

Welcome to  
**St. Luke Cedar Hill**  
Ascension Sunday  
May 17, 2026  
10:00 am Holy Eucharist



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the ləkʷəjən 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 247 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise**

*(tune: Ascension)*

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

**All: May he fill our hearts with joy.**

Priest: Dear friends in Christ,  
for forty days we have been celebrating  
with joyful hearts the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
his bursting from the tomb and his defeat  
of the power of sin and death.  
He appeared to his friends, women, men,  
and disciples, many times  
and told them about the kingdom of God.  
Today we recall how he left this earth  
and returned to his Father,  
ascending into heaven to take his throne  
over all dominions and powers.

Trusting in his reign over all creation,  
and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule,  
let us hear the story of his parting  
as spoken in our scripture and in this celebration  
of this eternal feast, today's Holy Eucharist.

### **A Peruvian Gloria**

*(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!**

### **The Collect for the Day**

Priest: May God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Priest: God unheld by word or wall:  
lift us from dullness and cynical contempt;  
make us ready for your Spirit of transforming power;  
and turn our hearts to the mending of the world,  
through Jesus Christ, the name above all names.

**All: Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

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

#### **FIRST READING: ACTS 1: 1-11**

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.**

**PSALM 47**

**Response: God has gone up with a shout.**

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with a cry of joy.  
For the Lord Most High is to be feared;  
he is the great king over all the earth. **(Response)**

He subdues the peoples under us,  
and the nations under our feet.  
He chooses our inheritance for us,  
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. **(Response)**

God has gone up with a shout,  
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our king, sing praises. **(Response)**

For God is king of all the earth;  
sing praises with all your skill.  
God reigns over the nations;  
God sits upon his holy throne. **(Response)**

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together  
with the people of the God of Abraham.  
The rulers of the earth belong to God,  
and he is highly exalted. **(Response)**

**SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1: 15-23**

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

*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 24: 44-53**

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 405 Alleluia No. 1**

*(tune: Alleluia No. 1)*

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

*Please stand as you are able.*

**The Apostles' Creed**

Leader: Let us together profess the faith of our baptisms  
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.*

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 today for** The Anglican Church of Papua  
New Guinea, and Right Revd Nathan Ingen. **Locally**  
**we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for Abbey Church  
and the Emmaus Community, and their rector, Matt  
Humphrey. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the  
Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of  
Territory of the People and Bishop Clara Plamondon.

God of the generations in time and eternity,  
we turn to you in these quiet moments  
to offer you our thanks and our hopes for our lives.

Today we give you thanks for all those people  
who have shown us your face and taught us to follow  
you through the loving example of their living faith.

We are grateful for their wisdom and courage  
which continue to inspire us.  
Thank you for our life together in your church  
and the saints we have known here.

May the light of Christ shine through our lives, too,  
so that we offer light for the world you love as  
witnesses to your purposes.

**All:** Gracious God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

Christ of compassion in action,  
in you, we receive our call to live with purpose.  
From you, we learn how to love those around us.  
With you, we find strength to face each new day.  
So today, we offer our prayers for those facing  
challenges, and seek your guidance  
to respond to their cries.

**All:** Gracious God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those brought to mind  
by news headlines this week  
for situations of violence, corruption and deprivation,  
danger and devastation ...

**All:** Gracious God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for families going through difficult times,  
for all who are sick or in sorrow, for all who are lonely  
or despairing ...

**All:** Gracious God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those agonizing over important decisions  
and responsibilities,  
for those in leadership roles and for those who care for  
the most vulnerable ...

**All:** Gracious God,  
**Hear our prayer.**

We offer all these prayers  
and our unspoken concerns to you,  
in the name of the Risen Lord:

**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 come to know it 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 497 Eternal Ruler of the Ceaseless Round**

*(tune: Song 1)*

## **The Preparation of the Table**

### **Prayer over the Gifts**

Priest: Source of all joy,  
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Keep us in the love of Christ  
and bring us to the vision of his glory;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

*[Scottish Liturgy 1982 with Alternative Eucharistic Prayers (Revised 2022) Eucharist Prayer VI]*

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, Author of all being.  
Your power sustains, your love restores,  
our broken world.

You are unceasingly at work,  
from chaos bringing order  
and filling emptiness with life.

Christ, raised from the dead,  
proclaims the dawn of hope.  
He lives in us that we may walk in light.

Your Spirit is fire in us,  
your breath is power to purge our sin  
and warm our hearts to love.

