Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Sixth Sunday After Pentecost July 20, 2025 – 10 am Holy Eucharist



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the ləkwəŋən peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands. We are grateful for their hospitality.

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Welcome and Introduction (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet (tune: Praise the Lord)

- Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.
- All: And also with you.

Invitation to Confession

Priest: God's presence is at the heart of our faith and our life as Christians, and today's readings describe others' responses to this presence. Openness to unexpected people or events and a willingness to believe are required for us to be changed by our experience. We might listen, wonder, serve, celebrate or share this with others. What really matters is believing that God will enter our lives and that we will never be the same. As we enter into today's worship, let's us prepare ourselves to listen to God who searches our hearts. Let us confess our need for that deeper relationship with God.

Silence is kept.

Confession

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins. For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

- Priest: May almighty God have mercy on you, Forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.
- All: Amen.

Priest: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

> Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

- Priest: The Lord be with you.
- All: And also with you.
- Priest: Let us pray.

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest: amid the cares of our daily lives, alert us to your presence and make us attentive to your voice, so that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

Blessing of the Children

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: AMOS 8: 1-12

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Amos.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 52

Response: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

You tyrant, why do you boast of wickedness against the godly all day long? You plot ruin; your tongue is like a sharpened razor, O worker of deception. You love evil more than good and lying more than speaking the truth. You love all words that hurt, O you deceitful tongue *(Response)*

Oh, that God would demolish you utterly, topple you, and snatch you from your dwelling, and root you out of the land of the living! *(Response)*

The righteous shall see and tremble, and they shall laugh at him, saying, "This is the one who did not take God for a refuge, but trusted in great wealth and relied upon wickedness." *(Response)*

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God; I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever. I will give you thanks for what you have done and declare the goodness of your Name in the presence of the godly. *(Response)*

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1: 15-28

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life. **All:** Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: CP 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart

(tune: Franconia)

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 10: 38-42

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier (Please be seated.)

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith: (New Zealand Prayer Book)

Leader: Let us declare our faith in God:

All: You, O God, are supreme and holy.
 You create our world and give us life.
 Your purpose overarches everything we do.
 You have always been with us.
 You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God. You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world. You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

Let us pray with confidence as God's holy people. We pray for the church, for all people everywhere, for all in our parish.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray today for The Church of Pakistan (United), The Most Revd Dr Azad Marshall, Primate. Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Mary Magdalene, Mayne Island, and their parishioners and wardens. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of New Westminster, and Archbishop John Stephens.

Loving God, we come before you in prayer, trusting that your power works in the world in ways that we cannot even imagine, calling goodness forward, supporting love, and creating justice even in situations that seem hopeless to us. Draw on our prayers as signs of your Spirit at work in our lives.

God with an open heart,

All: Open our hearts to you.

God of the world and all its peoples: we pray today for those who lift up their voices in troubled nations, for those working to bring justice and negotiate peace, for those bringing aid to the vulnerable, and those offering shelter to anyone fleeing violence.

Silence for ten seconds.

Call the powerful to account, O God, and inspire them to hear the voices that cry out in pain and desperation.

God with an open heart,All:Open our hearts to you.

God of our everyday lives:

we pray today for our community and our neighbours whose everyday lives have been disrupted by economic realities beyond their control. We remember neighbours whose livelihoods depend on undependable weather systems, and those fearing fire, flood or drought this summer. We pray for communities that lack safe drinking water or adequate medical care and places where there is high unemployment or a worker shortage.

Silence for ten seconds.

Inspire leaders to combine compassion with good planning, and consider the needs of all those who feel desperate.

God with an open heart, All: Open our hearts to you.

> God of the courageous and compassionate, we pray for those who live out their commitment to the well-being of others day by day, in public service, health care, education, social work, community organizations, and environmental concern.

> > Silence for ten seconds.

Thank you for their dedication. Support those who feel stress or exhaustion and inspire those who can speak out when they see needs being neglected.

God with an open heart,

All: Open our hearts to you.

God of neighbourhood and nation, we pray for friends and neighbours near and far, for all who travel this summer, and for those who find themselves strangers in new communities.

We remember in silence those on our hearts facing some kind of challenge this day:

Prayer list is read here.

Draw near to each one in deep need, O God. Equip us to support those lives that intertwine with ours, for we are your people, embraced by your love.

God with an open heart,

All: Open our hearts to you.

All these prayers spoken and those deep in our hearts, We pray this through Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Invitation and Peace (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus and with all those who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth in which Christ became incarnate. So, come to this table, you who have faith and you who would like to have more.

You who have been to this sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time. You who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

As we prepare to come to the table let us exchange a sign of peace with one another.

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with you. All: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP 584 The Church of Christ in Every Age (tune: Herongate)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: O God, accept our praise and thanksgiving. Help us in all we do to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice; through Jesus Christ our redeemer.

