



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 26, 2026

Prelude: Two Chorale Preludes - Johann Pachelbel

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__ Gather Us In (ELW 532)

Greeting

Kyrie 10 (ELW page 203)

Gloria 10 (ELW page 204)





Prayer of the Day

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5-12

Psalm: Psalm 119:129-136

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Gospel Acclamation 10 (ELW page 205)

Gospel: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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

³¹ [Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;³² it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”

⁴⁴ “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and reburied; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.





⁴⁷ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸ when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹ So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰ and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹ “Have you understood all this?” They answered, “Yes.” ⁵² And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

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

Homily – Rev. Fred Schneider

Hymn of the Day__ Be Thou My Vision (ELW 793)

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

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__ Every Time I Feel the Spirit (ACS 942)

Dismissal

Postlude: Voluntary in A minor - John Stanley

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. Fred Schneider	Livestream Tech	Emmanuel Manu
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Usher	Harry Mikelson
Assisting Minister	Russell Collins	Communion Set-Up	Heidi Ackermann
Cantor	Heidi Ackermann	Communion Assist.	Aria
Lector	-	Coffee Hour Hosts	Eulalie Niyungeko Carol Vinge O’Byrne