

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Holy Cross Day
September 14, 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 394 Eternal, Unchanging

(tune: St. Basil)

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: Dear friends,
On this special day of solemnity,
the feast of the Exultation of the Cross,
we are reminded of what this tree of life
means for us on this day and always.
That Christ himself carried up our sins in his body
to the tree, so that, free from sins,
we might live for righteousness;
and by his wounds we have been healed.
As we prepare to celebrate this feast day,
let us call to mind our own failing and mis-steps
and confess our sins, first in silent prayer.

Silence is kept.

Confession

**All: Almighty and most merciful God,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,**

through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.

**We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
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: Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Healer of the nations,
your beloved was lifted on the wood of the cross
and exalted as Lord of all creation.
Grant that all who believe in him
may have the gift of eternal life and share in the glory
of your promised reign of justice and peace.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

Blessing of the Children

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: NUMBERS 21: 4b-9

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Numbers.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 98: 1-6

Response: ***The Lord has made known his victory.***

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
With his right hand and his holy arm
has he won for himself the victory. **(Response)**

The Lord has made known his victory;
his righteousness has he openly shown
in the sight of the nations.
He remembers his mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God. **(Response)**

Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
Sing to the Lord with the harp,
with the harp and the voice of song. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1: 18-24

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul
to the Corinthians.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia (sung 4 times)

(From: Norah Duncan; GIA Publications, Inc.)

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 3: 13-17

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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.

Gospel Hymn: CP 569 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life
(tune: *The Call*)

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

Anthem: "Love Knocks and Waits" - Daniel C. Damon

Please stand as you are able.

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.

On this Holy Cross Day, we pray for various needs
as we also keep in mind
that we are in the midst of the Season of Creation
and so let us pray with confidence

as God's holy people, for the world God created,
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 South
America, The Most Revd. Brian Williams, Primate.
Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St.
Paul, Nanaimo, and for their priest, Vernon Foster. **We**
also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor
Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of Yukon, and Bishop
Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

O God, help us to call you
in the communion of your Church
with one heart and one soul, according to your will.

We pray for your created world.
You created the universe
and all that lives and exists in it.
The earth is filled with your creations.
You make the grass, plants,
and fruit-bearing trees grow,
you feed the birds of the sky,
you care for all your creatures on Earth.
Out of your love you created human beings,
give us the strength to faithfully till
and keep your created world according to your will.

All: For Jesus Christ we ask,
Hear us as we pray.

We pray for humanity, for every community,
and every person in it.
Grant that we may treat our fellow human beings
with respect: that we may accept all in their diversity,
that we may support and uphold
the human dignity of our neighbours.

Give us a grateful heart, that we may see ourselves
as part of the great and rich whole
of which you have created humanity.
Grant us understanding, responsible thinking,
and valuable work.

For Jesus Christ we ask,
All: Hear us as we pray.

We pray for your Church,
that she may be a messenger of life
and an agent of your love throughout the world.
Instill courage in the hearts of those
Who follow you, that we may dare to proclaim
hope to those who live in fear,
encouragement to those who doubt,
and comfort to those who despair.
Give your Church the strength of unity
to proclaim your Gospel in word and deed
as part of the world in crisis.

For Jesus Christ we ask,
All: Hear us as we pray.

We pray for the sick, the destitute, the oppressed
and the vulnerable.
We pray for our fellow human beings
and for all fellow creatures affected by war, conflict,
genocide, and ecocide.
Serve justice to those who cry out to you,
and to those who have no ability to cry out.
Humble our hearts to relate to our fellow creatures
in distress as true brothers and sisters.
Give us the courage to act on behalf of those
who silently endure injustice and guide our steps
in the way of righteous and long-lasting peace.
Act in our world your life-giving will.

For Jesus Christ we ask,
All: Hear us as we pray.

Heavenly Father, grant that the future of the world,
of humanity, of the Church and of all people
may be in your hands, and that we may live
in true hope, justice, and peace for the sake
of our living Lord Jesus Christ.

