

Welcome to  
**St. Luke Cedar Hill**  
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
(*Proper 23*)  
September 7, 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 Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands. We are grateful for their hospitality.*

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Potter Herman Kähler in his Workshop

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Welcome and Introduction (*Tara Poillievre*)

*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 429 For the Beauty of the Earth**

*(tune: Dix [CP 160])*

**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.**

*Please stand as you are able as we exchange a sign of peace  
with one another.*

### **The Peace**

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 his 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.

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

### **The Liturgy of the Word**

#### **FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 18:1-11**

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 139: 1-5, 12-17

**Response: *Your works are wonderful, O Lord.***

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,  
but you, O Lord, know it altogether. **(Response)**

You press upon me behind and before  
and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. **(Response)**

For you yourself created my inmost parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvellously made;  
your works are wonderful, and I know it well. **(Response)**

My body was not hidden from you,  
while I was being made in secret  
and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;  
all of them were written in your book;  
they were fashioned day by day,  
when as yet there was none of them. **(Response)**

How deep I find your thoughts, O God!  
how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them,  
they would be more in number than the sand;  
to count them all,  
my life span would need to be like yours. **(Response)**

## SECOND READING: PHILEMON 1-21

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

*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 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind**

*(tune: Repton)*

**THE GOSPEL: LUKE 14: 25-33**

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: Tara Poilievre

*Please stand as you are able.*

**An Affirmation of Faith** *(Based on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians)*

Leader: Let us declare our faith in God.

**All: We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
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 Anglican Church of Southern  
Africa, and The Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba,  
Primate. **Locally we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and  
for St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak, and their  
wardens and parishioners. **We also pray** for Lutheran  
Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the  
Diocese of Caledonia, and Bishop David Lehmann.

Good and generous God,  
in Jesus Christ you came to us,  
promising us life in abundance.  
We give you thanks today  
for the abundant gifts we receive in him –  
assurance of your love day by day;  
relief of mercy when we recognize our own failings;  
hope when things seem bleak;  
energy to make a difference  
through our work and our witness;  
peace that comes when we trust ourselves in you.

These are the gifts that matter, O God,  
especially when the future seems uncertain.  
And so we pray,

**All:** Fill our lives with what matters, O God,  
**Fill our lives with you.**

Generous God,  
today we pray for all whose lives seem empty:  
for those whose lives are empty of joy  
because the going is tough  
and friends seem far away...  
because sorrow surrounds them...  
because hearts are filled  
with anger or disappointment...

*Pause for ten seconds of silent prayer*

**All:** Fill our lives with what matters, O God,  
**Fill our lives with you.**

Generous God, we remember before you  
those whose lives are empty of purpose  
and those who do not know  
the respect of their neighbours:  
because they are without work...  
because they face discrimination  
in their communities...  
because they have made poor choices  
and cannot find a way forward...

*Pause for ten seconds of silent prayer*

**All:** Fill our lives with what matters, O God,  
**Fill our lives with you.**

Generous God, we remember before you  
those whose lives are empty of peace and hope:  
because they struggle with illness or disability...



because they are powerless in the face of violence...  
because old animosities rankle  
and opportunity for reconciliation is elusive...

*Pause for ten seconds of silent prayer*

Fill our lives with what matters, O God,  
**All: Fill our lives with you.**

We pray for those who have asked us to pray them...  
*(Names are added here.)*

Fill our lives with what matters, O God,  
**All: Fill our lives with you.**

Good and generous God,  
fill us with the energy and compassion of your Spirit  
to reach out to those whose lives seem empty.  
May we become the gift we have received in Jesus  
for it is in his name we offer these prayers today.

**All: Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn:**  
**CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service**  
*(tune: Beach Spring)*

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 403 Let All Things Now Living**  
*(tune: The Ash Grove)*

**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 theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Arthur Turner Training School, the Centre for Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Saint John's College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College for Ministry (Anglican); **and for** the Season of Creation which continues in the month ahead and a renewed commitment to a healthy relationship with the Earth (Together).

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**THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS**  
**September 7<sup>th</sup> – September 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**(\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)**

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**\*\*Thank you to Tara Poilievre for leading this morning's Service of the Word.**

**\*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**, who is our "coffee person" this fall.

**\*\*New Music in our Sunday Worship** – Beginning Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be changing the service music for our worship (Holy, Holy, Holy; Great Amen; O Lamb of God). In order to familiarize the parish with the new music, **we will be having a 10-minute rehearsal immediately before the 10 am worship on September 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:50 am.** Come early and rehearse the music that we hope will make our worship joyful and spirit filled.

