

**Harvest Thanksgiving Sunday, October 10, 2021
Living Faith Lutheran Church, Davis Bay, BC
Holy Communion, Setting 7**

Preservice Music and Announcements

We acknowledge that we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the shishalh Nation, and honour their centuries of faithful stewardship, hospitality and generosity.

Welcome

God blesses us with gifts of love,

- **with relationships that bring joy and gratitude.**

God blesses us with the gifts of creation,

- **the blessings of seedtime and harvest.**

God blesses us with talents and opportunities to serve,

- **all we need for faithful living.**

God blesses us in the faithfulness of Jesus and the presence of the Holy Spirit,

- **protecting us from evil and leading us in love**

Now we gather to offer thanksgiving to the Lord our God.

All: Praise be to our Triune God for this day our cups overflow!

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

God of all creation,

in this season of thanksgiving for the harvests of the earth,

we are struck by the beauties of autumn,

leaves in bright colours, birds flying south in formation, fields ripe with produce.

Such beauty speaks of your goodness,

your desire to provide what each beloved creature needs.

As we gather this day,

renew our sense of thanksgiving for what you give to us

in the fruitfulness of creation, in your faithfulness in the seasons of life,

and in Christ Jesus who teaches us how to walk wisely on the earth you made.

For all your good gifts we honour you with thanks and praise,

now and always.

God of our lives,

when we give thanks for your good gifts around us,

we know that we enjoy an abundance many cannot even imagine.

Yet we confess we do not always see the blessings in which we share.

We worry about the future,

if we can recover from the pandemic,

whether we will have enough for our families to flourish.

Forgive our fears of going without,

and our failure to be grateful for how much goodness is already ours.

Once we were no people, now we are God's people. Once we were beyond God's mercy, now that mercy has been given to us in Jesus. We are free to live lives that honour the creation, that cherish one another, and give praise to our Triune God of love. In Christ we are forgiven! **Amen**

Gathering Song # 681 We Plow the Fields and Scatter

Greeting and Kyrie p. 175

"Gloria" p. 176

Prayer of the Day

O Lord, maker of all things, you open your hand and satisfy the desire of every living creature. We praise you for crowning the fields with your blessings and enabling us once more to gather in the fruits of the earth. Teach us to use your gifts carefully, that our land may be cherished and continue its increase, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen

WORD

Response after each reading is: Thanks be to God

First Reading: Joel 2: 21-27

Psalm 126

Gospel Acclamation p. 179 *(Please rise if able)*

Holy Gospel Matthew 6:25-33

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #679 For the Fruit of All Creation

Affirmation of Faith: A Pilgrim's Creed

Let us affirm our faith.

We are a community of faith.

**We share a vision of God: a God whose spirit is love,
accessible to all yet beyond our knowing, the source of all being,
the way leading to wholeness, the spirit which pervades everything.**

**We are reborn in the Spirit, followers of that Way shown by Jesus:
to love God with our whole being; to love our neighbours as ourselves;
to treat others as we would have them treat us; to strive for justice and peace;
to have respect and compassion for every person and for the whole of creation;
to forgive those who do us harm; to love one another as Christ has loved us.**

We journey together on this Way towards reconciliation with the whole creation.

We break bread together and pray together.

We reach out to one another for strength beyond our own.

This is our community. This is our faith.

**Prayers of Intercession
Sharing of the Peace**

*A musical reflection is played while the gifts are brought forward
and the meal is prepared for all to share*

Offertory Prayer *Please rise in body or spirit*
God of abundance, **you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens. Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives to nourish the world
you love so much; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.**

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving p. 180
It is indeed, right. . .to join their unending hymn:
“Holy, holy, holy. . .” p. 181
Holy God, our Bread of Life. . .both now and forever. **Amen.**
Lord’s Prayer (sung)
Fraction (Breaking of the Bread)/Invitation to the table
“Lamb of God” p. 182 *Sung as servers come forward*

Distribution *As directed by the Presider (All are seated)*
Hymn during Distribution #465 As the Grains of Wheat *Repeat until all are fed*

Prayer after the Communion
Lord of life, **in the gift of your body and blood
you turn the crumbs of our faith into a feast of salvation.
Send us forth into the world with shouts of joy,
bearing witness to the abundance of your love
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SENDING

Benediction (Blessing)
Sending Song #858 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (*v. 3 music only*)

Dismissal and Postlude