

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
19th Sunday after Pentecost
Season of Creation - Holy Eucharist
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SEASON OF CREATION

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of the Esquimalt, Songhees and WSÁNEĆ people,
the traditional custodians of these lands.*

Welcome and Introduction (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

Please stand as you are able.

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Priest: The heavens declare the glory of God.

All: The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.

Priest: The plants and trees show God's presence.

All: Let us join with creation in praising God.

Priest: God of all creation, who moves and inspires us
through every time and season,

**All: we bless you and praise you for the gift of life
in your good, created world.**

Priest: Grant to us grace and humility to so order our lives
that we may honour you
among all peoples and nations,

**All: create wholesome and right companionship
with our fellow living creatures,
and work for the healing of this world
that you created.**

Priest: Teach us to see and hear your power in the winds
and waves, mountains and valleys,
so that we may glorify your goodness to us
and live rightly in your creation.

**All: We pray to you through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit,
Three in One, One in Three, now and forever.
Amen.**

Invitation to Confession

Priest: All creation invites us to join our voices
in praise to God.
Trusting in God's mercy and grace,
let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

Confession

Priest: Generous God,
**All: you created us and placed us here
to care for all of creation.
Forgive us for turning away from you
and for neglecting the earth.
Raise us up and make us again stewards
of your creation that we may see your presence
in all that surrounds us,
through Christ we pray. Amen.**

Absolution:

Priest: Hear and receive this good news
to all who long to see and encounter Christ.
Today, salvation comes to you
and the land beneath your feet.
Know that we are forgiven
and are free to live in peace with one another
and with the earth.
All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 415 All Things Bright and Beautiful

(tune: All Things Bright)

**Refrain: All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.**

**Each radiant flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings. Refrain**

The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden,
God made them everyone. *Refrain*

The rocky mountain splendour,
the loon's wild, haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall. *Refrain*

God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator,
who has made all things well. *Refrain*

Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: God of unchangeable power,
when you fashioned the world,
the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy;
open our eyes to the wonders of creation
and teach us to see all things for good,
to the honour of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55: 1-2, 6-7

Reader: *Bruce Hallsor*

Reader: A reading from the Book of Isaiah.

The reading can be found here:

<https://pwrdf.org/celebrating-food-and-faith-together/>

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 145: 14-21

Alternating Verses: Congregation response is in bold.

Lord, you are faithful in all your words

and merciful in all your deeds.

You uphold all those who fall

and lift up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord,

and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand

and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

You are righteous in all your ways

and loving in all your works.

You are near to those who call upon you,

to all who call upon you faithfully.

You fulfil the desire of those who fear you,

you hear their cry and help them.

You preserve all those who love you,

but you destroy all the wicked.

My mouth shall speak your praise, O Lord;

let all flesh bless your holy name for ever and ever.

[Source: A Liturgical Psalter General Synod 2016 edition]

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn:

CP 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

(tune: Nettleton)

**Praise the one who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light**

**Praise the one who frees the prisoners,
turning blindness into sight.**

**Praise the one who preached the gospel,
healing every dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the one who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.**

**Praise the one how drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.**

**Praise the one who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand.**

**From this well comes living water,
quenching thirst in every land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ who suffered in our place.**

**Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.**

**Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.**

**Praise the one redeeming glory,
praise the One who makes us one.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 15: 29, 32-38

Reader: Bruce Hallsor

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The gospel can be found here:

<https://pwrdf.org/celebrating-food-and-faith-together/>

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Affirmation of Faith (Hear, O Israel) Please stand as you are able.

All: **Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Please be seated.

Prayers of Intercession: *Led by Bruce Hallsor
In response to the bidding words,
the community prays, “and you.....”*

Lord Jesus, Teacher, Provider
this is what you want us to learn
not the world's wisdom, but God's
and so we pray:

awaken us to our need of you in our lives
All: **And you will give us your life.**

Move us with sorrow for the sorrow of the world
All: **And you will make us strong through our tears.**

Give us the humility to admit our failures
and you will bring treasure out of them.
Make us hungry for justice
as we work to eradicate hunger for all.
All: **And you will give us food that lasts.**

Help us to see others through your eyes
that our vision will again and again be yours.