As children of your redeeming purpose,  
freed by him who burst from the tomb  
and opened the gate of life,  
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: Praise and thanksgiving be to you, Lord of all,  
for by the Cross eternal life is ours  
and death is swallowed up in victory.  
In the first light of Easter  
glory broke from the tomb  
and changed the women's sorrow into joy.  
From the Garden the mystery shone clear  
that he whom they had loved and lost  
is with us now in every place for ever.

Making himself known in the breaking of the bread,  
speaking peace to the fearful disciples,  
greeting fishermen on the shore,  
he renewed the promise of his presence  
and of new birth in the Spirit  
who sets the seal of freedom  
on your sons and daughters.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,  
recalling the night of Israel's release,  
the night in which slaves walked free,  
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 Mary,  
the apostles, the evangelists, the prophets, and  
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.

**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.*

**Music during Communion**

**Communion Hymns:**

**Come and Find the Quiet Centre**

*Words: Shirley Erena Murray © 1992 Hope Publishing Co.*

**Come and find the quiet centre  
in the crowded life we lead,  
find the room for hope to enter,  
find the frame where we are freed:  
Clear the chaos and the clutter,  
clear our eyes, that we may see  
all the things that really matter,  
be a peace, and simply be.**

**Silence is a friend who claims us,  
cools the heat and slows the pace;  
God it is who speaks and names us,  
knows our being face to face.  
making space within our thinking,  
lifting shades to show the sun,  
raising courage when we're shrinking,  
finding scope for faith begun.**

**In the Spirit let us travel,  
open to each other's pain,  
let our loves and fears unravel,  
celebrate the space we gain:  
There's a place for deepest dreaming,  
there's a time for heart to care,  
in the Spirit's lively scheming  
there is always room to spare!**

**CP 82 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises**

*(tune: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises)*

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

Priest: Eternal God,  
may we who share Christ's banquet  
be one with him as he is one with you.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,  
the risen and ascended 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: Brothers and sisters,  
the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead  
and seated him in the place of honour  
at God's right hand—  
this same power  
is at work in each one of us who believe!  
So go from here in confidence and peace,  
knowing that God's presence and power go with you.

And may the blessing of God,  
the grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the presence of the Holy Spirit  
go with you as you leave this place.

**All: Amen.**

**Closing Hymn: CP 374 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus**  
*(tune: Hyfrydol)*

Dismissal

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ, Allelulia.

**All: Thanks be to God, Allelulia.**

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Postlude

**In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Rt. Rev. William Cliff, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario (Anglican); **for** The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod (Lutheran); **and for** The Rt. Rev. Kay Ward, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province (Moravian).

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**THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> – May 24<sup>th</sup>**

**(\*\*New Items, \*Revised Items)**

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**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.

**Jams Available during Coffee Time** – A selection of jams and jellies left over from the Spring Fair will be available for purchase during coffee time. The choices include blueberry jam, apple jelly, apple ginger jam, apple butter, and a variety of other jams and jellies. Please pay by cash or e-transfer.

**\*\*The Church Office will be closed Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup> for Victoria Day.** The office will reopen at 9 am on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**\*\*Wear Red for Pentecost** – Please remember to wear red for Pentecost Sunday, **next Sunday May 24<sup>th</sup>.**

**\*Her Majesty, the Cello Concert Next Sunday** – You are invited to a concert, entitled Her Majesty, the Cello, featuring music for cello and piano **by Elena Antontceva in St. Luke's Church, on Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.** This concert is the second in our series of concerts to raise funds to pay for our

grand piano. Tickets are \$20, available at the door, or by e-mailing [events@stluke cedarhill.ca](mailto:events@stlukecedarhill.ca). Please join us for what promises to be a wonderful concert.

**\*\*Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards** – Thank you for using your Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. **At the beginning of this month, we received a payment of \$258.75, bringing our total to date to \$5,030.65**, since we started taking part in this program in 2021. Please continue to use your reloadable Fairway Market Community Shopping Card so that St. Luke's can receive 5% from Fairway Market for every dollar loaded on the card. To join in this program, please pick up your reloadable card from St. Luke's Office. For more information, please contact St. Luke's Office, talk to Brian Dominique, or visit **the Fundraising page of St. Luke's website**.

**\*The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be on Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in church.** That session is entitled, "I Didn't Make Admiral", presented by Local author, George Jackson.

