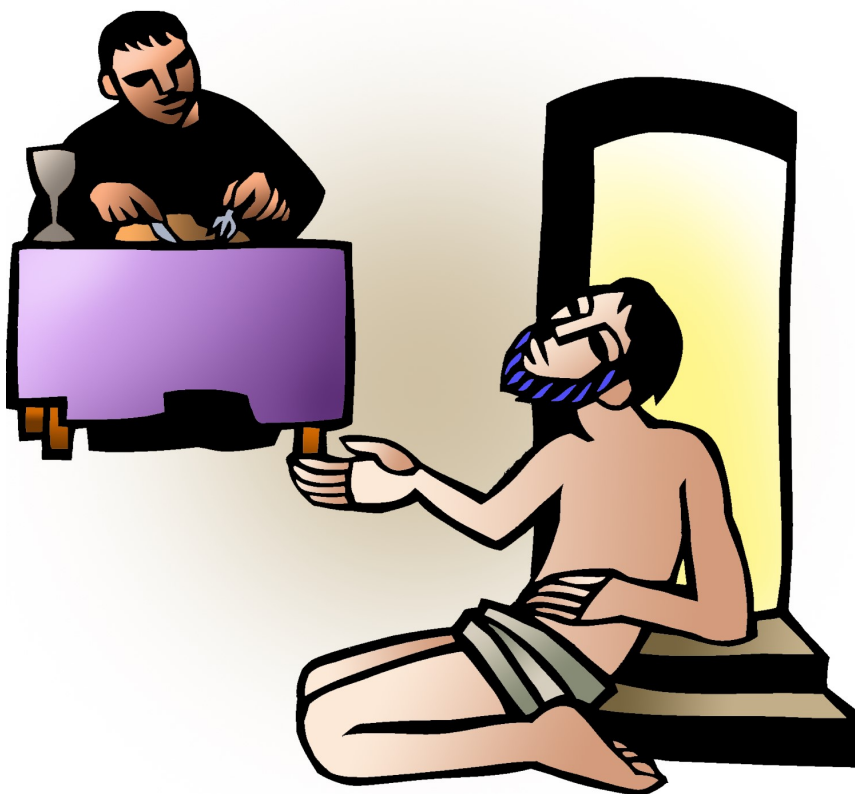




FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA



SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022



WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH FOUNDED IN 1890

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First Lutheran is a community, a gathering of people of diverse ages, cultures and traditions. Just as Jesus opened himself to all and, by implication, opened the reign of God to all, so we, the members of First Lutheran seek to do the same.

All are welcome here regardless of their race, gender or sexual orientation; regardless of their social, economic, educational, linguistic or relationship status; regardless of their citizenship, religious or cultural background or makeup of their family; and regardless of their physical, mental, emotional, or spiritual condition. There is a place for you in our community worship, service and life. We have proudly served as a Reconciled in Christ Congregation since 2000.

We acknowledge that we gather, worship, work, and play on the unceded and ancestral lands of the Coast Salish peoples, the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Watuth nations. We are committed to learning and raising awareness of our country's historical relationship with First Peoples and continue to work toward true Reconciliation.

IN-PERSON WORSHIP AT FIRST LUTHERAN

As a sign of our care and love for one another, we are requiring everyone over the age of 3 to wear a properly fitted mask covering both nose and mouth while inside the church building. (Masks can be briefly lowered for Fellowship Hour while eating). We strongly encourage all worshipers age 5 and up to be fully vaccinated.

Worship attendees will be greeted at the 42nd street entrance off of the narthex when doors open at 10am. Please be sure to sign in when you arrive! All are welcome to join us for conversation and refreshments in the Fellowship Hall downstairs after the service.

If you feel unwell for any reason or cannot follow our COVID restrictions, please remain at home and participate online. We will continue to stream our services via YouTube.

(www.youtube.com/firstlutheranchurchvancouver)

For your convenience, there is an elevator in the southwest corner of the building. Accessible, gender neutral washrooms are on the main floor in the northwest corner. There are additionally two washrooms down the stairs at the east end of the lower level. A wheelchair accessible entrance (also our office entrance) is located near the parking lot on the 42nd street side.