All: Amen.

Please remain standing for the whole Eucharistic Prayer, as you are able.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Eucharistic Prayer 5, The Book of Alternative Services, ACC., 1985]

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

- Priest: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, for the gift of a world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you. By your power you sustain the universe.
- All: Glory to you for ever and ever.
- Priest: You created us to love you with all our heart, and to love each other as ourselves, but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son, you bring healing to our world and gather us into one great family. Therefore, with all who serve you on earth and in heaven, we praise your wonderful name, as we sing:

(From Common Praise # 719):

- 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,
 hosanna in the highest.
- Priest: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead you show us the power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which is given for you."

> After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant, which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

- Priest: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and share in the life of the family of your children.
- All: Glory to you for ever and ever.
- Priest: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Amen. (Sung 3 times - From Common Praise # 721)

The Lord's Prayer

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 (Setting: Land of Rest)

All: O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world; Have mercy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

The Giving of Communion

Priest: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as the congregation is invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest will signal the priest to give you a blessing instead.

NOTE: Gluten free wafers are available on request.

Please remain seated as we sing the hymns during communion.

Hymns during Communion:

CP 60 I Come with Joy

(tune: Land of Rest)

CP 63 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup (tune: Eat this Bread)

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

- Priest: O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; 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.

Announcements (Please be seated.)

Blessing (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: Go now in the blessing of Christ, the image of the invisible, Love-made-flesh. May God's loving presence surround you on every side, guiding you and empowering you to share God's loving presence with everyone you meet. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

<u>Closing Hymn:</u> <u>CP 441 Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower</u> (tune: Surrey)

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

Thank you to all who assisted with today's service.

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Calgary (Anglican); for the assistant to the bishop and the staff of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories (Lutheran); and for the Canadian Moravian Foundation (Moravian).

> July 20th – July 27th (**New Items, *Revised Items)

**We welcome Alan Whitmore to the 10 am service at St. Luke's this Sunday – Alan will be our Interim Music Director, as we look for our new Music Director. Alan has been a lifelong performer, educator, and church musician as well as Music and Liturgy editor for Wood Lake Publishing. A certified Spiritual Director/Facilitator, he uses this training as well as his musical gifts in all forms of his ministry. Alan is very excited to be joining the St. Luke's family as Interim Music Director and looks forward to working with the church family to see what new and spirit-filled ideas can be added to an already rich liturgy and parish life.

**Please stay for Coffee Time this Sunday after the 10 am service – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall. We will have a birthday cake to celebrate the July birthdays.

*St. Luke's Western Pub Night – THIS Saturday, July 26th – 6 – 9 pm in the hall. Costume Prizes, Silent Auction, Square Dancing. Food, beer, wine, non-alcoholic drinks will be available for sale. All profits are to support St. Luke's Youth Trip to attend CLAY (the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering) in Saskatoon.

**An Invitation to a Performance by the Pacific Edge Chorus – This invitation is brought to you, on behalf of "Pacific Edge Chorus", formerly known as "City of Gardens Chorus", by Cynthia Blackburn. Cynthia is a member of St. Luke's choir, as well as Pacific Edge Chorus. Pacific Edge Chorus is a

competing member of "Sweet Adelines International" and has been around for several years. Their special brand of music is A Cappella, 4 part harmony. The performance is in Beacon Hill Park, Cameron Bandshell, on Sunday afternoon July 27th, starting at 1:30 pm. It is "free" and there is seating for the audience. There is no need to miss church - there is plenty of time to get there after church.

**Collecting Baked Beans for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is asking St. Luke's to collect cans of baked beans through the months of July and August. Tyler, from the Kitchen Pantry Program, is asking various groups to focus on just one item. The Kitchen really benefits from large volumes of the same of item. Baked beans are great protein for community members and they fly off the shelves when they have them. Let's see how many cans of baked beans St. Luke's can collect by the end of August.

*Thank you to everyone who helped make our Amazing Journey Day Camp last week, Fun with Living Water, a great week! We had 40 campers and 17 youth volunteers, as well as 10 adult volunteers who helped for all or part of the week. Thanks to all for your help and support for this important youth ministry. Visit the **News page of St. Luke's website** to see pictures from this year's Amazing Journey Day Camp.

Thank you to all who sent baking for this year's Amazing Journey Day Camp. The campers and volunteers were very well fed!

