



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 18, 2026

Prelude: 19th Century Voluntaries - Various German composers

Words of welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**





Gathering Hymn__ The Night You Gave Us, God, Has Ended (ACS 994)

Greeting

Kyrie 12 (ACS page 31)

Gloria 12 (ACS page 31)

Prayer of the Day

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1-7

Psalm: Psalm 96:1-9 [10-13]

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Gospel Acclamation 12 (ACS page 33)

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you O Lord**

¹⁵ The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap [Jesus] in what he said. ¹⁶ So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷ Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not?” ¹⁸ But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹ Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰ Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?” ²¹ They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are



God's.”²² When they heard this, they were amazed, and they left him and went away.

The Gospel of our Lord. *Praise to you, O Christ*

Hymn of the Day__ Take My Life, That I May Be (ELW 583)

Apostles Creed (ELW page 105)

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering Hymn__ God Bless to Us Our Bread (ACS 1056)

Offering Prayer





MEAL

Dialog & Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy 12 (ACS page 36)

The Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (ACS page 39)

Lamb of God 12 (ACS page 40)

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn__ All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn__ God of Grace and God of Glory (ELW 705)

Dismissal

Join us for Bible Study during coffee hour! Everyone is welcome.

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. Mei Sum Lai	Usher	Harry Mickelson
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Communion Set-Up	Heidi Ackermann
Assisting Minister	Kevin Li	Communion Assist.	-
Cantor	Heidi Ackermann	Coffee Hour Hosts	Tony Wong
Lector	-		Heather Robbie