

Welcome to  
**St. Luke Cedar Hill**

First Sunday after Christmas  
December 28, 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 lək'wəjən 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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Joseph's Dream, Gandolfi, Gaetano, 1734-1802

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Welcome and Introduction (*Sean Tiernay*)

*Please stand as you are able.*

Leader: Grace, mercy and peace from God our creator  
and our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**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 123 Once in Royal David's City**

*(tune: Irby)*

**Invitation to Confession**

Leader: Christ the light of the world has come  
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.  
In his light let us examine ourselves  
and 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.**

### **Forgiveness of Our Sins**

Leader: May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive us our sins  
and make us holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

### **The Peace** *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Leader: Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;  
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

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: O Lord God,  
you know that we cannot place our trust  
in our own powers.  
As you protected the infant Jesus,  
so defend us and all in need  
from harm and adversity;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

### **Hymn: CP 122 In the Bleak Midwinter** *(tune: Cranham)*

*Please be seated.*

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

#### **FIRST READING: ISAIAH 63: 7-9**

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

*At the end of the reading:*

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## PSALM 148

**Response: *Hallelujah!***

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise him in the heights.  
Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.  
Praise him, sun and moon;  
praise him, all you shining stars. **(Response)**

Praise him, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord;  
for he commanded, and they were created.  
He made them stand fast for ever and ever;  
he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **(Response)**

Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea-monsters and all deeps;  
Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;  
Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;  
Wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and winged birds. **(Response)**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;  
Young men and maidens, old and young together.  
Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
for his name only is exalted,  
his splendour is over earth and heaven. **(Response)**

He has raised up strength for his people  
and praise for all his loyal servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near him. **(Response)**

**Hymn: CP 129 No Crowded Eastern Street**  
*(tune: Heritage)*

## **SECOND READING: HEBREWS 2: 10-18**

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.*

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia** *(sung 4 times)*

*[From: Norah Duncan; GIA Publications, Inc.]*

## **THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2: 13-23**

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

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

**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 146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime**

*(tune: Une Jeune Pucelle)*

**An Affirmation of Faith** *[Based on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians]*

Leader: Let us stand and 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  
for the needs of the Church, all families,  
and for our world...

**IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,**  
**we pray for** The Anglican Church of Canada - The  
Most Revd Shane Parker - Primate. **Locally we pray**  
**for** Anna, our Bishop, and for Chaplains and  
Chaplaincies within our diocese. **We also pray for**  
Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and**  
**for** the Diocese of Yukon and as they begin their  
discernment process towards electing their next  
bishop.

God of love,  
we give thanks for the many blessings  
you have given to us during our lives.  
We are grateful for opportunities to celebrate life and  
the birth of our Saviour Jesus with family and friends.

**All:** Jesus, God with us,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We are aware of those whose hearts  
this Christmas season are filled  
with pain and suffering, or fear.  
For some, we know that Christmas will be linked  
with loss or anguish for years to come.

Jesus, God with us,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

We remember before you, O God,  
those who do not have enough to eat or who eat alone;  
those who do not have adequate shelter  
or who lack human contact and comfort;  
those who have had their hearts and lives  
broken by some trauma or loss.

Jesus, God with us,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

Help them to find solace in you, God.  
Bring peace to all heavy hearts.  
We pray specifically for family members and friends  
who are struggling with hardship and pain.  
Hear our prayers in the silence of our hearts....

*Keep silence for 15-20 seconds.*

Jesus, God with us,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all your children,  
known and unknown to us;  
stir in their minds, protect their bodies,  
strengthen their characters, and protect their joy.

Jesus, God with us,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**



As the year draws to a close,  
help us to look back with gratitude for all that has been,  
and to look forward with eager anticipation  
for new opportunities to grow closer to you  
and to each other in love.

**All:** Jesus, God with us,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We offer all these prayer in Jesus' name,  
who is Emmanuel, God with Us.  
**All: Amen.**

**Offertory Hymn: CP 137 What Child Is This?**  
*(tune: Greensleeves)*

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.**

**Prayer of St. John Chrysostom**

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us grace  
at this time with one accord  
to make our common supplications to you,  
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son  
that when two or three are gathered together  
you will hear their requests.  
Fulfill now our desires and petitions,  
as may be best for us, granting us  
in this world knowledge of your truth,  
and in the age to come eternal life;  
for you, Father, are good and loving,  
and we glorify you  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

## **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.**

**Announcements** *(Please be seated.)*

**Closing Hymn: CP 138 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing**  
*(tune: Mendelssohn)*

## **Dismissal**

Leader: May the God of hope  
fill us with all joy and peace in believing  
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

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Postlude

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

**In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for Henrieta Paukov, Director, and the staff of General Synod Communications and Information Resources; and Amal Attia, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer and the staff of Financial Management and Administration (Anglican); **for** Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the National Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation, and the staff of Communications (Lutheran); **and for** Mike Riess, Executive Director, and staff of Interprovincial Board of Communications for the Moravian Church (Moravian).

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**THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS**  
**December 28<sup>th</sup> – January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2026**  
**(\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)**

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**\*\*Thank you to Sean Tiernay** for leading the service this morning while Daniel is taking some well-deserved time off after Christmas.

**\*\*The Church Office will be open on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, and 31<sup>st</sup> and closed on Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday January 2<sup>nd</sup>.** The office will reopen on Monday, January 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 am.

**\*\*A Big Thank You to Thrifty Foods Cloverdale** for the donation of the oranges we used for the Christingle Service. It is very generous of Thrifty Food Cloverdale to provide them to us for free.

**\*\*On January 4<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Feast of Epiphany.** The 10 am service will be an Epiphany Lessons and Carols Service **with special music.**

**The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be Thursday, January 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the church.** The topic will

be Sitting is the New Smoking. Susanne Reul-Zastre will lead this session.

