

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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REFORMATION SUNDAY

October 25, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 6
Worship in-person and livestream

We celebrate a continually reforming church.

GATHERING

Prelude	
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands	
Reformation Litany	Insert
Gathering Song	<i>Come, All You People</i>
Greeting	<i>red book No. 819</i>
Kyrie	
Glory to God	Page 165
Prayer of the Day	Page 167

WORD

Children’s Message		
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34	...Thanks be to God.
Psalms 46		
Second Reading	Romans 3:19-28	...Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation		Page 171
The Gospel Reading	John 8:31-36	...Glory to you, O God.
		...Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon		
Hymn of the Day	<i>A Mighty Fortress</i>	<i>red book No. 504</i>
Affirmation of Baptism	New Member Welcome Janet & Tricia	Page 234
Prayers of the People	Hear us, O God, Your mercy is great.	
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	<i>There is a Longing</i>
Offering Prayer	<i>blue book No. 1078</i>
Great Thanksgiving	
Holy	Page 172
Thanksgiving Prayer	Page 173
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	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>	<i>red book No. 496</i>
	<i>Though the Earth Shall Change</i>	<i>blue book No. 1035</i>
	<i>Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring - J.S. Bach - choir</i>	

Prayer

SENDING

Thanking Skylar	
Announcements	
Blessing	
Sending Song	<i>Soli Deo Gloria</i>
	<i>red book No. 878</i>
Dismissal	...Thanks be to God.
Postlude	

*Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall.
Thank you to Don S., Jan S., and Susanne S. for hosting hospitality.*

Worship Assistants	
Assisting Minister	Sarah Pinto
Kantor	Nathan McDonald
Musician	Karen Lefsrud
Student Musicians	Leonie Haas, Sam Sayers, Owen Sayers
Artist in Residence	Kira Gill
Choral Scholar	D.J. McGrath, Sabrina Blaase
Livestreaming	Boston Laferté
Communion	Ann Baty, Judy Bergbusch
Ushers	Donna Delaney, Bob Kohlert

*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 46

Refrain: The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.
- ² **Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved,
and though the mountains shake in the depths of the sea;**
- ³ though its waters rage and foam,
and though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- ⁴ **There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.**
- ⁵ God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be shaken;
God shall help it at the break of day.
- ⁶ **The nations rage, and the kingdoms shake;
God speaks, and the earth melts away. R**
- ⁷ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.
- ⁸ **Come now, regard the works of the Lord,
what desolations God has brought up on the earth;**
- ⁹ behold the one who makes war to cease in all the world;
who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.
- ¹⁰ **"Be still, then, and know that I am God;
I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."**
- ¹¹ The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our stronghold. **R**



Livestream Text

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Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

Romans 3:19-28

Now we know that, whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰ For no human will be justified before him by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. ²¹ But now, apart from the law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed and is attested by the Law and the Prophets, ²² the righteousness of God through the faith of Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³ since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴ they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶ it was to demonstrate at the present time his own righteousness, so that he is righteous and he justifies the one who has the faith of Jesus. ²⁷ Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. Through what kind of law? That of works? No, rather through the law of faith. ²⁸ For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

John 8:31-36

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶ So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

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