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 608 Come, You Sinners, Poor and Needy

(tune: Restoration)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Merciful God,
through the death of your beloved Son
you transformed an instrument of shame
into a sign of hope and glory.
Receive all we offer you this day,
and renew in us the mystery of his love;
through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory.

All: Amen.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

*[Source: Eucharistic Prayer 2 - The Book of Alternative Services
1985.]*

Priest: May God 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: It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Today we celebrate with songs of praise
the cross, the victory-sign of Christ.
Once through the fruit of the forbidden tree we fell,
now through this tree our Saviour cancels all our sin.
An instrument of shameful death
has become for Christ a throne of glory.
The power of the life-giving cross
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending hymn of praise:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (x2)
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one
coming in the name, the name of our God.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (x2)**
(From: St. Aidan Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community)

Priest: We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Priest: Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St. Luke and all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All: Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni. (repeat)
*(From: Young men; Christ the New Man Parish, Ga-
Rankuwa, South Africa; GIA Publications, Inc.)*

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

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. (twice)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

(From: St. Bride Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community)

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 52 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

(tune: St. Flavian)

CP 54 Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

(tune: Rendez à Dieu)

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

Priest: Almighty God, we give thanks that you have made us
partakers of the body and blood
of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who took our nature upon him

and suffered death upon the cross for our redemption;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

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: Christ draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 474 Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet
(tune: Warrington)

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. John Stephens, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon (Anglican); for the Assistant to the Bishop and staff of the British Columbia Synod (Lutheran); and for Remembering September 16 – 1741 – at a synod (legislative assembly) in London, the delegates determined that no human being would be the head of the church; by Lot, Jesus Christ was named as “Chief Elder of the Unitas Fratrum.” Today, this day is celebrated by ordained servants renewing their ordination vows in a Cup of Covenant service (Moravian).

THIS WEEK’S PARISH NEWS
September 14th – September 21st
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Please stay for a Back to School Hot Dog Lunch after the 10 am service today** – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

***New Music in our Sunday Worship** – Beginning today, Sunday, September 14th, we are 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 are having a 10-minute rehearsal immediately before the 10 am worship starting at 9:50 am.** Come early and rehearse the music that we hope will make our worship joyful and spirit filled.

***Thank you for Collecting Baked Beans for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen** – We reached our goal of collecting 100 cans and even more cans of beans came in last Sunday! **We have now collected 123 cans of baked beans.** Well done, everyone!

***An Attic Treasures Vintage Market will held be in the hall from 9 am – 4 pm THIS 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.

***The September Reflections Service** will be **NEXT SUNDAY, September 21st 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.

***Silver and Sage 55+ is coming to St. Luke's starting on Thursday, September 25th**. 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 2nd and 4th Thursdays. **On September 25th 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 17-18 of the bulletin.**

***Our first Fantastic Friday this fall will be Friday, September 26th 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 7th. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poilievre, Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Claire White.

Prescription Deadline – Friday, September 26th 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) or to Neil (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 19th. Watch for more information to come about this special event.

****Prayer in the Style of Taize resumes this fall on the 3rd Friday of the month:** September 19th, October 17th, and November 21st at 6 pm **at Esquimalt United Church**, 500 Admirals Rd. "In prayer, there is a source of peace which enables us to encourage one another, finding meaning in sharing and solidarity." www.taize.fr All are welcome.

****Syrian Fundraiser Dinner** – St. Philip Oak Bay invites you to a Syrian Fundraiser Evening in support of Mar Elias Maronite Church in Rablah, Syria. Syrian Food, Syrian Dance Lesson, Music, and Fun. **Saturday September 27th, 5:30-8.30 pm** at St. George's Anglican Church Hall, Cadboro Bay (3909 St. George Lane via Maynard St).



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 2nd and 4th 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	Fourteen , 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	Earth and Its Treasures
Dec 11	Some Christmas Cheer and a Sing-Along

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY September 21st, 2025

Jeremiah 8: 18-9 :1

Psalm 79: 1-9

1 Timothy 2: 1-7

Luke 16: 1-13

FLOWERS

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