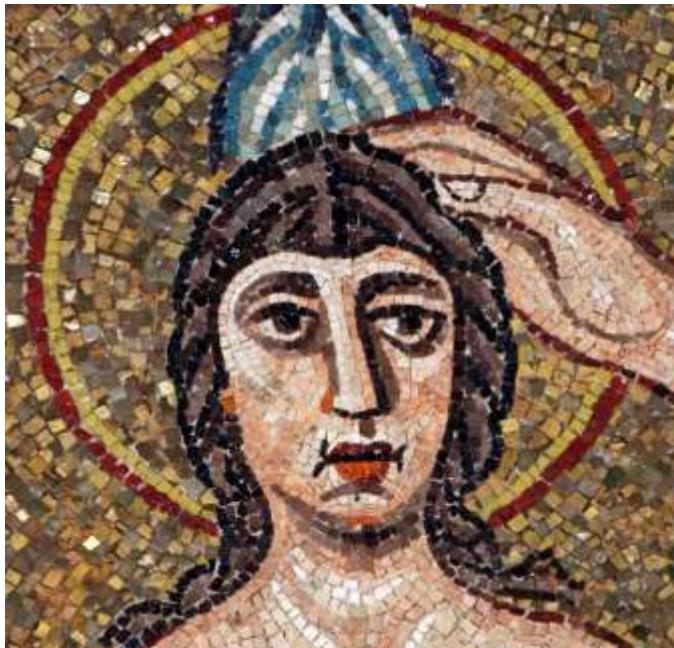


Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 11, 2026 - 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the *lək'ʷəŋən* peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands. We are grateful for their hospitality.*

Art on the Front Page:

Dome of the Arian Baptistry, Ravenna, Province of Ravenna, Region of Emilia-Romagna, Italy 5th or 6th Century. Baptism of Christ; Original source: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Ravenna_Battistero_degli_Ariani_Interno_Cupola_07.jpg

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Prelude (*please be seated*)

Welcome and Introduction (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 162 Sing of God Made Manifest
(tune: *Salzburg*)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Priest: May God be with you

All: **And also with you.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All: **It is right to offer thanks and praise.**

Priest: Blessed are you, O God, Alpha and Omega,
the beginning and the end.

You are the One who makes all things new.

To the thirsty you give water

from the spring of the water of life.

You make the wasteland glad,

the desert rejoice and blossom,

turning parched ground into a refreshing pool
and arid terrain into an overflowing fountain.

By the gift of water you nourish and renew
all living things.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest: In the beginning,
when darkness covered the face of the deep,
you breathed your Spirit over the waters,
calling forth life in abundance.
In the time of Noah,
when the flood of judgment engulfed the earth,
you rescued and made a covenant with your creation.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest: At the Red Sea,
you drove back the waters
by the strong wind of your Spirit,
opening up a path to liberation.
You released the children of Israel
from the shackles of slavery to dance and sing
on the shore of freedom and promise.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest: In the fullness of time,
Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan,
repenting for the sin of the world
and restoring to water its healing work in all creation.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest: In the Jordan, you revealed Jesus
as the one in whom your soul delights.
You anointed him to open the eyes that are blind,
to rescue the prisoners from the dungeon,
to set free those who sit in darkness,
and to bring forth justice to the nations.

All: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Priest: Suffering the baptism of death and resurrection,
Jesus set us free from the bondage of sin and death,
and gave birth to the New Creation.
The crucified and risen Christ stands among us,
baptizing with the Holy Spirit and with fire,
enlivening us to proclaim the gospel to all nations,
serve you as a royal priesthood,
and act as faithful stewards of all that you have made.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Breathe your Spirit, O God,
upon this water that your servants
who are washed and anointed may share
with your Christ in his death and resurrection.
Let there be no distinction among those
whom one font, one Spirit, one faith make one people.
Together, may we stand
as a sign and foretaste of your Kingdom,
a covenant to the people, a light to the nations.
We give you praise and honour and worship
through your Child, Jesus the Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever, Amen.

