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FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

June 21, 2026 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, *Holy Communion Setting for Pentecost*

Worship in-person and livestream

Today we celebrate the traditions and cultures of First Nations, Inuit and Métis.

GATHERING

Smudging (Front Doors)

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

Gathering Song

Many and Great, O God

red book **No. 837**

Greeting

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy, have mercy upon us.

Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God, glory in the highest.

To God be glory forever. Alleluia, Amen.

Prayer of the Day

WORD

Children's Message

First Reading

Genesis 21:8-21

...Thanks be to God.

Psalms 33:1-12

Second Reading

Romans 6:1b-11

...Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Amen. Alleluia, Amen...

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:24-39

...Glory to you, O God.

...Praise to you, O Christ.

Message

Hymn of the Day

At the Dawn ... (Insert)

by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

to the tune of Joyful Joyful We Adore Thee

Four Direction Prayer

Come Great Spirit, Come.

Peace Sharing

The peace of the risen 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

blue book **No. 1078**

Offering Prayer

The Creator be with you. **...And also with you.**

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

Let us give thanks to Creator, our God. **...It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Holy

red book **No. 473**

Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

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Lamb of God

red book **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

On Eagles' Wings

red book **No. 787**

Amazing Grace

red book **No. 779**

Touch the Earth Lightly

red book **No. 739**

Prayer

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song

O God, the Creator (Insert)

by Elder from Stony Hill

to the tune of They'll Know We are Christian by Our Love

Dismissal

...Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall following worship.

We have a special coffee hour outside the front door with bison burgers,

thank you to Cari, Gail and all who helped prepare them.

Worship Assistants

Presiding Minister and Preacher

Carolyn Klaassen, Pr. Tony Snow

Assisting Minister

Marta Lefsrud

Kantor

Nathan McDonald

Musician

Karen Johnson-Lefsrud

Livestreaming

Rebecca Wong

Communion

Ann Baty, Anna Mueller

Ushers

Murray Nelson, Grant Froyland

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

For more information, please check the website www.lutheranvictoria.ca

Psalm 33:1-12 (First Nations Version)

Refrain: When Grandfather spoke, all things came into being.

¹ Lift high your voices in honour of Grandfather, all of you who walk | his good road.

It is good for those who walk a straight path to honour him | in this way.

² **Gives thank to Grandfather with the hand drum | and gourd rattles.**

Let the singers sing honorably to the beat | of the drum.

³ Make a new | song for him.

Keep the beat strong and true with loud | honor beats! **R**

⁴ **Grandfather speaks straight | from his heart.**

You can be sure that what he does is | good and just.

⁵ He loves to see things done in a | good made right.

Grandfather's love that is faithful and true soaks
into all creation like | a spring rain.

⁶ **He spoke his word, and the sun and moon came | into being.**

**He breathed his spirit from his mouth, and the
world above was filled with a blan- | ket of stars.**

⁷ He gathered all the anc-|ient deep water
and stored them | in one place.

⁸ **Let all creation show deep res- | pect for Grandfather.**

All the people see his greatness and | give him honour. R

⁹ For when he spoke, all things came | into being.

All creation listened and did | what he said.

¹⁰ **When rebellious nations and empires plot against him,
he brings their | schemes to nothing.**

He throws tomahawks into all the | people's plans.

¹¹ What Grandfather decides will stand true | for all time.

His heart's desires will last beyond seven | generations.

¹² **Harmony and well-being rest on the nation whose
Great Spi-|rit is Grandfather.**

He has chosen these people to be his own | sacred family. R

Genesis 21:8-21

⁸ The child [Isaac] grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. ⁹ But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. ¹⁰ So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." ¹¹ The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. ¹² But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. ¹³ As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring."



Livestream Text

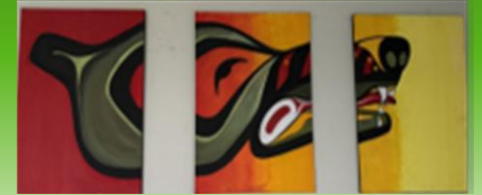
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¹⁴ So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. ¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. ¹⁷ And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. ¹⁸ Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." ¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. ²⁰ God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. ²¹ He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Romans 6:1b-11

¹ What can we say about this? Should we continue to walk in our broken ways so that Creator will show us even more kindness? ² This kind of thinking takes us nowhere! How can we who have died to our hearts and broken ways continue to walk that path? ³ Or have you forgotten that we who have participated in the purification ceremony of Creator Sets Free (Jesus) the Chosen One have ceremonially died with him? ⁴ This ceremony shows that we have been buried with him in death, so that in the same way the Chosen One was raised the Great Spirit, we should walk this new road of life to bring honor to him. ⁵ If we have joined with him in his death, like him, we will also rise again to a new life. ⁶ For we know that our old self was nailed to the cross with him, killing the evil desires in our bodies, so that our broken ways will not rule over us. ⁷ For dead people can no longer follow their bad hearts and broken ways. ⁸ *I will say it another way.* If we have died with the Chosen One, we will also live with him. ⁹ For we know that once the Chosen One was raised to life from the dead, he would never die again. Death no longer has the power to rule over him. ¹⁰ He died, once for all, to bring an end to humanity's broken ways. The life he now lives is a life that brings honor to the Great Spirit. ¹¹ So think about yourselves in the same way, dead to broken ways and alive to the Great Spirit in harmony with the Chosen One Creator Sets Free (Jesus).

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