LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

November 29, 2026 – 10:00 AM
LCC Advent Setting
Worship in-person and livestream

Stay Awake, Stay Hopeful!

GATHERING

Prelude
Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song ***O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*** *(vs. 1-4)* *red book* **No. 257**
Greeting The grace of Jesus Christ… …**And also with you.**
Children invited to the front
Remembrance of Baptism *see insert*
Kyrie with Asperges
Creator, have mercy – O Christ, have mercy – Creator, have mercy – upon us
Lighting of the Advent Wreath ***Come Now, O Prince of Peace*** (vs. 1) *red book* **No. 247**
Prayer of the Day

WORD

First Reading **Isaiah 64:1-9** **…Thanks be to God.**
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Second Reading **1 Corinthians 1:3-9** **…Thanks be to God.**
Gospel Acclamation ***Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!***
The Gospel Reading **Mark 13:24-37** **…Glory to you, O God.**
…Praise to you, O Christ.
Sermon

Hymn of the Day ***Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*** *red book* **No. 436**

Prayers of the People God, in your mercy,
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 ***There Is a Longing in Our Hearts*** *blue book* **No. 1078**
Offering Prayer
Great Thanksgiving *see insert*
Preface
Holy *see insert*
Thanksgiving Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
Lamb of God *see insert*

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 *Violin solo*
Come Now, O God *blue book* **No. 902**
This Is Christ's Body *blue book* **No. 967**
Prayer

SENDING

Announcements
Blessing
Sending Song ***Now the Heavens Start to Whisper*** *blue book* **No. 901**

Dismissal …**Thanks be to God.**
Postlude

Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall.
Thank you to all who contributed for hosting.

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister	Marta Lefsrud
Kantor	Nathan McDonald
Musician	Karen Johnson-Lefsrud
Artist in Residence	Kira Gill
Choral Scholars	D.J. McGrath, Sabrina Blaase
Livestreaming	Boston Laferté
Communion	Susanne Standeven, Zain Bhatti
Ushers	Donna Delaney, Don Storch

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 80:1-7, 17-19

Refrain: Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God.

Livestream Text

1 Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
2 **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh,**
stir up your strength and | come to help us.
3 Restore | us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
4 **O LORD | God of hosts,**
how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R
5 You have fed them with the | bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
6 **You have made us the derision | of our neighbors,**
and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
7 Restore us, O | God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
17 **Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand,**
the one you have made so strong | for yourself. R
18 And so will we never turn a- | way from you;
give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
19 **Restore us, O LORD | God of hosts;**
let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R

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Isaiah 64:1-9

1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
2 as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down; the mountains quaked at your presence.
4 From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
5 You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
6 We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
7 There is no one who calls on your name
or attempts to take hold of you, for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
8 Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.
9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026



1 Corinthians 1:3-9

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
4 I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, 5 for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—6 just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—7 so that you are not lacking in any gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 God is faithful, by whom you were called into the partnership of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] 24 "In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light,25 and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. 26 "Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. 27 Then he will send out the angels and gather the elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.28 "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. 29 So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. 30 Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. 31 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. 32 "But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father. 33 Beware, keep alert, for you do not know when the time will come. 34 It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. 35 Therefore, keep awake, for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening or at midnight or at cockcrow or at dawn, 36 or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. 37 And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."