A Peruvian Gloria (sung twice)

(Cantor): Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest!

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest!

(Cantor): To God be glory forever!

To God be glory forever!

(Cantor): Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen! (repeat)

The Collect of the Day

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

God of glory,
immerse us in your grace,
mark us with your image,
and raise us to live our baptismal promises,
so that, empowered by the Holy Spirit,
we may follow the example of Christ your beloved
in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 42: 1-9

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 29

Response: *The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.*

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **(Response)**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. **(Response)**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **(Response)**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!" **(Response)**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people
the blessing of peace. (**Response**)

SECOND READING: ACTS 10: 34-43

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts.

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 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 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 42 Crashing Waters at Creation (*tune: Marching*)

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Hymn-Anthem – Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice

(Text: Carl P. Daw, Jr. © 1989 Hope Publishing, Co.
Music: David Ashley White © 1996 Selah Publishing, Co.)

(Choir sings stanzas 1 and 2)

Wild and lone the prophet's voices
echoes through the desert still,
calling us to make a choice,
bidding us to do God's will:
"Turn from sin and be baptized;
cleanse your heart and mind and soul.
Quitting all the sins you prized,
yield your life to God's control."

"Bear the fruit repentance sows:
lives of justice, truth, and love.
Trust no other claim than those;
set your heart on things above.
Soon the Lord will come in power,
burning clean the threshing floor:
then will flames the chaff devour;
wheat alone shall fill God's store."

(Congregation joins choir in singing stanza 3)

**With such preaching stark and bold
John proclaimed salvation near,
and his timeless warnings hold
words of hope to all who hear.
So we dare to journey on,
led by faith through ways untrod,
till we come at last, like John,
to behold the Lamb of God.**

Please stand as you are able.

The Baptismal Covenant (Renewal)

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

All: **I believe in God,
The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All: **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.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

All: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and,
whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

All: **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers of Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

Loving God,
you invite us to bring to you our doubts and fears,
our joys and concerns, our petitions and our praise.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,
we pray for Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America - The Most Revd Juan David Alvarado Melgar - Primate. **Locally we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and the Parish of St. John the Baptist, Cobble Hill, and their interim priest, Rev'd Paul Schumacher. **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.

We thank you that you are with us
in every circumstance,
and that you walk with us
through times of celebration and sorrow.
This day, we open our hearts to you,
knowing your Spirit prays in us
with sighs too deep for words.

Where people are tired from work
or weary with responsibility;
where time and resources
feel inadequate and costs overwhelming,
send your Spirit with strength and renewal...

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

Where people are facing danger or living under duress;
where people are persecuted for who they are
or what they believe,
send your Spirit with courage and comfort...

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

Where people have suffered
the loss of love or purpose;
and where love seems complicated and challenging,
send your Spirit to bind up the brokenhearted...

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

Where people are ill and worry for their future;
where people suffer pain or disability
and long for healing;
and where people face the limits to life
and options have run out,
send your Spirit with healing and hope...

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

Where people seek a reliable friend,
a true comforter or wise adviser;
where the lonely long for company to cheer them,
and where isolation
makes people doubt their value to others,
send your Spirit of wisdom and companionship...

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

Where God hears the cry of our sorrows
and journeys with us in our times of need.
Here we pray for those
who have asked us to pray for them...

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

Where new life is beginning and hope dawns;
where there is laughter and joy,
healing and positive change,
where there is good news to celebrate
and opportunities open up for the year ahead,
send your Spirit with rejoicing and gratitude...

