LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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24th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 8, 2026 – 10:00 AM
Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Setting 6
Worship in-person and livestream

Keep your lamp light trimmed and burning.

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song	***Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand***	*red book* **No. 441**
Greeting		
Kyrie		Page 165
This is the Feast		Page 169
Prayer of the Day		

WORD

Children's Message		
First Reading	**Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25**	**…Thanks be to God.**
Psalm 78:1-7		
Second Reading	**1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**	**…Thanks be to God.**
Gospel Acclamation		Page 171
The Gospel Reading	**Matthew 25:1-13**	**…Glory to you, O God.**
		…Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day	***Keep Your Lamps Trimmed…***	*blue book* **No. 949**
Prayers of the People	God in your mercy, **Hear 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 Bless the Lord - R. Lau - choir anthem*	
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	***Blessed Assurance***	*red book* **No. 638**
	Soul, Adorn Yourself…	*red book* **No. 489**
	Wait for the Lord	*red book* **No. 262**

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing

Sending Song	***What Is the World Like***	*blue book* **No. 1047**
Dismissal	…**Thanks be to God.**	
Postlude		

Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall.
Thank you to the Karren Stinson Bursary Committee for hosting.

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister	Jeanie Stann
Kantor	Nathan McDonald
Musician	Carolyn Hoekstra
Artist in Residence	Kira Gill
Choral Scholar	D.J. McGrath, Sabrina Blaase
Livestreaming	Josh Boutin
Communion	Jane Wicksteed, Dana McKee
Ushers	Donna Delaney, 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***
for the Crossroads newsletter, calendar, and events.
*Follow us at **Facebook.com/lutheranvictoria** and **Instagram @lutheranvictoria***

Psalm 78:1-7

Refrain: Open Your Ears, O Faithful People - Vs. 1 *red book* **No. 519**

Hear my teaching, | O my people;
incline your ears to the words | of my mouth.
2 **I will open my mouth | in a parable;**
I will declare the mysteries of | ancient times—
3 that which we have heard and known, and what our fore- | bears have told us,
we will not hide | from their children.
4 **We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy**
deeds and the power | of the Lord,
and the wonderful works | God has done.
5 The Lord gave a decree in Jacob and established a | law in Israel,
commanding our ancestors to teach it | to their children;
6 **that the generations to come might know,**
and the children | yet unborn;
that they in their turn might tell it | to their children;
7 so that they might put their | trust in God,
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep | God's commandments. **R**

Livestream Text

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Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. 3a Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. 14 "Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. 15 Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." 16 Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed,

18 and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God." 19 But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. 20 If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm and consume you, after having done you good." 21 And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" 22 Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." 23 He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." 24 The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." 25 So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. 14 For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. 15 For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. 16 For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. 17 Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. 18 Therefore encourage one another with these words.