

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Eighth Sunday After Pentecost
July 19, 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 372 Praise to the Holiest in the Height

(tune: Gerontius)

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.

Priest: Dear friends in Christ,
today we are presented more insights about God,
the kingdom of heaven, and what is expected of us.
The overwhelming message is that God is all about
power, justice, lenience, kindness and most of all, love.
We are offered endless opportunities
to hear and respond to God,
but nothing matches God's efforts to claim us.
God chooses us, sends help on our behalf,
and invites us into a reign of love
and peace beyond all measure.
As we reflect on God's ever patient love,
let us call to mind our sin
and confess to Almighty God, saying:

Silence is kept.

Confession

All: 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.

Absolution

Priest: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.
All: **Amen.**

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: O God, patient and forbearing,
strengthen our spirit when we are slow
and temper our zeal when we are rash,
so that in your own good time
you may produce in us a rich harvest
from the seed you have sown and tended;
through Jesus Christ, the promise of a new creation.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: GENESIS 28: 10-19a

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 139: 1-11, 22-23

Response: Lord, your hand will hold me fast.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeys and my resting places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether. **(Response)**

You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it. **(Response)**

Where can I go then from your Spirit?
where can I flee from your presence?
If I climb up to heaven, you are there;
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also. **(Response)**

If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
Even there your hand will lead me
and your right hand hold me fast. **(Response)**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me,
and the light around me turn to night,"
Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike. **(Response)**

Search me out, O God, and know my heart;
try me and know my restless thoughts.
Look well whether there be any wickedness in me
and lead me in the way that is everlasting. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8: 12-25

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

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 13: 24-30, 36-43

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 649 Breathe on Me, Breath of God
(tune: Trentham)

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: *Beyond the Beauty and the Awe* - Carl P. Daw (1994)

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith [Based on "A Liturgical Affirmation",
from *A New Zealand Prayer Book*]

Leader: We declare our faith as we say:

**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

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 Province of the Episcopal
Church of Sudan, and The Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir
Kondo. **Locally we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for
the parish of Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria, and
their rector, the Very Rev. Jonathan Thomas. **We also**
pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor
Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of Caledonia and Bishop
David Lehmann.

Gracious God,
sometimes we can simply breathe in
the wonders of your creation
on a summer evening or in a quiet forest,
and know your presence.
Other times you surprise us in a word,
an unexpected kindness,
a sense of your tenderness in prayer.

Whenever and however we meet you,
we are so grateful for your presence
at the heart of our lives.
Assured of your great love for us,
we bring before you the people we love
and the situations that cause us deep concern.

Receive our thanks and deepen our awareness
of Your presence among us.

Today we pray with those who rejoice
at a baby's birth or a summer wedding,
and with those who mourn
the loss of a friend or loved one....

(Pause....)

Gracious God,
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray with those
whose work has been rewarding and joy-giving,
and with those who are anxious
because there is little or no work to be found...

(Pause....)

All: Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray with those who feel bored,
without enough to do this summer,
and with those who are exhausted,
facing still more to do...

(Pause....)

All: Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray with those grateful for renewed good health,
and with those who find illness,
anxiety or uncertain health lingering...

(Pause....)

All: Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray with those who have found peace
or safety after turmoil,
and with those who fear what tomorrow might bring...

(Pause....)

All: Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

We pray with those who enjoy the love of family
and friends nearby,
and with those who feel lonely or isolated...

(Pause....)

Gracious God,
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray, first in silence,
for those who have asked us to pray for them...
(Pause....)

Gracious God,
All: Hear our prayer.

Ever present God,
we thank you that you hear us in every situation of life,
for we all may find ourselves in these situations
at some point in our lives.
Help us to support each other,
standing together in gladness and challenge.
Strengthen our life together as your people.
Give us the generosity we meet in Jesus
to respond wisely to those whose lives touch ours –
inside and outside your church.

May our hands serve as your hands
in all that we do for Jesus' sake,
for it is in his name we offer the prayer.

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 completely.

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 478 Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast
(tune: Albano)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: O God,
accept our praise and thanksgiving.
Help us in all we do
to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;
through Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

*[Source: Eucharistic Prayer G - from Common Worship: Services and
Prayers for the Church of England (2000) (including the Psalter as
published with Common Worship)]*

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: Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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

Priest: How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Christ is the bread of life:

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

Priest: Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us
at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us
the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things
in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.
Bring us at the last with St. Luke and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.

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

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: In the words that our Saviour taught us, we pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

All: **Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. *(twice)*
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**
[From: St. Bride Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community]

The Giving of Communion

Priest: God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please follow the directions of the sidespeople as the congregation is invited to come forward to receive the bread and wine.

If you would prefer not to receive communion, please come forward for a blessing. Crossing your hands over your chest will signal the priest to give you a blessing instead.

NOTE: *Gluten free wafers are available on request.*

Please remain seated as we sing the hymns during communion.

