

LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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SEASON OF CREATION – HOLY CROSS SUNDAY

September 17, 2023 - 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion*

Worship in-person and livestream

In a time when forgiveness is weaponized, we reclaim Jesus' promise of grace.

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and acknowledgement of lands

Gathering Song *Oh, Praise the Gracious Power* **No. 651**

Greeting The Grace of Jesus Christ, the love of Creator,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you always.
And also with you.

Kyrie *Lord, have mercy, have mercy upon us.* **No. 153**
Christ, have mercy, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy, have mercy upon us.

Canticle of Praise *Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.*
To God be the glory forever. Alleluia, amen.

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children's Time

First Reading **Exodus 14:19-31** ...Thanks be to God.

Psalms 114 *Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord.*

Second Reading **Romans 14:1-12** ...Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation *Amen.*

Gospel Reading **Matthew 18:21-35** ...Glory to you, O God.
...Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day *Thy Strong Word* **No. 511**

Recognition of the Anniversaries of Ordination of Ed Chell and Karen Johnson-Lefsrud

Prayer Verse *We lift this prayer for the wholeness of the earth 3X*
Can you feel it rising in you? **No. 1067**

Prayers of Intercession For the wholeness of the earth; **hear our prayer.**

Peace Sharing The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

MEAL

Offering Song *In Sacred Manner* vs. 1 - Choir insert **No. 1071**

Offering prayer

Great Thanksgiving Creator be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. *Preface*

Holy *Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.* **No. 473**

My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy, God.

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God **No. 198**

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 *Touch the Earth Lightly* **No. 739**

Earth Is Full of Wit and Wisdom insert **No. 1064**

Where True Charity and Love Abide **No. 653**

Congregation - refrain

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song *He Comes to Us as One Unknown* **No. 737**

Dismissal ...Thanks be to God!

For those present in-person, please join in a time of hospitality after worship.

Thank you to Gisela and Jack for hosting.

Worship Assistants

Assisting Minister

Sabine Lehr

Kantor

Nathan McDonald

Musician

Karen Johnson-Lefsrud

Choral Scholar

Abby Corpus, DJ McGrath

Livestreaming

Brandon Hansen, Tarynn McKenzie

Communion

Irene Corrie, Tarynn McKenzie

Usher

Bob Kohlert, Craig Knight

You are invited to Holy Communion Worship, Sundays, 10AM PT in-person and online.

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for the Crossroads newsletter, calendar, and events.

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