

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

November 19, 2023 - 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion *Setting Nine*

*Worship in-person and livestream*

***Serving with trust over fear, we encourage and build one another up in Christ.***

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and acknowledgement of lands

Confession and Forgiveness for Transgender Day of Remembrance

In the name of the Holy Trinity, Creator, Saviour + and Spirit of life. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, and in particular your

2SLGBTQIA+ children, whom for too long the church was and is a harmful place.... **Amen.**

Gracious God, **have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and our trans and other queer siblings and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are**

**truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done to the queer community and things we have failed**

**to do. Turn us again to you, to the full vision of your dominion, and uphold us by your Spirit, who loves us and encourages us towards liberation, so that we may**

**live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. Amen.**

**Gathering Song** ***Come Now, O God*** *blue book* **No. 902**

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

### WORD

Children's Time

First Reading

**Psalm 123**

Second Reading

**Gospel Acclamation**

Gospel Reading

**Judges 4:1-7**

**...Thanks be to God.**

***Our eyes look to you, O God, until you show us your mercy***

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11** **...Thanks be to God.**

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**Matthew 25:14-30**

**...Glory to you, O God.**

**...Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day**

***God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending***

**No. 678**

Prayers of Intercession

God of grace; **hear our prayer.**

Peace Sharing

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

### MEAL

**Offering Song**

***In All Our Grief***

*vs. 1 solo*

**No. 615**

Offering prayer

Great Thanksgiving

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***Holy***

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Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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***Lamb of God***

*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**

***O God, Our Help in Ages Past***

**No. 632**

***All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly***

**No. 461**

***Eat This Bread***

**No. 472**

Prayer

### SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

**Sending Song**

***Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand*** *blue book* **No. 1024**

Dismissal

**...Thanks be to God!**

*Thank you to everyone who has joined in worship in-person and online. We hope you worship with us again.*

*The flowers today are provided by Donna Schmid and Laura Cochrane in memory of Walter Schmid.*

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

*Thank you to Laura Cochrane for hosting.*

### Worship leaders and Assistants

Assisting Minister

Marta Lefsrud

Kantor

Nathan McDonald

Musician

Gail Froyland

Choral Scholar

Abby Corpus, DJ McGrath

Livestreaming

Brandon Hansen, Tarynn McKenzie

Communion

Irene Corrie, Tarynn McKenzie

Ushers

Craig Knight, Susanne Standeven

***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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