Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost (*Proper 22*)

August 31, 2025 - 10:00 am A Service of the Word



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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 SongheesNations, the traditional custodians of these lands.

We are grateful for their hospitality.

Picture on the Front Page

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Welcome and Introduction (Sean Tiernay)

Please stand as you are able.

Leader: 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.

Leader: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God,

that you have again brought us together

on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness

and to ask your blessing.

Give us grace to see your hand in the week

that is past, and your purpose in the week to come,

through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 2 When Morning Gilds the Skies

(tune: Laudes Domini)

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Dear friends in Christ,

as we turn our hearts and minds

to worship almighty God, let us confess our sins.

All: Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.
Amen.

Absolution

Leader: Merciful God,

grant to us, your faithful people, pardon and peace,

that we may be cleansed from all our sins

and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Peace (Please stand as you are able.)

Leader The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: We say together,

All: Glory to God in the highest,

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.

The Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

God of power and justice,
like Jeremiah you weep over those
who wander from you
and who enter into chaos and destruction.
By your tears and through your mercy,
teach us your ways and write them on our hearts,
so that we may follow faithful the path you show us.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 2: 4-13

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 81: 1, 10-16

Response: Sing with joy to God our strength.

Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, "Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." (*Response*)

And yet my people did not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.
So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, to follow their own devices. (*Response*)

Oh, that my people would listen to me! that Israel would walk in my ways! I should soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes. (*Response*)

Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, and their punishment would last for ever.
But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and satisfy him with honey from the rock. (*Response*)

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 13: 1-8, 15-16

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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 592 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
(tune: Fulda (Walton))

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 14: 1, 7-14

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.

Reflection: Sean Tiernay

The Apostles' Creed (Please stand as you are able.)

Leader: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. 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 South India (United). Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Michael and All Angels, Chemainus, and their rector, Norman Knowles. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of the Territory of the People, and Bishop Clara Plamondon.

God of all times and all people, on this Labour Day weekend, we thank you for all the skill and talent with which you bless your people.

Thank you for what has been accomplished through the work we do, and for what each one of us contributes to the wellbeing of our community.

Inspire us to work together on the challenges we face and surprise us with the solutions to problems that once seemed overwhelming.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Today we pray for all those who labour in difficult situations: where in some places, children who work in terrible conditions and are paid very little; for migrant workers who must labour far away from their families; and for all those who are underpaid or unjustly treated in their workplace.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who cannot labour: for those who are unemployed or underemployed; for those who have become injured on the job or too sick to keep working; for those who are denied the opportunity to earn a living because of war or discrimination.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who labour in our community. For those who must work today and tomorrow instead of enjoying this long weekend; for those who must work several jobs in order to care for their families; for those who work at jobs we wouldn't to do ourselves because they are messy or unpleasant.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

And on this Labour Day, O God, we offer gratitude for laws that protect children, for health and safety practices that prevent tragedies in the workplace, and for generations before us who advocated for vulnerable employees, fair wages and equal opportunities. Thank you for the work that goes on behind the scenes, delivering things we enjoy and services we rely on. Help us to look beyond these things, to picture the faces of those whose work provides for all our needs. Through their faces, let us see your face, Creator and Sustainer of all that is.

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray also for those who are sick and struggling in any way at this time.

We name them now...

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

All these prayers and those deep in our heart we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: CP 400 What Wondrous Love Is This

(tune: Wondrous Love)

Offertory Prayer

Leader: Yours, Lord,

All: is the greatness, the power, the glory,

the splendor, and the majesty;

for everything on earth and in heaven is yours.

All things come from you,

and of your own do we give you.

The Lord's Prayer

Leader: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,

let us pray the words that our Saviour taught us:

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.

Leader: 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.

Leader: With God all things are possible.

May we carry that confidence into our daily life and work, as we walk in Christ's footsteps.

guided by God's hand.

And may God bless us today and always.

All: Amen.

Announcements (Please be seated.)

Please stand as you are able.

