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Livestream Text

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

October 18, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 6
Worship in-person and livestream

Give to God what is good.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song	God Is Here!	<i>red book</i> No. 526
Greeting		
Kyrie		Page 165
Glory to God		Page 167
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Children’s Message		
First Reading	Exodus 33:12-23	...Thanks be to God.
Psalms 99		
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation		Page 171
The Gospel Reading	Matthew 22:15-22	...Glory to you, O God. ...Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	When the Poor Ones	<i>red book</i> No. 725

Prayers of the People	Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.
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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	God Bless to Us Our Bread	<i>blue book</i> No. 1056
Offering Prayer		
Great Thanksgiving		Page 172
Holy		Page 173
Thanksgiving Prayer		
The Lord’s Prayer		Page 173
Lamb of God		Page 174

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	God, Whose Giving	<i>red book</i> No. 678
	O God, You Search Me Out vs. 1 solo	<i>blue book</i> No. 1082
	Bring Many Names	<i>blue book</i> No. 1094

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements		
Blessing		
Sending Song	God of Grace and God of Glory	<i>red book</i> No. 705
Dismissal	...Thanks be to God.	
Postlude		

*Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall.
Thank you to Gail Froyland, Pr. Eli, and Youth Group for hosting a CLAY fundraiser in the entrance.*

Worship Assistants

Preacher	Jashan Khandal
Assisting Minister	Sabine Lehr
Kantor	Nathan McDonald
Musician	Carolyn Hoekstra
Artist in Residence	Kira Gill
Choral Scholar	D.J. McGrath, Sabrina Blaase
Livestreaming	Braeden McKenzie
Communion	Marge Adams, Jane Wicksteed
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
for the Crossroads newsletter, calendar, and events.*

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Psalm 99

Refrain: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God.

¹ The Lord is king; let the ^l people tremble.

The Lord is enthroned upon the cherubim; let ^l the earth shake.

² **The Lord, ^l great in Zion,
is high a- ^l bove all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God's name, which is ^l great and awesome;
God is the ^l Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have es- ^l tablished equity;
you have executed justice and righteous- ^l ness in Jacob. R**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and fall down be- ^l fore God's footstool;
God is the ^l Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests, and Samuel among those who
call upon your ^l name, O Lord,**

they called upon you, and you ^l answered them,

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pil- ^l lar of cloud;

they kept your testimonies and the decree ^l that you gave them.

⁸ **O Lord our God, you answered ^l them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their ^l evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the Lord and worship upon God's ^l holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the ^l Holy One. **R**

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Exodus 33:12-23

¹² Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' ¹³ Now if I have found favor in your sight, please show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider, too, that this nation is your people." ¹⁴ He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." ¹⁵ And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not bring us up from here. ¹⁶ For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth." ¹⁷ The Lord said to Moses, "I will also do this thing that you have asked, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." ¹⁸ Moses said, "Please show me your glory." ¹⁹ And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord,' and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. ²⁰ But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live." ²¹ And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock,

²² and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; ²³ then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

¹ Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

² We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly

³ remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and

steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶ And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy from the Holy Spirit, ⁷ so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸ For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹ For they report about us what kind of welcome we had among you and how you turned to God from idols to serve a living and true God ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Matthew 22:15-22

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, "Whose head is this and whose title?" ²¹ They answered, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's." ²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

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