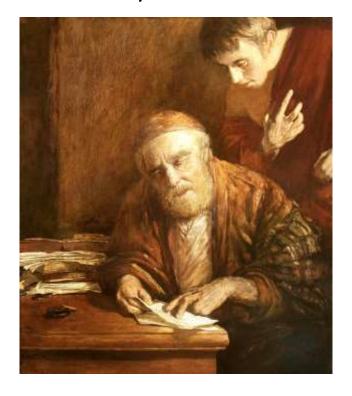
Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost September 21, 2025 – 10 am Holy Eucharist



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the lekwenen 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 5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

(tune: Ratisbon)

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,

we so often find ourselves confronted with conflicting values and demands.

Today we ponder how to balance our call to discipleship with our culture's call to accumulate wealth and material things.

We hear that God is aware of both greed and the needs of the poor.

Discipleship challenges us to be prudent, wise, focused and balanced in our interaction with money. It's not easy. Keeping our eyes on the final prize is what really matters.

As we prepare to receive the presence of Christ in Word and Sacrament, let us pause and confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Confession

AII:

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 our sins,

and bring you to everlasting life, 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 worsnip you, we give you than 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.

O God,

you are rich in love for your people: show us the treasure that endures and, when we are tempted by greed, call us back into your service and entrust us with the wealth that never fails.

We ask this through your Son.

our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

Blessing of the Children

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 8: 18-9:1

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 79: 1-9

Response: **Help us, O God our Saviour,** for the glory of your name.

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble. They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field. They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them. (Response)

We have become a reproach to our neighbours, an object of scorn and derision to those around us. How long will you be angry, O Lord? Will your fury blaze like fire for ever? Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name. *(Response)*

For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin. Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low. Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake. *(Response)*

SECOND READING: 1 TIMOTHY 2: 1-7

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

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: LUKE 16: 1-13

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.

Gospel Hymn: CP 521 Dear Shepherd of Your People, Hear

(tune: Stockton)

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

Anthem: "A Prayer of Richard of Chichester" - L.J. White

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith [from the 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 Christians everywhere, for all in our parish.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray today for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan, The Most Revd. Justin Badi Arama, Primate. Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt, and for their priest, Rev. Gail Rodger. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of New Westminster, and Archbishop John Stephens.

God in whom we live and move and have our being, each week our prayers join with Christians around the world to seek your healing grace for those in need and to pray for justice and mercy in your fragile creation.

We thank you for the ways in which your Spirit can surprise us, bringing healing and hope in situations which cause us to despair.

Encourage us when we feel overwhelmed.

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AII:

God, speak to us a word of hope

All: Embrace us with your love.

We remember before you today people living face to face with war and violence, for the peoples of *(name places)...*

Keep ten seconds of silence.

God, speak to us a word of peace **Embrace us with your love.**

We remember before you today people living with illness and suffering, for those struggling with disability or waiting for treatment, and for those who know grief or fear or loneliness.

Keep ten seconds of silence.

God, speak to us a word of healing

All: Embrace us with your love.

We remember before you today people facing discrimination and social prejudice, for those who are bullied at school, at work, or at home, and for those who are made ashamed of who they are.

Keep ten seconds of silence.

God, speak to us a word of dignity

All: Embrace us with your love.

We remember before you people caught up in economic uncertainty, those worried for the future, or struggling to make ends meet.

Keep ten seconds of silence.

God, speak to us a word of reassurance

All: Embrace us with your love.

We remember before you today your whole creation in its increasing vulnerability. Teach us how to care for the rips and tears in the fabric of the world you love so that all your creatures may live together in health and wholeness.

Keep ten seconds of silence.

God, speak to us a word of wisdom

All: Embrace us with your love.

Receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken as we offer our prayer, 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 576 For the Healing of the Nations

(tune: Westminster Abbey)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of power,

the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.

Accept our offering this day,

and help us to live in peace and harmony

with all your creation,

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: The Scottish Episcopal Church - Scottish Liturgy 1982 with Alternative Eucharistic Prayers (Revised 2022)]

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: Worship and praise belong to you,

in every place and at all times.

All power is yours.

You created the heavens and established the earth;

you sustain in being all that is.

In Christ your Son our life and yours are brought together in a wonderful exchange.

He made his home among us that we might for ever dwell in you.

Through your Holy Spirit you call us to new birth in a creation restored by love.

As children of your redeeming purpose we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels and the whole company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending glory:

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: Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father,
for the gift of your Son born in human flesh.
He is the Word existing beyond time,
both source and final purpose,
bringing to wholeness all that is made.
Obedient to your will he died upon the Cross.
By your power you raised him from the dead.
He broke the bonds of evil
and set your people free to be his Body in the world.

On the night when he was given up to death, knowing that his hour had come, having loved his own, he loved them to the end.

