



FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH

VANCOUVER, BC | EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN CANADA

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 16, 2026

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

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__ Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service (ELW 712)

Greeting

Kyrie 10 (ELW page 203)

Gloria 10 (ELW page 204)

Prayer of the Day

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of your Son to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-5

Psalm: Psalm 67

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Acclamation 10 (ELW page 205)

Gospel: Matthew 15: [10-20] 21-28

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

[¹⁰ [Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand:¹¹ it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.”¹² Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?”¹³ He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.¹⁴ Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.”¹⁵ But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.”¹⁶ Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? ¹⁷ Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach and goes out into the sewer? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and





this is what defiles. ¹⁹ For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. ²⁰ These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” ²⁴ He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” ²⁶ He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁷ She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

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

Homily – Rev. Nikkeya Berryhill

Hymn of the Day__ Healer of Our Every Ill (ELW 612)

Apostles Creed (ELW page 105)

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 (ELW page 208)

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__ In Christ There Is No East or West (ELW 650)

Dismissal

Postlude: Grand Chorus - Edmond Lemaigre

Those Serving the Servants Today

Presiding Minister	Rev. Nikkeya Berryhill	Livestream Tech	Alin Kucheran
Minister of Music	Rachel Alflatt	Usher	Harry Mikelson
Assisting Minister	Arvid Vimb	Communion Set-Up	Rev. Mai Sum Lai
Cantor	Heidi Ackermann	Communion Assist.	-
Lector	-	Coffee Hour Hosts	Ingrid Tymm Tony Wong