



# FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

## TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 31, 2025

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**Prelude:** Grave - John Alcock, Largo - George Green, Adagio - J. G. Walther

### **Words of welcome & Announcements**

### **Land Acknowledgement**

### **GATHERING**

### **Confession and Forgiveness**

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Merciful God,

**you free us to love others,**

**but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.**

**You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,**

**but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.**

**You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,**

**but we grow weary in doing what is right.**

**In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us.**

**Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life.**

**Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation. **Amen.**





## **Gathering Hymn- Come Now, You Blessed (*ACS 1059*)**

### **Greeting**

**Kyrie 12** (*ACS page 31*)

**Gloria 12** (*ACS page 31*)

### **Prayer of the Day**

O God, you resist those who are proud and give grace to those who are humble. Give us the humility of your Son, that we may embody the generosity of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

**First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16**

**Gospel Acclamation 12** (*ACS page 33*)

**Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14**

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

<sup>1</sup> On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

<sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, <sup>9</sup> and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. <sup>10</sup> But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”



<sup>12</sup> He said also to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

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

**Sermon- Rev. Mei Sum Lai**

**Hymn of the Day- As We Gather at Your Table (*ELW* 522)**

**Apostles Creed (*ELW* page 105)**

**Prayers of Intercession**

**Peace**

**Offering Prayer**

## **MEAL**

**Dialog & Preface**

**Holy, Holy, Holy 12 (*ACS* page 36)**

**The Great Thanksgiving**

**Lord's Prayer (*ACS* page 39)**

**Our Mother, Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil,  
for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**





**Lamb of God 12** (*ACS page 40*)

**Invitation to Communion**

**Communion Hymn- I Come with Joy** (*ELW 482*)

**Prayer after Communion**

**SENDING**

**Blessing**

**Sending Hymn- Sent Forth by God's Blessing** (*ELW 547*)

**Dismissal**

**Postlude: "Grand Dialogue" - Gaspard Corrette**

***Those Serving the Servants Today***

<b>Presiding Minister</b>	Rev. Mei Sum Lai	<b>Livestream Tech</b>	Alin Kucheran
<b>Minister of Music</b>	Rachel Alflatt	<b>Usher</b>	-
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Sylvia Harris	<b>Communion Set-Up</b>	Claire Landry
<b>Cantor</b>	Lorna hau	<b>Communion Assist.</b>	-
<b>Lector</b>	Sylvia Harris	<b>Coffee Hour Hosts</b>	Sylvia Schmidt Paul Schmidt