



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 23 , 2026

Prelude: Three Communion Pieces - Caleb Simper

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__ Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation (ELW 645)

Greeting

Kyrie 10 (ELW page 203)

Gloria 10 (ELW page 204)

Prayer of the Day

O God, with all your faithful followers of every age, we praise you, the rock of our life. Be our strong foundation and form us into the body of your Son, that we may gladly minister to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

Psalm: Psalm 138

Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Gospel Acclamation 10 (ELW page 205)

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” ¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist but others Elijah and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” ¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you but my Father in



heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Homily – Rev. Sylvia Schmidt

Hymn of the Day__ Womb of Life and Source of Being (ACS 948)

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering Hymn__ Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW 473)

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__ In This Feast of Love (ACS 962)

Prayer after Communion





SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn__ We Are All One in Mission (ELW 576)

Dismissal

Postlude: Prelude in C major - J. S. Bach

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. Sylvia Schmidt	Livestream Tech	Alin Kucheran
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Usher	Harry Mikelson
Assisting Minister	Sylvia Harris	Communion Set-Up	Heidi Ackermann
Cantor	Heidi Ackermann	Communion Assist.	Aria
Lector	-	Coffee Hour Hosts	Cheri Ditsche Daniel Luong