



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

PRELUDE (Larghetto and Sarabande - George Frideric Handel, Interlude - Jeremiah Clarke)

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

GATHERING

TREE OF LIFE

GATHERING HYMN- BENEATH THE TREE OF LIFE (P. 3)

GREETING

KYRIE (P. 4)

THIS IS THE FEAST (P. 8)

PRAYER OF THE DAY (ALL READ TOGETHER)

Righteous God, our merciful master, you own the earth and all its peoples, and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**





WORD

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18


SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (P. 10)

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25:14-30

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

[Jesus said to the disciples:] “For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. After a long time, the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, ‘Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.’ His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.’ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so, I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return, I would have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him and



give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

The gospel of our Lord. Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON—REV. MEI SUM LAI

HYMN OF THE DAY – LORD OF LIGHT (ELW 688)

APOSTLES CREED (P. 12)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

MEAL

PEACE

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (P. 19)(ALL READ TOGETHER)



SENDING

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN- I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT
(ELW 815)

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE (Dialogue - François D'Agincour)

"Keep in your prayers"

Linda Dawson

Madeleine Jones

Bruno Tymm

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. Mei Sum Lai	Livestream Tech	Alin Kucheran
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Usher	Drew Nicholson
Assisting Minister	Linda Collins	Communion Set-Up	Gloria Tymm
Cantor	Heidi Ackermann	Communion Assist.	-
Lector	Marly Zell	Coffee Hour Hosts	Michael Ray Sandi Strate