**\*\*The Men's Fellowship Group will meet Wednesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm at the White Spot on Quadra Street.** If you are planning to attend, please advise Harry Felsing.

**\*Daniel will return from his holidays next Sunday, September 14<sup>th</sup>.** Gillian Bloom will lead the Morning Prayer service on Thursday, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am.

**\*Choir Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings** from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

**\*\*Thank you for Collecting Baked Beans for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen** – We made our goal of reaching 100 cans! We collected 105 cans of baked beans. Well done, everyone! Thank you to Ray and Elaine for delivering the beans to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen.

**\*Deadline to Place your Order for a Church Calendar for 2026 is THIS FRIDAY, September 12<sup>th</sup>** – Please phone (250-477-6741) or email the parish office (admin@stlukecedar.hill.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.

**\*\*Save the Date for an Attic Treasures Vintage Market, which will be held in the hall from 9 am – 4 pm on Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup>.** 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.

**\*\*The September Reflections Service** will be **Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 pm**. This Reflections will feature the Seabreeze Trio of Fraser Kerley, Freddie Brown, and Dave Conway. Seabreeze plays a wide range of styles of music including folk, country, and jazz. We look forward to hearing their musical offerings paired with poems, prayers and readings at this Reflections Service.

**\*\*Mark Your Calendars –** Silver and Sage 55+ is coming to St. Luke's starting on September 25<sup>th</sup>. This new community outreach, run by volunteers, is for anyone from any background or walk of life. Meetings will be held twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays. **On September 25<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the church**, we will kick off this new venture **with a short, one-act radio play, *Fourteen* by Alice Gerstenberg, presented by Claire White and her troupe**. They will be presenting the same show at the Langham Court Theatre earlier in the month. **See more information on pages 13-14 of the bulletin.**

**\*\*Our first Fantastic Friday this fall will be Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in St. Luke's Hall.** Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! Dinner is included. Fantastic Fridays are usually on the first Friday of the month. However, we had to change the October one due to so much happening in October. The next Fantastic Friday will be on November 7<sup>th</sup>. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poillievre, Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Claire White.

**\*\*Prescription Deadline – Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submissions** for the Fall issue of St. Luke's Prescription. Please send along your articles, photos, poems, and other creative endeavours to Barb Prescott (**[communications@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:communications@stlukecedarhill.ca)**) or to Neil (**[admin@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:admin@stlukecedarhill.ca)**).

**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.

**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.

**\*\*The September Faith Tides** is now available online at the **News page of St. Luke's website**. Print copies are available in the church or from the parish office. Or please call the office (250-477-6741) to ask to have a copy delivered. See more information on the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

**\*\*Mark Your Calendars** – This year's **Celebration Sunday and Celebration of St. Luke's Patronal Festival** will be on **October 19<sup>th</sup>**. Watch for more information to come about this special event.



## **Silver and Sage 55+ Social Group**

Silver and Sage, a 55+ social group, is coming to St. Luke's. This new community outreach, run by volunteers, is for anyone from any background or walk of life.

Whether you're looking to learn, laugh, or simply connect with others in a vibrant community, this gathering is designed to

offer something for everyone. Share your stories, discover new interests, and make lasting memories with fellow members. We will offer focussed and informative discussions, physical exercise, art and music.

Meetings will be held twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Occasionally we may meet on Saturdays to encourage intergenerational gatherings or to accommodate a special activity. We will be using the St. Luke's church space for speakers and musical events, and we have the option of the Hall or the Sequoia Lounge for other forms of activity.

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## **Silver and Sage Topics for the Fall**

Sept 25	<b>Fourteen</b> , a short one-act radio play
Oct 9	Art, the New Transformer
Oct 23	Under the Hood - Basic Car Maintenance Tips
Nov 13	Explore a theme through Story and Poem
Nov 27	Travel Tips for Seniors
Dec 11	Some Christmas Cheer and a Sing-Along

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We hope you will visit again!

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY September 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Numbers 21: 4b-9  
Psalm 98: 1-6  
Corinthians 1: 18-24  
John 3: 13-17

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### FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of her nephew, David Julian Richards,  
from Genevieve Richards.

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