Closing Hymn: CP 500 Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

(tune: Servant Song)

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Bishop, clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon (Anglican); and for Bishop Kathy Martin, the people and rostered ministers of the British Columbia Synod (Lutheran).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS August 31st – September 7th, 2025 (**New Items, *Revised Items)

- **Thank you to Sean Tiernay for leading this morning's Service of the Word.
- *Daniel will be on holidays next Sunday as he continues his well-deserved vacation time. Tara Poilievre will lead next Sunday's Service of the Word. Gillian Bloom will lead the Morning Prayer service on Thursday on September 11th. There will not be a Thursday service on September 4th.
- **There will not be an 8 am service next Sunday, September 7th.
- **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 welcome Rebecca Ford this Sunday as she will be our "coffee person" this fall, starting today.
- *The Church Office will be closed on Labour Day, Monday, September 1st and will reopen on Tuesday, September 2nd at 9 am.
- *Choir Rehearsals will start this Thursday, September 4th and will be from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.
- **Jam Jars Needed Jane Grant needs jam jars as this is jam making time. She is making jam to sell at the Christmas Bazaar. Jars can be left in the narthex with her name on them. Please call Jane if you have any questions.

*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. So far we have collected 70 cans of baked beans. Can you help us to get to 100 cans by the end of this month?

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is Seeking Reusable Grocery Bag Donations – The Pantry Team is seeking donations of reusable grocery bags to be used in their Pantry Program. Clean bags can be dropped in the Shelbourne Community Kitchen baskets in the church or the hall and we'll deliver them to the Kitchen.

*St. Luke's Players Celebration Evening – Next Saturday, September 6th from 7 – 9 pm. You are invited to an evening in celebration of The Players performing in St. Luke's Community Hall for 75 years! Appetizers, and tea and coffee will be supplied and beer and wine will be available for sale. The Players will have a display and slide show of information about past performances, the president will present a short history, and the executive will perform a skit. There will be time for the Players and parishioners to mix and get to know each other better. If you plan to attend, please send a quick email to stlukesplayers1948@gmail.com so that the Players are able to order enough food and drink.

It's Time to Order Church Calendars for 2026 – Please phone (250-477-6741) or email the parish office (admin@ stlukecedarhill.ca) to reserve your copy (or copies) of the 2026 church calendar. This year we will only be ordering the Canadian Church calendar. The Anglican Church calendar has become a lot more expensive than the Canadian Church calendar and we were subsidizing its cost by charging more for the Canadian Church calendar. By only ordering one type of

calendar, we can offer it at \$8 each. Please pay for your calendar when you pick it up. The deadline to place your calendar order is Friday, September 12th.

- **Save the Date for an Attic Treasures Vintage Market, which will be held in the hall from 9 am 4 pm on Saturday, September 20th. The Market will feature a number of vendors renting tables to sell their vintage items. We will need help with set-up on the Friday and selling tickets to the public (general admission tickets are \$3 while early bird tickets are \$10). Please call Carol Turnham for more info and to offer your help. Thank you.
- *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. Day Attendance: \$160 (includes meals); Single Room: \$325 (if available); Shared Room: \$265. The registration form is available at the Events page of St. Luke's website. Deadline to register is Thursday, September 11th. Please mail the form to Brenda Dhaene at 2291 Calais Rd., Duncan, BC V9L 5V2 or e-mail Brenda at birish@shaw.ca.

St. Luke's Library

St. Luke's Library, located in the Sequoia Lounge in the Hall, has been reorganized and updated. It presently has 886 interesting books ready for you to browse and borrow. The Library is open when the Parish Office is open 9 to noon, Monday to Friday and during coffee time on Sundays. Please check with the Parish Office to make sure that there are no meetings booked in the Lounge.

The books are organized in the library by call number. Lists of the books sorted by title and call number can be found at **the News page of St. Luke's website**.

This is an honour system library, so you may keep the book as long as you wish. However, please remember that others might like to read the book as well. Please see information about signing out books at **the News page of St. Luke's website**.

This year we were fortunate to be able to hire Shannon Stewart through a Canada Summer Jobs Program Grant. She organized and expanded the library including cataloguing, labelling, and shelving an additional 65 books, along with other jobs such as organizing St. Luke's Archives.

St. Luke's Library features a good local history section (the 971 section) as well as fiction books, biographies, and, of course, lots of books on Christianity, Christian experience, faith, and theology. Featured authors include Herbert O'Driscoll, Phyllis Tickle, Brian McLaren, Marcus Borg, and Joan Chittister.

The Library is ready for you to browse and borrow any books that appeal to you!

Missing Books

Shannon also checked that the books on the library list are in the library. She 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 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 September 7th, 2025

Jeremiah 18: 1-11

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14: 25-33

FLOWERS

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