Those Serving the Servants Today

Assisting Minister	Elina Singh	Livestream Tech	Kevin Li
Lector	Marly Zell	Coffee Hour Hosts	Cheri Ditsche Donna Dufresne
Musician	Ginger Shaw		
Cantor	Heidi Ackermann	Offering Counters	Marly Zell TBD
Flute	Anne Johnson	Church Admin	Norita Dobyns

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ORANGE SHIRT DAY

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

SEASON OF CREATION—SERVICE OF THE WORD

PRELUDE—Minuet from *Bernice*, G. F. Handel

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

It is with a heart for reconciliation that First Lutheran Church acknowledges that we meet and work and worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Coast Salish peoples — the Musqueam, the Squamish, and the Tsleil-Waututh nations.

We live on and enjoy the benefits of land that was kept, guarded, and nurtured by peoples who lived in harmony with it since time immemorial. These peoples were displaced. Their cultural items were stolen. Their cultures and languages were forbidden. Their children were removed from their homes and families and their childhood was obliterated.



We would be naïve to suppose that the harms of colonialism are in the past. Indigenous peoples are incarcerated in much higher numbers than the general population. Indigenous children make up the majority of children in government care, as well as childhood deaths while in government care. Too many indigenous women go missing and are murdered.

The Bible tells us that it can take seven generations to heal from a grievous sin. While it has been many more generations since that original sin against indigenous people on this continent, it can be argued that we have taken few, if any, steps to atone for the evil done to them. We owe it, not only to the Musqueam, the Squamish, and the Tsleil-Waututh nations to continue our journey of truth and reconciliation, but to our children and future generations, as well. For where we leave this work off, our children must take it up.

GATHERING

LITANY OF LAMENT AND REPENTANCE

Three candles are lit to represent the voices of Indigenous people, women and biodiversity

God of our vibrant world,
You have given humans the responsibility to care for each other. Indigenous people have historical, spiritual, and personal ties to these lands on which we inhabit. But many of us have failed to recognise the presence of God in these traditions, and their voices have been silenced. We are thankful to Indigenous Nations for their continuing care and presence on the Earth. We all value the resilience and strength shown through the generations and today.

We turn to the Spirit who dismantles borders and celebrates life giving community.





Help us make a place where everyone is welcome and we acknowledge your grace at work in the ways of one another. Together, may we learn the spiritual richness of our relationships in the web of life. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

O God of the whole of creation.

You have created land and trees, animals and all living creatures on the earth. We are destroying the forests through poisons and logging, the voices of the birds, insects and forest dwellers are silenced.

You created the wonders of the ocean, the fish, shells, reefs, whales, waves, corals. The oceans are warming and as they drown in plastic, their voices are being stilled.

We turn to you in sorrow and repentance.

Please help us to care for the oceans, the land and the forest, and to recognise that it is your blessing for us. Creation is speaking to us, but their voices have been silenced by the roar of our greed. Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

Mothering Earth, our Sister, you sustain and govern us.

We have silenced the voices of your people, especially the voices of women - protectors of the Earth who have been killed by land grabbers, mining companies, and oil companies. Many are the voices of our sisters who have been silenced by flooding, hurricanes and drought as the earth's warming brings destruction. May we listen to the voices of our mothers and sisters and learn to treasure and protect the web of life.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer



We turn to you in sorrow and repentance.

Please, Creator God, forgive us for the human activities which have overpowered the weather and caused destruction of our environment.

Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer

(Adapted from a Prayer of Lament written by members of the four Religious Orders in the Anglican Church of Melanesia. Melanesian Brotherhood, Society of St Francis, Community of the Sisters of the Church, Community of the Sisters of Melanesia)

A time of silence is kept as people go forward to extinguish candles in memory of communities that are being wiped out by environmental degradation and creatures that are becoming extinct. For the voices of women, indigenous people and creation that have been silenced.

