



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 12, 2026

Prelude: Gracioso and Cantabile - Samuel Lemmens

Words of welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, whose compassion endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin to God.

Compassionate God,

We confess to you all our sins.

Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.

In your mercy, call us back to you.

Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.

Restore us to dwell in your peace. In Christ's name we pray, Amen.

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you who are weary

and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest."

In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven.

Rest in God's love. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn__ Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty (ELW 533)





Greeting

Kyrie 10 (ELW page 203)

Gloria 10 (ELW page 204)

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55:10-13

Psalm: Psalm 65:[1-8] 9-13


Second Reading: Romans 8:1-11

Gospel Acclamation 10 (ELW page 205)

Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

¹ That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ² Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³ And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seeds fell on a path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵ Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶ But when the sun rose, they were scorched, and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷ Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸ Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹ If you have ears, hear!"



¹⁸ “Hear, then, the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰ As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹ yet such a person has no root but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²² As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of this age and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³ But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

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

Homily – Rev. Fred Schneider

Hymn of the Day__ God of the Fertile Fields (ACS 1063)

Apostles Creed (ELW page 105)

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering Hymn__ Praise, Praise, Praise the Lord (ELW 875)

Offering Prayer

MEAL

Dialog & Preface

Sanctus 10 (ELW page 207)

The Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (ELW page 208)





Lamb of God 10 (ELW page 208)

Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn__ Light Dawns on a Weary World (ELW 726)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn__ Sent Forth by God's Blessing (ELW 547)

Dismissal

Postlude: Trumpet Voluntary - Jeremiah Clarke

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. Fred Schneider	Livestream Tech	Alin Kucheran
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Usher	Harry Mikelson
Assisting Minister	Linda Collins	Communion Set-Up	Rev. Mei Sum Lai
Cantor	Lorna Hau	Communion Assist.	-
Lector	-	Coffee Hour Hosts	Tsige Ekubagaber Felicia Quayson