*The Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 25th when Neil takes one of this vacation days. It will reopen on Monday, July 28th at 9 am. The Church Office will also be closed on the following Fridays: August 1st, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

**Visit to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen Garden at St. Luke's on August 3rd – After the 10 am service on Sunday, August 3rd, we will visit the Shelbourne Community Kitchen Garden behind South Island Centre. We will have our coffee time there and enjoy a tour of the garden. Designed by TOPSOIL Innovative Urban Agriculture, the Cedar Hill Garden site is made up of 250 geo-textile growing containers. This adaptive gardening approach is high production, but low-impact and provides gorgeous seasonal produce within an urban setting. The Shelbourne Community Kitchen gardens (the Cedar Hill Garden and the garden at Omnivore Acres) help to supply fresh, high quality seasonal produce to the Kitchen's Pantry and Food Skills Programs. Led by experienced green thumb volunteers and Canada Summer Jobs students, these welcoming sites offer hands-on opportunities to reconnect with the land and the food we eat. Through the Garden Programs, the Kitchen hosts a variety of workshops, tours, farm gleaning opportunities, and educational resources to their members to promote food growing at home.

**Prescription Deadline – Friday, August 8th is the deadline for submissions for the Summer issue of St. Luke's Prescription. Please send along your articles, photos, poems, and other creative endeavours, Neil in St. Luke's Office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) or Barb Prescott (communications@stlukecedarhill.ca).

CLAY Fundraising Programme – Four members of St. Luke's (Genessa, Aanika, Dawn, and Scarlette) will be attending the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) Gathering in Saskatoon from August 21 - 24, 2025. The CLAY Gathering is for youth between the ages of 14 - 19. Sharon Hallsor and Tara Poilievre will be going as the leaders. As one of their fundraisers, the girls helped with the coffee time in June. Other fundraisers are also planned.

More Fundraising for CLAY – Please bring your refundable bottles and cans to St. Luke's any Sunday. Money from your empties will be put towards the fundraising for CLAY. We have registered CLAY with the Quadra and Glanford Bottle Depots, so that you can take your refundables directly to the Bottle Depot and receive credit towards CLAY. Or if anyone has bottles that they would like picked up to donate to this fundraiser, please leave a message with the office and Sharon Hallsor or Tara Poilievre will pick them up and take them to the Bottle Depot.

Diocesan Women's Retreat – Keeping the Faith in Turbulent Times is the theme of the Fall Diocesan Women's Retreat. The facilitator is Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee and the Spiritual Director is the Rev. Christine Conkin. **Date: September 26-28**, **2025. Place: Camp Pringle.** The registration form is available at the **News page of St. Luke's website**. Due to the possible postal strike, an e-mail to **birish@shaw.ca** will be accepted as a registration with the payment arranged later. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to: St. John the Divine (NOT to the Diocesan Women's Retreat).

St. Luke's Library

Shannon Stewart, the student we have hired for the summer through a Canada Summer Jobs Grant, has been updating St. Luke's Library located in the Sequoia Room in the Hall. St. Luke's Library operates on an honour system, where you sign out a book by just putting your name and phone number on the

library card - no due date! We encourage parishioners to sign out books during coffee time or any time the office is open. We have some great books in our library, just waiting to be read!

Shannon has also been checking that the books on the library list are in the library. She has found that a number of books are missing. No one has signed out the card which goes with the book to indicate that they have that book. If you find one of these missing books, or if you have one, could you please return it to the return bin in the library. Or please sign out the book by writing your name and phone number on the card in the back of the book. Then put the card in the box with the other sign out cards.

Here is the list of the missing books:

- 113 TEI "The Phenomenon Of Man" by Pierre Teilhard
- 158 PEC "The Road Less Traveled" by Morgan Scott Peck
- 200 ARM "The Battle For God" by Karen Armstrong
- 204 RUP "The Circle Of Life" by Joyce Rupp (missing one copy)
- 208 LEW "Fern-Seed And Elephants, And Other Essays On Christianity" by C.S. Lewis
- 220 CEN "Women Of The Bible" published by Centennial Media (oversized, magazine)
- 223 LEW "Reflections On The Psalms" by C.S. Lewis
- 232 CAH "Desire Of The Everlasting Hills" by Thomas Cahill
- 232 WIL "Jesus: A Life" by A.N. Wilson
- 236 KUN "Eternal Life? Life After Death As A Medical, Philosophical, And Theological Problem" by Haps Ki
- Philosophical, And Theological Problem" by Hans Kung
- 242 NOR "Celtic Daily Prayer" by Northumbria Community
- 248 CLI "Jung And Christianity" by Wallace Cliff
- 248 FIN "Merton's Palace Of Nowhere" by James Finley
- 248 JUR "The Lord Is My Shepherd, But... Confessions Of The Natural Man" by Barbara Jurgensen
- 248 LEW "Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly On Prayer" by C.S. Lewis

Thanks for your help with this. If you have any questions, please talk to Barb Prescott.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY July 27th, 2025

Hosea 1: 2-10 Psalm 85 Colossians 2: 6-15 (16-19) Luke 11: 1-13

FLOWERS

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