Turn us O God, from our desire to turn in upon ourselves, to refuse to hear the voices of our co-creatures. Call us again, open our ears. Gather us in to relationships of mutual care and listening. Enlighten us by your Spirit that renews the face of your Earth. Amen.





GATHERING SONG — Let My Spirit Always Sing (ACS 1020)



1 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, though my heart be
2 Though my bod - y be con - fined, let your word en -
3 Let your wis - dom grace my years, choose my words and
4 Let my spir - it al - ways sing, to your Spir - it



win - ter - ing, though the sea - son of de - spair
gaze my mind, let the in - ner eye dis - cern
chase my fears, give me wit to wel - come change,
an - swer - ing, through the si - lence, through the pain



give no sign that you are there, God to whom my
how much more there is to learn, see a world be -
to ac - cept, and not es - trange, let my joy be
know my hope is not in vain, like a feath - er



days be - long, let there al - ways be a song.
com - ing whole through the win - dow of the soul.
full and deep in the knowl - edge that I keep.
on your breath trust your love, through life and death.

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1931–2020

Music: SPIRITSONG, Jane Marshall, 1924–2019

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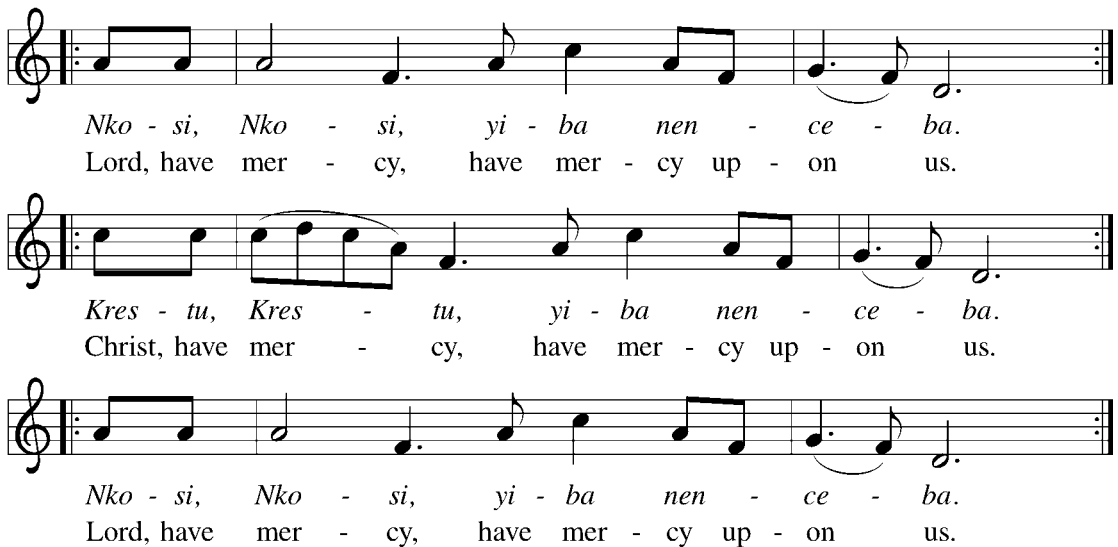


WELCOME

We gather in the name of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer of the Earth and all creatures!

Praise be to the Holy Trinity! God is sound and life, Creator of the Universe, Source of all life, whom the angels sing; wondrous Light of all mysteries known or unknown to humankind, and life that lives in all.

KYRIE (ELW 153)

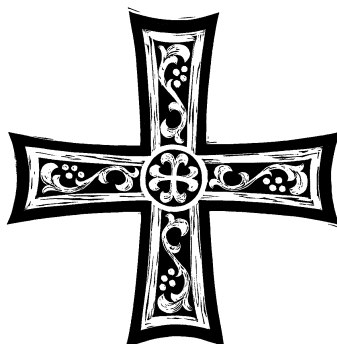


Nko - si, Nko - si, yi - ba nen - ce - ba.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

Kres - tu, Kres - tu, yi - ba nen - ce - ba.
Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

Nko - si, Nko - si, yi - ba nen - ce - ba.
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy up - on us.