At supper with his disciples he took bread and offered you thanks.

He broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying: "Take, eat. This is my Body: it is broken for you."
After supper, he took the cup, he offered you thanks, and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Hear us, most merciful Father, and send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon this bread and this wine, that, overshadowed by your Spirit's life-giving power, they may be the Body and Blood of your Son, and we may be kindled with the fire of your love and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body to live and work to your praise and glory; may we grow together in unity and love until at last, in your new creation, we enter into our heritage in the company of the Virgin Mary, the apostles and prophets, and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,

Lord of all ages, world without end. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

All: Ameni, ameni, 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 61 As We Gather at Your Table

(tune: Ecce, Deus)

CP 53 Now the Silence

(tune: Now)

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

Priest: Ruler of the universe,

all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.

May we who have shared in holy things

grow into maturity in him.

This we ask in the name of the same

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 and continue to offer prayers

and thanksgiving for everyone.

Be shrewd in dealing with the world around you

but do not be seduced into serving wealth.

Weep for those who suffer

and share faith and truth with all.

And may God welcome you with love; May Christ Jesus give you knowledge of the truth; And may the Holy Spirit lead you into all godliness and dignity.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 469 Sing Praises Old and New

(tune: Fondern)

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 Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon (Anglican); and for the dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Interior Region of the British Columbia Synod (Lutheran).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
September 21st – September 28th
(**New Items, *Revised Items)

^{**}Please stay a coffee time after today's service — Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

*The September Reflections Service will be TONIGHT, 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 THIS 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 page 18 of the bulletin.

*Our first Fantastic Friday this fall will be THIS 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).

**Please Wear an Orange Shirt Next Sunday, September 28th in recognition of the National Day for Truth and

Reconcilation, which is on September 30th. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, originally known as Orange Shirt Day, is a time to reflect and renew our commitment to reconciliation each year. Please see more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website**.

- **Please Stay for a Discussion during Coffee Time after the 10 am Service on Sunday, September 28th A parish discussion time regarding the removal of flags from the Sanctuary will be held after the 10 am service on Sunday, September 28th in the back of the Hall. This will be for any parishioners who were unable to attend the last meeting on August 10th and for anyone who did not have the opportunity to speak at the last meeting. Coffee hour will still be held in the front part of the hall on that Sunday. Any questions, please speak to Claire White, People's Warden.
- **St. Luke's Players Present "The Hollow", a mystery by Agatha Christie, directed by Jacqollyne Keath. An unhappy game of romantic follow-the-leader explodes into murder one weekend at The Hollow, home of Sir Henry and Lady Lucy Angkatell. Evenings at 7:30 pm, Wednesday Saturday, October 1-4, 8-11. Matinees at 2:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday, October 4, 5, 11, and 12. Tickets can be purchased from: Eventbrite; The Papery at 734 Fort St.; or at the door. They are \$18 each (plus their service fee if purchased through Eventbrite). See more information at the Events page of St. Luke's website.
- **Complimentary Tickets for St. Luke's Players upcoming play, The Hollow, for Wednesday, October 1st at 7:30 pm We have received 4 pairs of tickets. Please enter your name (with your phone number) in the basket at the back of the church for a draw for tickets for the Wednesday, October 1st performance of The Hollow.
- **Calling all Gardeners If you are dividing plants now while you are doing your fall cleanup, we would love some drought resistant, deer-proof plants for St. Luke's Memorial Garden and

the front border. Perennial herbs would work well as would other plants which are drought resistant and deer-proof. If you have plants to donate, please contact Barb Prescott (communications@stlukecedarhill.ca) or Julie Forster (4sterja@gmail.com). A big thank you as well to Julie for all the work she has been doing in the front border along the road and the Memorial Garden.

**Sunday Coffee Times – We are pleased that Rebecca Ford is able to do our set up and cleanup for Sunday coffee times. It had become difficult to find people to volunteer to do the coffee times but we love our coffee times, They are a great way to meet visitors and have chance to visit with one another. We are paying Rebecca \$50/Sunday to look after coffee times for us and this is an expense we didn't put into this year's budget. So if you able to make an extra donation in your envelopes and note that it is for coffee time that would be helpful. Could you pay for one time (\$50) or two Sundays (\$100) or maybe even a whole month (\$200)? Thanks so much for your help with this expense.

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.

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.

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 27**th, **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 2^{nd} and 4^{th} 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.

We will be starting on September 25^{th} from 1:30-3:30 pm in the church and we will kick off the new venture with a short, one-act radio play, Fourteen by Alice Gerstenberg, presented by Claire White and her troupe.

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 28th, 2025

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15

Psalm 91: 1-6, 14-16

1 Timothy 6: 6-19

Luke 16: 19-31

FLOWERS

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