



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 4, 2026

Prelude: Adagio for Organ Duet - Gustav Merkel

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 thank them for their stewardship of the land and the water we all share.

GATHERING

Call to worship

Pastor In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.
And God called them good.

All: *Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.*

Pastor The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple,
and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.

All: *Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.*

Pastor: Jesus cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me...
Out of the believer’s heart shall flow rivers of living water.”

All: *Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.*





Thanksgiving for the Waters

Confession and Forgiveness (*Assistant Minister*)

AM: Creator God, we lament that we have neglected this gift,
and taken the waters for granted. (*pause*)

AM: We look upon your waters, O God, and we grieve:
Rivers run polluted. Oceans choke with plastic.
Marine life disappears from warming seas.
Coral reefs fade, and fisheries collapse.

All: *Ashamnu*

AM: The seas rise and swallow coasts. Storms grow stronger.
Floods destroy homes. Drought cracks the Earth, and children
thirst.

All: *Ashamnu*

AM: We confess that we have not guarded your waters.
We have consumed water without restraint.
We have polluted what you called good.
We have forgotten that the river of life flows from your throne.

All: *Forgive us, O God.* (*pause*)

(*Absolution*) (*Pastor*)

Pastor: God's mercy flows like living water. The love of God,
incarnate in Jesus who spoke to troubled waters, forgives us
and calms our hearts so that justice may flow to all the dry
places in our lives. In the name of Christ +, may this grace free
us to follow and proclaim the good news of the healing of all
creation.

All: *Amen.*



Gathering Hymn__ God Is Here! (ELW 526)



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
 2 Here are sym - bols to find re - mind us of our life - long
 3 Here our chil - dren here as a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
 4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of

praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
 need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
 flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en;
 change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;

what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
 here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
 Christ sus - tains us as old. Here in ser - vants
 help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's

world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
 ty of the preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
 of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
 ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
 here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
 what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
 we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!



Greeting (Tree of Life page 4)

Kyrie (Tree of Life page 4)

Glory to God (Tree of Life page 6)

Prayer of the Day

Beloved God, from you come all things that are good. Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to know those things that are right, and by your merciful guidance, help us to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

Gospel Acclamation (Tree of Life page 10)

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-46

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

[Jesus said:] ³³ “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a winepress in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went away. ³⁴ When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. ³⁵ But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. ³⁶ Again he sent other slaves, more than the first, and they treated them in the same way. ³⁷ Then he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ ³⁸ But when the tenants saw the son, they said





to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’³⁹ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.⁴⁰ Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?”⁴¹ They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.”

⁴² Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures:

‘The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes’?

⁴³ “Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces its fruits. ⁴⁴ The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces, and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

⁴⁵ When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. ⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

Homily – Rev. Clifford Reinhardt

Hymn of the Day__ My Song Is Love Unknown (ELW 343)

Apostle’s Creed (Tree of Life page 12)

Prayers of Intercession

Peace



Offering Hymn- Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (ELW 207)

Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

The musical notation is a single melodic line in G major (one sharp) on a treble clef staff. It consists of four lines of music. The first line has 8 measures, the second 8 measures, the third 8 measures, and the fourth 8 measures. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with many eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. The final note of the fourth line is a whole note, indicating the end of the phrase.

Offering Prayer (Tree of Life page 13)

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving (ELW page 107)

Sanctus (ELW page 108)

Thanksgiving at the Table (ELW page 65)

The Lord's Prayer (Tree of Life page 17)

Lamb of God (Tree of Life page 17)

Communion Hymn- By Your Hand (Tree of Life page 18)

Post Communion Blessing



Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Hymn__ All Creatures, Worship God most High (ELW 835)



- 1 All crea-tures, wor-ship God most high! Sound ev - 'ry voice in earth and
2 Sing, broth - er wind; with clouds and rain you grow the gifts of fruit and
3 Sing, broth - er fire, so mirth-ful, strong; drive far the shad-ows, join the
4 All who for love of God for - give, all who in pain or sor - row



sky: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Sing, broth - er sun, in splen-dor
grain: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear sis - ter wa - ter, use - ful,
throng: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Dear moth - er earth, so rich in
grieve: Al-le - lu - ia! Al-le - lu - ia! Christ bears your bur-dens and your



bright; sing, sis - ter moon and stars of night:
clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to hear: Al-le - lu - ia, al-le -
care, praise God in col - ors bright and rare:
fears; still make your song a - mid the tears:



lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

- 5 And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom,
fair is the night that leads us home.
Alleluia.

- 6 O sisters, brothers, take your part,
and worship God with humble heart:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Father, Son,
and Holy Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia.





Dismissal

Postlude: Gavotte en forme de Rondeau - Denis Bédard

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. Clifford Reinhardt	Livestream Tech	Emmanuel Manu
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Usher	Harry Mickelson
Guest Duet Organist	Denis Bédard	Communion Set-Up	Gloria Tymm
Assisting Minister	Heather Robbie	Lector	Heather Robbie
Cantor	Anne Johnson	Coffee Hour Hosts	Donna Dufresne Ingrid Tymm