Text: South African
Music: G. M. Kolisi
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CANTICLE OF PRAISE YOU ARE HOLY (ELW 525)



You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways ev - er more



than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are al - ways at hand.



Bless - ed are you com - ing near. Bless - ed are you com - ing here



to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.



You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness,



you are pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord!



Sing ho - san - na in the high - est!



Sing ho - san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

* May be sung in canon.

Text: Per Harling, b. 1945

Music: DU ÅR HELIG, Per Harling

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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world, seeking to reconcile us to you and to one another. Surround us with your grace, call us to repentance, and grant us the compassion that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen. (*You may be seated*)

WORD

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

A reading from Jeremiah.

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD in the tenth year of King Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem, and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that was in the palace of the king of Judah, where King Zedekiah of Judah had confined him. Zedekiah had said, "Why do you prophesy and say: Thus says the LORD: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; Jeremiah said, The word of the LORD came to me: Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you and say, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by purchase is yours." Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, "Buy my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

And I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen shekels of silver. I signed the



deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed the money on scales. Then I took the sealed deed of purchase, containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; and I gave the deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who were sitting in the court of the guard. In their presence I charged Baruch, saying, Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel:

Take these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long time. For thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.





PSALM: On Eagle's Wings (ELW 787)

Leader or All



1 You who dwell in the shel-ter of the Lord, who a-bide in this shad-ow for life,



say to the Lord: "My ref - uge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain
All



And he will raise you up on ea-gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.

Leader or All



2 The snare of the fowl-er will nev-er cap-ture you, and fam-ine will bring you no



fear; un-der God's wings your ref-uge, with faith-ful-ness your shield.

Leader or All



3 You need not fear the ter-ror of the night, nor the ar-row that flies by





Refrain

day; though thou-sands fall a - bout you, near you it shall not come.



Leader or All

3

4 For to the an-gels God's giv - en a com-mand to



guard you in all of your ways; up - on their hands they will



bear you up, lest you dash your foot a - gainst a stone.

Final refrain

All



And he will raise you up on ea - gle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,



make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of his hand.



And hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.



SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

A reading from 1 Timothy.

Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God. *(You are invited to stand)*





GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (ELW 172)

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

Music: Caribbean traditional

GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

The Holy Gospel, according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony.



Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.' He said, 'Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house—for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.' Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. *(You may be seated)*

SERMON— Elina Singh

HYMN OF THE DAY — When Our World Is Rent by Violence (ACS 1052)

(You are invited to stand. The offering will be brought forward at this time.)



1 When our world is rent by vio-lence and our lives are
2 When our cit - ies stand for - sak - en and the poor must
3 When our lives are burnt to ash - es and our hopes fade
4 Raise up beau - ty from the ash - es; end our vio - lence;



marred by grief, when our songs of calm as - sur - ance
beg for bread, when the pris - 'ner sits for - got - ten
like a dream, when our sto - ries lose their mean - ing
tend our peace. Give us vi - sions of a fu - ture





turn to cries of un - be - lief: God, we raise our
 and the home - less find no bed, God, we raise our
 and de - spair be - comes their theme, God, we raise our
 where all cap - tives find re - lease, where op - pres - sion

lam - en - ta - tion seek - ing ref - uge and re - lief.
 lam - en - ta - tion: wak - en jus - tice from the dead!
 lam - en - ta - tion: Come, Lord Je - sus, to re - deem!
 is e - vic - ted, and all works of ha - tred cease.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: FORTUNATUS NEW, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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PROFESSION OF FAITH

**We believe in God, who creates all things,
 who embraces all things, who celebrates all things,
 who is present in every part of the fabric of creation.
 We believe in God as the source of all life,
 who baptises this planet with living water.
 We believe in Jesus Christ, the suffering one, the poor one,
 the malnourished one, the climate refugee,
 who loves and cares for this world and who suffers with it.
 And we believe in Jesus Christ, the seed of life,
 who came to reconcile and renew this world and everything in it.
 We believe in the Holy Spirit, the breath of God,
 who moves with God and who moves among and with us today.
 We believe in everlasting life in God.
 And we believe in the hope that one day
 God will put an end to death and all destructive forces.**

[Gurukul Theological college, India / adapted by Keld B. Hansen 2009]





PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, for those in need, and all of God's good creation. (*A brief silence*).

