

## NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

### **SPECIAL Sunday Worship Service June 26<sup>th</sup>**

A special worship service, led by Cari Klaassen, who wove together worship elements of Indigenous ceremonial rituals and special music with a rich Lutheran worship liturgy. (*A smudging ceremony was offered to those who wished to participate*).

Afterwards there was **a fellowship time with coffee and fresh bannock** baked by Cari and friend, Diane.

Cari (Carolyn) Klaassen is deeply committed to working within the church and the BC Synod on its journey towards Reconciliation. She is a member of First Lutheran Church in Vancouver BC, a graduate from Vancouver School of Theology with a certificate in Indigenous Theological studies and is currently in the Indigenous Masters of Divinity Program at VST. Carolyn raises awareness of indigenous ceremonial customs through participation in a congregation's worship service.

### **What is National Indigenous Peoples Day?**

June 21 is National Indigenous Peoples Day. This is a day for all Canadians to recognize and celebrate the unique heritage, diverse cultures and outstanding contributions of First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. The Canadian Constitution recognizes these three groups as Aboriginal peoples, also known as Indigenous peoples.