All: And you will show us ourselves with love.

(Specific petitions and celebrations are offered at this time. A time of silence is held.)

Show us how to practise what we preach.

All: And we will see good, and God in everyone.

Support us in standing firm for truth and justice,
even when it costs.

All: And the truth will also make us free.

Merciful God,
accept our prayers, spoken and unspoken,
and strengthen us to do your will
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Peace: *(Please stand as you are able.)*

*For the peace, please acknowledge your greeting of peace
by a simple bow – with no physical contact.*

Priest: You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field
shall clap their hands. *(Isaiah 55: 12)*

The Peace of our God, in Jesus be with you all.

**All: With each other, with us all, and with all creation.
Amen.**

Offertory Hymn: CP 52 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near
(tune: St. Flavian)

**O God, unseen yet ever near,
your presence may we feel;
and thus, inspired with holy fear,
around your table kneel.**

Here may your faithful people know
the blessings of your love,
the streams that through the desert flow,
the manna from above.

We come, obedient to your word,
to feast on heavenly food,
to eat the body of the Lord,
and drink his precious blood.

O living Bread, enduring Vine,
your words we shall obey,
and go, renewed with strength divine,
rejoicing on our way.

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts:

Priest: As the grain once scattered in the fields,
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now united on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church
soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer:

[Source: From the Anglican Church of Southern Africa.]

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God of all creation.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: You spoke the Word and all that is in heaven
and on the earth, all things, came to be.
Your Spirit hovered over the primal elements,
and you brought forth life in forms innumerable,
including this our fragile earth,
and we amongst its inhabitants.

As our past is in you,
so our hope for the future rests with you.
As we have turned from your way,
so we turn again to the warmth of your love.
Through you all things are brought to new life.

And now we give you thanks
for the glories of your creation given into our care,
and for the opportunities we have
to share that richness with all your people.
And so with the wonders of creation
and the songs of praise of all your creatures
both in heaven and on earth
we praise you now and for ever saying:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Congregation may sit or kneel at this time.

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, he took bread,
work of human hands, gift of our earth,
and gave thanks to God.
He broke the bread to speak to us
of the breaking of his body upon the cross.
He gave it to his friends and said:

Take and eat, for this is my body
which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

He took the wine,
work of human hands, gift of our earth,
and gave thanks to God, Creator.
He poured out the wine to speak to us
of the pouring out of his blood.
He gave it to his friends saying:

This is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you and for all creation
for the forgiveness of sins.
Every time you drink of the wine,
do this in remembrance of me.

Priest: So we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Priest: Therefore God, we who seek your reconciliation;
we who need reconciliation one with another;
we who hope for reconciliation with all creation,
draw close to this mystery.

In being broken, spilt and buried,
life sprang forth again.
In the breaking, there is an opening up;
in the spilling, there are the roots of sharing;
in death and burial,
there is the seed of the new life to come.

As we look in our world, in our lives,
and in our hearts, for his second coming,
keep us close to this vision that we have seen.

Through the giving in the bread and wine,
reconcile us to our world
and give us the broken oneness,

the spilt unity, and the buried resurrection
by which we can restore your creation
and fulfil your will.

Send upon us, and upon all your creation,
the life giving Spirit who first moved
upon the waters of the deep.

Stir in us the creative and redeem the destructive.
Unite us with you through the body
and blood of your Son, your Word made flesh
as your Word has made flesh.

By whom, and with whom and in whom,
in the unity of your Creative Spirit,
with all that has been, is, and will be in your universe,
we stand before you and worship you, God of all,
in songs of everlasting praise,

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: In the words that our Saviour taught us, we pray:

**All: 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 for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread:

Priest: Lamb of God,

**All: you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God,

**you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God,

**you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The Giving of Communion

Priest: Today, Christ meets us at the table.

