²Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every son that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every daughter live." ^{2:1}Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ²The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. ³When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. ⁵The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. ⁷Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" ⁸Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and he became her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost August 23, 2026



Romans 12:1-8

¹I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, on the basis of God's mercy, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your reasonable act of worship. ²Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of the mind, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴For as in one body we have many members and not all the members have the same function, ⁵so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸the encourager, in encouragement; the giver, in sincerity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.