O God, rich in mercy, fill your church with righteousness, faith, love, endurance, and gentleness. Empower us by your Spirit to work for justice and reconciliation. Guided by the British Columbia Synod Prayer Cycle we pray; for our bishops Susan and Kathy, for our Assistant to the Bishop Rebekah, for Living Faith Lutheran in Sechelt - Rev. Richard Hergesheimer – Interim, for Lord of Life Mission in Sandspit - Rev. Jim Whaley – Interim. God, who listens to every living thing,

Help us listen as you do.

Creator God, protect the earth and its creatures. Provide water, food, shelter, and favorable habitats, especially for endangered species. Preserve threatened ice caps, glaciers, parks, and beaches. Awaken us to action, keep us from ignorance, and guide our efforts to protect our home. Help us listen to the voices of the Indigenous peoples who know the ways to heal the earth. God, in whom all creation subsists,

Help us listen as you do.

Reconciling God, increase justice in nations, local governments, and courtrooms. Guide those who hold public office to act with compassion and discernment. We pray for all who seek justice for Indigenous peoples around the world – lawyers, advocates, lawmakers, and activists. Strengthen them in their work towards a more just world. With the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Prayers Cycle, we join voices all over the world in praying for the following countries and territories this week; for Bolivia, Brazil, Chile and Peru. God, to whom all creation responds,

Help us respond to you.





Providing God, give food to the hungry. Set the captives free. Lift up those who are bowed down. Watch over the stranger. Tend to those who are ill. Stir us to act in the best interest of our neighbors. We pray especially those who have been impacted by the earthquake in Taiwan, and the storms in Puerto Rico and Japan. God, to whom all creation responds,
Help us respond to you.

God of imagination, enliven our worship. Inspire musicians, artists, poets, and all who create beauty in this place, especially Ginger, Graham, and Anne who lead us in singing our praises to you. Guide us in our search for a new minister of music, so that we may continue to sing your praise. God, who is present with your creation,
Help us be present too.

Eternal God, the earth and the heaven are yours. Your Spirit fills the universe and the dimensions beyond ours. Join our voices with all your saints and all your creation in singing praises to you. Help us lift our eyes towards the eternal while keeping our feet grounded on earth. God, who is present with your creation,
Help us be present too.

Loving God, who hears every voice, knows each cry of injustice, and is attentive to the suffering of the earth: teach us to listen. Give your Spirit to guide us, to inspire us, and to encourage us to work for justice and wellbeing of all creation. Hear our prayers, the ones we have spoken, and the ones that remain silent in our hearts. God, who listens to every living thing,
Help us listen as you do.
Amen.





PEACE

If we are in Christ, we are becoming a new creation.

We see God around us. We see God within us. We give thanks to our Creator.

Let us show the caring nature you have instilled within us by greeting each other as a sign of God's justice of peace, love, forgiveness and grace. The peace of our Creator be with you in all things.

And also with you.

You are invited to care and share peace with your neighbor, and speak a word of peace to the land in which you gather, and the creatures who share this common home.

[adapted from Celebrating Creation: Honoring Indigenous People, Kelly Sherman-Conroy, ELCA]

THANKSGIVING FOR THE WORD

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God,
we give you thanks and praise.





Send your Spirit of truth, O God; rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER (New Zealand Anglican Version)

**Our Eternal Spirit, Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come
on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and forever.
Amen.**

[The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa]





SENDING

BLESSING

May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marvelled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures,
That reflect God's glory in creation.

[adapted from the CTBI Eco-Congregation Programme]

SENDING HYMN — Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness (ELW 843)



- 1 Praise the One who breaks the dark-ness with a lib - er - at - ing light;
- 2 Praise the One who blessed the chil - dren with a strong yet gen - tle word;
- 3 Praise the one true love in - car - nate: Christ, who suf - fered in our place;



praise the One who frees the pris - 'ners, turn - ing blind - ness in - to sight.
praise the One who drove out de - mons with a pierc - ing, two - edged sword.
Je - sus died and rose for man - y that we may know God by grace.