**\*\*The Next Fantastic Friday will be on January 9<sup>th</sup> –** It will be an **Epiphany Party in the Hall** starting at 4:30 pm. The evening will include Fantastic Friday crafts and the Epiphany tradition of chalking the church door. Everyone welcome!

**\*\*Our January Reflections, our Sunday service in the late afternoon, will be on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.** This Reflections will feature cellist, Elena Antontceva, along with poems and prayers. Enjoy cello music in the beautiful ambiance of St. Luke's in the late afternoon. The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul.

**\*\*St. Luke's Christmas 2025 Prescription** is now available and the link to the online version was sent out by e-mail. Copies are available at the back of the church and from the parish office. Please let the Parish Office know if there is someone you would like a copy of the Prescription delivered to.

**\*\*Mark Your Calendars – On Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>,** we will hold our **2026 Attic Treasures Vintage Market from 10 am – 4 pm.** This will be a multi-vendor market with vendors renting tables as they did in September and last February. St. Luke's will also have a table with vintage items. To offer to help, please call Carol Turnham.

**\*\*Save the Date of Sunday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>** for our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, also known as our Annual Vestry Meeting. **The meeting will be held after the 10 am service** and will include a review of reports from 2025, voting on the budget for 2026, and the election of Parish Council members, Synod delegates, and the Leadership Team members. **There will not be an 8 am service that morning.**

**\*\*Parish Council for 2026 –** Please consider If you are being called to serve on Parish Council or if you know someone you

think would be a good Parish Council member. Being on Parish Council is a valuable way to share your talents and learn more about St. Luke's. The Nominations Committee, who will collect these names, will be announced soon.

**\*Donations Towards St. Luke's Grand Piano –** We purchased a Baldwin Model R Artist Grand Piano in November. This is a wonderful addition to St. Luke's music program and will help make the space very suitable for concerts and recitals. **We would greatly appreciate donations towards the \$6,500 which was spent for the piano, its cost (\$6,000) plus the moving costs to bring it to St. Luke's (\$500).** To make a donation, please make a donation in one of your special donation envelopes or via an e-transfer and note that the donation is towards the grand piano. We are hoping to recover the cost of the piano through donations and fundraising concerts. **Thank you for your donations to date. So far we have received \$3,265 in donations with more pledged.**

**\*Pre-Authorized Remittance Program (PAR) –** A number of people noted on their givings cards that they would like to increase their PAR or start using PAR. To make a change or start using PAR, please send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail (**givings@stlukecedarhill.ca**) and include the following information as noted. **To make a change to PAR**, include your envelope #, the date you would like the change to happen (e.g. January 1, 2026 or February 1, 2026, etc.), and the amount of the change. The PAR comes out of one's account on the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month but changes have to be sent in prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. **To start using PAR**, send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail (**givings@stlukecedarhill.ca**) and a form to enrol will be sent to you. The Treasurer will follow up with everyone who indicated that they would like to change their PAR amount or start PAR in case they have any questions. **Thank you to those who have already sent through their changes.**

**\*Sunday Coffee Times –** We are pleased that Rebecca Ford is able to do our set up and cleanup for Sunday coffee times. We

are paying Rebecca \$50/Sunday to look after coffee times for us. **If you are able to make an extra donation in your envelopes and note that it is for coffee time that would be helpful.** Thank you for your donations to date. **To date, we have received \$945 in donations towards coffee time. So we have paid for 19 Sundays so far.**

**\*\*Calling All Bakers** – We would love some baking for Coffee Times. Cookies, loaves, and squares are particularly appreciated. Baking donations can be brought to the hall during office hours (9 to noon, Monday to Friday) or during coffee times to be put in the small freezer downstairs by the Studio. Thanks so much for your help. Homemade baking is always greatly appreciated!

**\*St. Luke's Players Panto Tickets** – Tickets for St. Luke's Panto, Jack and the Beanstalk, are available now through EventBrite. It will be a traditional panto suitable for ages 3 -103 with singing, dancing, opportunities to join in the fun and lots of laughter. Dates are: Matinees at 2 pm on December 28, 29, 30, 31, and January 1. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

**The Shelbourne Community Kitchen's Donate and Double Your Impact campaign is back.** Between now and December 31<sup>st</sup>, **the first \$20,000 donated will be matched by an incredible group of supporters**, doubling the impact of every gift. With the strength of bulk purchasing, fresh produce from our gardens, and a powerhouse volunteer team, your contribution stretches even further to support community members. This is one of the most important campaigns of the year for The Kitchen, and they're so grateful for your support **Let's make this holiday season unforgettable by doubling The Kitchen's impact together!** See more information and a link to make a donation are at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**



## Silver and Sage Updates

Silver and Sage, a social group for seniors 55+, is continuing at St. Luke's in 2026. Meetings are held twice a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays, 1:30 – 3:30 pm. Unless otherwise noted, the group meets in the church.

Below are the dates and topics for the sessions in January through to the end of March.

**January 8<sup>th</sup>** – Sitting is the New Smoking  
Presented by Susanne Reul-Zastre

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Persian Culture (In the Hall)  
Presented by Behnaz Barani

**February 12<sup>th</sup>** – Living Fully with Chronic Conditions  
Presented by Liz McCarter

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** – A Radio Play  
Presented by Claire White

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** – Under the Hood or On the Road  
Presented by Matthew Robertson

**March 26<sup>th</sup>** – How to... (computer & mobile)  
Presented by Maria Ross

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY January 4<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Isaiah 60: 1-6

Psalms 72: 1-7

Ephesians 3: 1-12

Matthew 2: 1-12

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### FLOWERS

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