**\*Spaces Still Available for This Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp.** This year's Amazing Journey Day Camp will be from **July 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> in the mornings, 9 am to noon**. The theme this year will be Unlocking God's Promises. St. Luke's joins with Church of the Cross each summer for a week-long day camp hosted at one of the churches. This year's camp will be at Church of the Cross. Children born January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2022 are eligible to be campers. Registration Fees are 1st child - \$60; 2nd child - \$55; 3rd and additional child - \$50. **Online and printable registration forms are available at the News page of St. Luke's website.**

**Communications Help Needed** – Do you like to proofread? Are you interested in learning how to update St. Luke's website? Would you like to learn about sending press releases? Do you have ideas about how we could reach out in other ways to the community through our communications? If you are interested in any of these topics or would like to learn

new skills in these areas, please talk to Barb Prescott or send an e-mail to **communications@stlukecedarhill.ca**.

**The May 2026 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.

**The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is looking for donations of reusable grocery bags to be used in their Pantry Program.** Out of respect for the Kitchen's members and volunteers, please make sure that all bags are clean and in good working condition prior to donating them to the Kitchen. Reusable bags can be added to the collection baskets for the Kitchen in the church and the hall.

**Shelbourne Community Kitchen is Recruiting a Treasurer**  
The Kitchen is seeking a community-minded and fiscally knowledgeable individual to join their Board of Directors as Treasurer to ensure The Kitchen continues on its path of strong financial management. This is a meaningful opportunity to contribute your financial skills to support their programs that help local families and seniors access healthy food, build skills, and stay connected. See more information **at the News page of St. Luke's website**.

**Old Keys** – Do you have old keys collecting in a drawer somewhere? Well, you're in luck. We'd like them for a craft for this summer's Amazing Journey Day Camp. Please bring them with you to church. **A collection container for keys is on the table at the back of the church.**

**Let's Go Camping!** Jason and Tara are booking the back 40 at Camp Barnard, our local Scout Camp in Sooke, on the weekend of August 14-16. We invite you to join us for the weekend. The site is off-grid so there are no hook-ups, just pit toilets and water taps. The cost is \$5 per person per night. If camping isn't your thing, you are welcome to come out for the day on Saturday. Bring your own lunch, lawn chair, sunhat, etc. We may or may not have access to the waterfront but we will

confirm that later. **Please contact Tara to make your commitment by mid-May.**

**The Children's Room** – Daniel, Sharon Hallsor, and the Wardens have made the decision to hire a Sunday School Leader this year to enhance our children's learning at the Sunday 10 am service. In the interim, **we require 2 adults to supervise the children in the Children's Room in the church basement.** If you are interested in joining the roster, please contact Daniel, Sharon Hallsor, or any of the Wardens for further details.

**Calling All Bakers** – We would love some baking for Coffee Times. Cookies, loaves, and squares are particularly welcome. 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 to those who have already dropped off baking.

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## **Committees at St. Luke's**

Since introducing the committee structure to the parish in March 2026, we have already had numerous committee chairs step forward. Now, St. Luke's is looking for parishioners to volunteer for committee member roles. Committee members can expect a 3-4 hour commitment per month, and a fixed term (until April 2027).

This committee structure is not a new thing - it harkens back to the way St. Luke's became a thriving church in the past. It is based on the "many hands make light work" concept. The committees allow members of the parish to participate in and contribute to the work of the church.

Please scan the committee summary that follows and consider volunteering for an area of interest. Being part of a committee can be fun and rewarding. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee or have questions, please contact me (Heather Stewart) at **[strategy@stlukecedarhill.ca](mailto:strategy@stlukecedarhill.ca)**.

## List of Committees

Committee Name	Purpose of Committee
<b>Buildings Committee</b>	Assess building-related priorities and oversee execution of projects.
<b>Children, Youth and Family Committee</b>	Plan and coordinate all children, youth, and family programs.
<b>Communications Committee</b>	Create internal and external communications content. Oversee publications.
<b>Event and Fundraising Committee</b>	Hold major events to raise funds and increase community awareness of St. Luke's.
<b>Finance Committee</b>	Advise on financial matters, including budget and investments. Apply for grants and other funding.
<b>Grounds Committee</b>	Assess grounds-related priorities and oversee execution of projects. Includes parking and cemetery (sub-committees)
<b>Hospitality Committee</b>	Support internal social programs, and hospitality.
<b>Music Committee</b>	Oversee music-related programs, performances, and events.
<b>Partnership and Outreach Committee</b>	Engage with external community and partners; build new relationships.
<b>Pastoral Committee</b>	Cultivate supportive relationships and offer pastoral care to the parish.
<b>Worship Committee</b>	Facilitate planning and logistics for worship services. Includes Altar Guild (sub-committee).

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We hope you will visit again!

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### READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, PENTECOST, May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026

Acts 2: 1-21  
Psalm 104: 25-35, 37  
1 Corinthians 12: 3b-13  
John 20: 19-23

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### FLOWERS

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