Praise the One who preached the gos - pel, heal - ing ev - 'ry dread dis - ease,
Praise the One who brings cool wa - ter to the des - ert's burn - ing sand;
Let us sing for joy and glad - ness, see - ing what our God has done.





calm - ing storms and feed - ing thou - sands with the ver - y bread of peace.
from this well comes liv - ing wa - ter quench - ing thirst in ev - 'ry land.
Praise the one re - deem - ing glo - ry; praise the One who makes us one.

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

Music: NETTLETON, J. Wyeth, *Repository of Sacred Music*, Part II, 1813

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Creator walks with you.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE—*The Happy Farmer*, R. Schumann

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY TO:

Julie B. Carol L. Jean Claude N. Anne J. Eulalie N.

ABORIGINAL MOTHER CENTRE SOCIETY

We are accepting donations to support the Aboriginal Mother Centre Society today. If you are donating to this cause, please mark on your envelope that you would like your donation to go to AMCS. Pink visitor envelopes are available if you do not have an offering envelope with you.

COFFEE HOUR IN NARTHEX

Coffee Hour will be held in the Narthex until further notice until the lift is repaired. Our repair company has informed us that the replacement part is on back-order and may not arrive for several more weeks. We will update the congregation as soon as we know an estimated date for repairs to be completed. Thank you, in advance, for your patience.

HELP NEEDED FOR COFFEE HOUR

Sharing coffee hour hosting is a fun way to get to know other people in the congregation! We need help in the following ways: Serving coffee and tea, providing food, and help with clean-up. Training is provided. If you are able to help, please contact Donna Dufresne.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—WORSHIP LEADERS

We are seeking Assistant Ministers, Lectors, Cantors, Ushers and Livestream Assistants for October and November. If you are interested in filling one of these roles, please connect with Norita in the church office.



UPCOMING AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Sunday, September 25

16th Sunday After Pentecost, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)
Confirmation Class, 11:30a (Loft Room)

Sunday, October 2

17th Sunday After Pentecost, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)
Confirmation Class, 11:30a (Loft Room)

Sunday, October 9

18th Sunday After Pentecost, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)

Sunday, October 16

19th Sunday After Pentecost, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)
Confirmation Class, 11:30a (Loft Room)

Sunday, October 23

20th Sunday After Pentecost, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)
Confirmation Class, 11:30a (Loft Room)

Sunday, October 30

Reformation Sunday, 10:30a (Sanctuary / YouTube)
Coffee and Conversation, 11:30a (Social Hall)





ORANGE SHIRT DAY SPECIAL OFFERING

In honor of Orange Shirt Day, First Lutheran Church is accepting donations to support the Aboriginal Mother Centre Society.

To donate, be sure to mark your envelope AMCS. Pink visitor envelopes are available in the Narthex if you do not have an envelope.



ABORIGINAL MOTHER CENTRE SOCIETY

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AMCS MISSION

"Under One Roof", AMCS provides housing for Aboriginal mothers and their children who are homeless, at risk of homelessness, or that have had, or are at risk of having their children apprehended.

AMCS supports families in their goals to regain and retain their children and achieving self-sufficiency.

AMCS is dedicated to supporting Aboriginal families by providing cultural, traditional services through a holistic grass roots approach.





Listen to the Voice of Creation

SEASON OF CREATION 2022

*The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.*

*Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.*

*There is no speech, nor are there words;
their voice is not heard;*

*yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.*

Psalm 19:1-4

During the Season of Creation, our common prayer and action can help us listen for the voices of those who are silenced. In prayer we lament the individuals, communities, species, and ecosystems who are lost, and those whose livelihoods are threatened by habitat loss and climate change. In prayer we centre the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. We can amplify the voices of young people, Indigenous people, women and affected communities who are not heard in society and we can remember those who are displaced or have disappeared from public spaces and political processes.



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