Today, salvation comes to everyone, everywhere.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

For the communion procession, please follow the directions of the sidespeople as each section is invited to come forward. Allow at least 2 metres (6 feet) between you and the person in front of you. As you come up to the communion station, stand behind the marked line and reach your hand forward to receive the host. Please exit to the chapel side and return to your seat.

Prayer after Communion (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: Lord of all creation,

as we have received the bread and wine,

fruits of the earth and tokens of salvation,

so with joy we celebrate your goodness

and commit ourselves to serve you on your earth,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: Glory to God

**All: whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God,
from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
For ever and ever.
Amen.**

Benediction:

Priest: Help us to trust in you
and to share what we have with a hungry world.

**All: They need not go away;
you give them something to eat.**

Priest: With all creatures we look to you
for our food in due season.
May we do our part in restoring
the balance of your creation
and deepen our commitment to follow Jesus
in ministries that feed and serve others.

**All: They need not go away;
you give them something to eat.**

Priest: Our worship leads to the world:
a world of ethnic groups,
First Nations and other Indigenous peoples,
all nations, their citizen leaders,
that the hungry will be fed,
and that refugees will return home in safety and peace.

**All: They need not go away;
you give them something to eat.**

Priest: And the blessing of God, the Creator,
Source of All Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit,
be with the privileged and the poor,
today and every day, now, and for ever.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn:
CP 428 God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness
(tune: Abbot's Leigh)

God who gives to life its goodness,
God creator of all joy,
giver of all human freedom,
God who blesses tool and toy:
teach us now to laugh and praise you,
deep within your praises sing,
till the whole creation dances
for the goodness of its King.

God who fills the earth with beauty,
God who binds each friend to friend,
giver of all human talent,
God who wills that chaos end:
grant us now creative spirits,
minds responsive to your mind,
hearts and wills your rule extending,
all our acts by love refined.

Dismissal

Priest: Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ.

Postlude

Thank you to all who helped with this service: Presider: Rev. Daniel Fournier; Liturgical Assistant: Sean Tiernay; Reader and Intercessions: Bruce Hallsor; Musicians: Patricia Bates, Cynthia Blackburn, David Berry, Daniel Fournier, Margo Hughes, Genevieve Richards, and Sean Tiernay; Sidespersons: Heather Simpson and Kathleen Patterson; Creation of Prayers of Intercession: Joan Scandrett; Videographers: Sharon McMillan and Neil Patterson; Service Planning and Service Outline: Daniel Fournier; Proofreading, Posting Bulletin and Livestream Link at the Website: Barb Prescott; Posting the Link at Facebook: Sharon McMillan; Printing Readings and Bulletins: Bonnie Watkins.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS October 3rd –10th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

***Blessing of the Animals Service – TODAY, October 3rd, at 2:30 pm.** This will be a short service (about 30 minutes long) with a blessing of the animals at the end. You are invited to bring your pet to the service to be blessed. People may also bring a picture of a pet (living or deceased) so that the pet can be blessed or remembered. Please invite your friends and their pets to come to this service as well. The service will be livestreamed and recorded as well as being in-person. The Bishop encourages those who are unvaccinated to watch the online services.

Donations for Thanksgiving – The Altar Guild requests donations of fruit, vegetables, and preserves to decorate the church for Thanksgiving. Items can be dropped off 9:30 - 10 am on Saturday, October 9th. The edible items will go to Shelbourne Community Kitchen after the Thanksgiving service. Also if you wish to have flowers in memory of a loved one at Thanksgiving, please phone Ann Séguin (or leave a message for her at St. Luke's office).

****Clarification of Current COVID Protocols** – Please see the information at the **News page of St. Luke's website** or pick up a copy of the information sheet at the back of the church.