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

All these things we pray in Jesus' name,
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 to 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 45 Down Galilee's Slow Roadways (tune: *Wie lieblich ist die Maten*)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of life and freedom,
we celebrate the revelation of Jesus
as the Christ who makes all creation new.
Accept all we offer you this day
and make us new in him,
who is Lord for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

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

Eucharistic Prayer

*[Source: Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3 - Eucharistic Prayers,
Services of the Word, and Night Prayers Supplementary to The Book
of Alternative Services, 2001.]*

Priest: The Lord 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 to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God,
creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name,
evermore praising you and singing:

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 you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.
Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he 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.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour’s sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All: Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen. (repeat)
[From: *Young men; Christ the New Man Parish, Gärtsch, 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 85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless

(tune: St. Agnes)

CP 164 What King Would Wade

(tune: Baptism)

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

Priest: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: **And your faithful servants bless you.**

Priest: Gracious God,

All: **we thank you for feeding us**

with the body and blood of Jesus your Beloved.

May we, who share his body, live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;

we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so that we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements (*Please be seated.*)

Benediction (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Priest: May the Triune God, whose presence surrounds you always and everywhere, bless you with the deep assurance that you are never alone.

In the waters, in the fires,

in the far corners of the world,

God is with us.

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 165 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering

(tune: *Rendez à Dieu*)

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, Ryan Weston, Lead Animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice; Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of Alongside Hope (Anglican); **for** Interim-Executive Director, Michael Pryse, and staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief (Lutheran); **and for** Justin Rabbach, Executive Director, and staff of the Board of World Mission (Moravian).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

January 11th – January 18th

(New Items, *Revised Items)**

Please stay for coffee time after today's service – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

****The Men's Fellowship will meet Wednesday, January 14th** at the Quadra/McKenzie White Spot at 6 pm. If you plan to attend, please advise Harry Felsing.

****Thank you to all who took part in the Fourth Wiseman Radio Play last Sunday.** Thank you to Claire, Martin, and Aanika White, Tara Poilievre, Stephen Ruttan, Gillian Bloom, Penny Stanley and Genevieve Richards. Well done readers! What an interesting Epiphany reflection!

****Substitute Pianists Needed** – We are building a list of potential substitute pianists to cover a single Sunday service should weather or illness make it impossible for our Music Director to come in. **If you might be willing to step in on short notice to help from the piano on a Sunday morning** – or know someone outside the parish who might – **please reach out to our Wardens, Heather Simpson or Claire White.** Thank you.

****Are you interested in expanding your Ministry with St. Luke's by becoming a Greeter, Reader, Server, or Liturgical Assistant?**

We are going to arrange some training for each of these ministries later this month. You can belong to more than one ministry, should you chose to do so. If you want to know more about each ministry and what the commitment would entail, **please reach out to Claire White, People's Warden or Rev. Daniel.**

***Our January Reflections, our Sunday service in the late afternoon, will be NEXT Sunday, January 18th 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.

***The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be on Thursday, January 22nd from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the church.** The topic will be Persian Culture. Behnaz Barani will lead this session.

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. If you are able to help in this way, **please speak to one of the Nominations Committee members:** Rick Saville or Heather Simpson.

Reports for the Annual Meeting package are due in the Parish Office by Monday, January 26th.

Mark Your Calendars – On Saturday, February 21st, 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 22nd 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.**

***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 \$3,655 in donations with more pledged.**

Thank you for your donations to this year's Christmas Stocking Project - Muletide Wishes. During the month of December, we received \$281.40 in the Christmas Stocking and \$530 through directed givings, for a total of \$811.40. A gift of \$160 will provide a donkey for a family in Kenya. **We will send a cheque to the World of Gifts for \$960 to buy 6 donkeys for families in Kenya.**

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!

Pre-Authorized Remittance Program (PAR) – A number of people noted on their givings cards that they would like to start using the PAR. **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 forms and updates.**

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY January 18th, 2026

Isaiah 49: 1-7
Psalm 40: 1-12
1 Corinthians 1: 1-9
John 1: 29-42

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Mabel, Alfred, and Walter Slocomb
from Jane Grant and family.

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