



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Prelude: Now Thank We All Our God - G. F. Kaufmann, Glory to God - Samuel Scheidt

Words of welcome & Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

GATHERING

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who pours love into our hearts and healing upon the earth. **Amen.**

Confident that God justifies us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Compassionate God,

We confess that we struggle to embody your goodness in the world and in our own hearts. Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.

Turn our hearts back to you. Restore our world and reconcile us to one another. Renew us to live as your holy people, following the way of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear this good news:

We have peace with God through Jesus Christ, in whom there is no condemnation, but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.

Receive freely this healing gift of grace. **Amen.**





Gathering Hymn__ God of the Fertile Fields (ACS 1063)

Greeting

Kyrie 12 (ACS page 31)

Gloria 12 (ACS page 31)

Prayer of the Day

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 25:1-9

Psalms: Psalm 23

Second Reading: Philippians 4:1-9

Gospel Acclamation 12 (ACS page 33)

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

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

¹ Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ² “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³ He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴ Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶ while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated



them, and killed them. ⁷ The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸ Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹ Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad, so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ “But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹² and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³ Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

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

Homily – Rev. Nikkeya Berryhill

Hymn of the Day__ As We Gather at Your Table (ELW 522)

Apostles Creed (ELW page 105)

Prayers of Intercession

Peace

Offering Hymn__ God Bless to Us Our Bread (ACS 1056)

Offering Prayer

MEAL

Dialog & Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy 12 (ACS page 36)

The Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer (ACS page 39)

Lamb of God 12 (ACS page 40)





Invitation to Communion

Communion Hymn__ All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly (ELW 461)

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Blessing

Sending Hymn__ Now Thank We All Our God (ELW 840)

Dismissal

Postlude: Toccata on Deo Gratias (Thanks Be to God) - Richard Keys Biggs

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. Nikkeya Berryhill	Livestream Tech	Kevin Li
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Usher	-
Assisting Minister	Sylvia Harris	Communion Set-Up	Rev. Mei Sum Lai
Cantor	Lorna Hau	Communion Assist.	-
Lector	-	Coffee Hour Hosts	Eulalie Niyungeko
			Carol Vinge O’Byrne
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