***Next Sunday's in-person Thanksgiving Eucharist service will be at 10 am.** Anyone wishing to attend will need to register by phoning (250-477-6741) or e-mailing the office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) before 11 am on the Friday, prior to the Sunday service you wish to attend. (This will help us manage our capacity limits at this time.) **You will need to wear a mask, be distanced in the church except within family groups or established bubbles, and use hand sanitizer when entering the church.** The services will be livestreamed and recorded as well as being in-person. The Bishop encourages those who are unvaccinated to watch the online services. Trumpeter Ben Parker will play some special music for this service.

Coffee Time via Zoom will start at 11:45 am after the in-person and livestreamed service. Watch for the link, which will be sent out by e-mail and join us in your home via Zoom. Hope to see you there.

Thursday morning services are now being held at 10:30 am in the chapel. Everyone is welcome at this mid-week Eucharist service.

Thank You for Your Support for the Ongoing Ministry of St. Luke's Church through your offerings by writing a cheque, making a donation online through Canada Helps, and by signing up for ECP. We greatly appreciate your offerings each week, whether by putting an offering into the plate in the church, dropping off or mailing your donation, making a donation online through Canada Helps, or by signing up for ECP. **Note that the offerings will now be taken forward to the altar each Sunday during the service, but we can't pass around the collection plate at this time.** If you miss putting in your donation as you enter the church, donations left in the collection plates after the service will also be collected.

***Livestreaming Help Needed** – We are hoping to create a roster of people who can help with the livestreaming each Sunday. If we aren't able to find enough volunteers, we'll need to hire someone to cover off on some Sundays. **If you are interested in learning new skills in this area, please talk to Sharon or Ray after the service, or to Daniel, or leave your name at the office.** An orientation session and training will be provided.

***An Invitation from Lutheran Church of the Cross** – We are invited to an in-person event at Church of the Cross **THIS Tuesday, October 5th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm** with guest speaker Julius Maslovat. Masks are required. Mr. Maslovat resides in Victoria and is one of the youngest children on record to have survived the Nazi concentration camps. A viewing of his 45 minute documentary will be followed by a Q&A period. Both of Mr. Maslovat's parents were killed in the Holocaust. The documentary follows his journey as he researches his past to learn more about the people who helped to keep him alive during his time in concentration camps. The film encourages viewers to learn about injustices in our current world and to ask themselves the question, "Why am I here?" Maslovat says, "I survived because of other people, people who were concerned enough, despite their own condition, to help someone else." See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

***Root** – In this fifth and final episode of "Root" in the Season of Creation, John Thatamanil calls us to heal our broken relationship with creation. Watch this episode at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

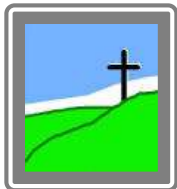
***Sound System Upgrade Appeal** – Please read a letter from Daniel at the **News page of St. Luke's website** regarding an appeal for donations towards a very necessary upgrade to our sound system as livestreaming continues to be an important aspect of our ministry. Thank you to those who have made donations through your envelopes or through Canada Helps.

Donations as of September 27th total \$3,618.05, 93% of the way to our goal of \$3,900.

***Country Grocer Save A Tape Program Update** – Please continue to collect your Country Grocer receipts and turn them in to the Church Office, mail them to the Church Office, or put them in an envelope in the mail slot. We have now collected \$5,000.23 in grocery receipts and have reached our first goal of \$5,000 in receipts to receive a \$50.00 gift certificate. Well done, everyone! **As of September 27th, we have \$2,184.23 towards our next goal of \$5,000 to receive a second \$50.00 gift certificate.** So please keep dropping off your receipts. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for the Church in Wales, The Most Revd John Davies - Presiding Bishop. In the Canadian ACC/ELCIC Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop, and clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia (ACC) and the dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod (ELCIC). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Congregation of St. John Gualbert, Pt. McNeill. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Yukon and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY October 10, 2021

Joel 2: 21-27

Psalm 126

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Matthew 6: 25-33

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Dennis Bell,
son and grandson of past members of St. Luke's
from Susan Bell and family.

Flowers at St. Luke's are coordinated by Ann Séguin.