Hymns during Communion:

CP 54 Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

(tune: Rendez à Dieu)

CP 59 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

(tune: Jesus Calls Us)

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

Priest: O God,
as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through 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: Remember that Jacob met God
in an unexpected place.

So, as you leave this place,
keep your eyes open for God at work in the world.
Expect that God will meet you, too,
perhaps when you least expect it.

And the blessing of God,
Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer,
be with you now and always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us
(tune: Aurelia)

Sending Forth: Sent Out in Jesus' Name
(words: Eng. Trans. Jorge Maldonado)
(Sung by whole congregation)

**Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.
Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.**

**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.
The task is ours to do, to set it really free.
O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.**

Postlude

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Stephen London, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Edmonton (Anglican); **and for** the dean, council, and congregations of the East Central Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories (Lutheran).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
July 19th – July 26th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

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.

****Don't forget that we have a service in the church each Thursday morning at 10:30 am.** This is a quiet contemplative and intimate Holy Communion service. Come for a mid-week spiritual uplift.

***The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be this Thursday, July 23rd from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in church.** That session is entitled, "Naval Stories from Esquimalt". It will be presented by Lt. Gordon Emerslund.

***Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 24th** when Neil takes one of his vacation days. The Church Office will reopen at 9 am on Monday, July 27th.

****A Memorial Service for Laura Stoyles** will be held on July 30th at 1 pm in the church. The service will be livestreamed. A reception in the hall will follow the service.

Summer Choir Is Back! With no strings attached, come and join the choir on any and all Sunday mornings during the summer. Come as often as you like. We gather in the sanctuary each week at 9:15 to run hymns and service music for coming service. Join us! All voices are welcome.

****A Message of Thanks from Sandra Lindberg** – Grateful thanks to Thrifty's Cloverdale store for the wholesale/cost price they gave us for all the strawberries for our Downton Tea and Fashion Show fundraiser. This particular store has been very generous to us over the years and we are very grateful.

***Thank you to everyone who helped make our Amazing Journey Day Camp earlier this month, Unlocking God's Promises, such a success!** We had 34 campers and 24 youth

volunteers, as well as 11 adult volunteers who helped for all or part of the week. Thanks to all for your help and support for this important youth ministry. Visit the **News page of St. Luke's website** to see pictures from this year's Amazing Journey Day Camp.

***Thank You for the Food and Monetary Donations to the Amazing Journey Day Camp** – Thank you to Judith Williamson who collected some very generous food donations for the Day Camp from Save On Foods. We made a thank you card at the Day Camp, which campers and volunteers signed, and Judith delivered the card to Save On Foods. Thanks as well to others who donated food and made monetary donations. Your support of the Day Camp was very much appreciated.

An Update regarding our Grand Piano Fundraising – The total of the fundraising for the piano from the three concerts along with donations to June 30th **is now \$8,485**. Thank you so much for your donations and your support through attending the fundraising concerts. **Ticket Sales for Timeless Tunes, the third concert in this series on June 28th which featured soprano, Erika Pryer, brought in \$545.**

***Name the Location Pictures for the Summer Prescription – The deadline for the Summer issue of St. Luke's Prescription is August 7th.** We wanted to give you lots of time to collect some photos over the summer. Sharon McMillan and I (Barb Prescott) thought it would be fun to have a "Name the Location" page in the Summer Prescription. Pictures can be from spots in Victoria or Vancouver Island (including the Gulf Islands). So send in your favourite summer photos (and let us know where it is in the e-mail with the picture) now to **communications@stlukecedarhill.ca** and/or take some interesting photos of places you visit over the summer. We'll include the pictures on one page and an answer key and credits on another. We also welcome your stories, poems, and pictures on any topic or theme for the Summer Prescription.

Music Ministry Discernment Task Force

In each weekly bulletin during the months of July and August, we will include a short article about the Music Ministry Discernment process. Hopefully this will keep you up-to-date on the progress of the Task Force and the plans that are being made to find a new Music Director.

What are the Task Force's first assignments? Over the next 4 weeks, members of the Task Force will be trying to accumulate as much pertinent information as possible so we can create a meaningful Music Ministry Discernment Survey. This will mean that individual members will be contacting various groups and people.

Those groups who are outside our Parish are:

- Diocese – To find out all the legal requirements for the hiring of a new Music Director. This will include finding out more about hours worked, benefits packages which become mandatory with various weekly hours of employment, etc.
- Other local churches – To gain comparative information about their job descriptions, wages, etc.
- RCCO and National Church – To find out what an honest annual wage scale should be, depending upon qualifications and weekly hours worked. These scales will be used as a guideline only.
- Local schools and organisations – To ascertain if there is a need in our community, which is not being met at present. This could include choirs, instrumental groups, or other possible “latchkey” activities pertaining to music and the arts.

Next week I will give a summary of the contacts the Task Force will make within our Parish.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact of the Task Force or Alan Whitmore at **alanwhitmore611@gmail.com**.

Committees at St. Luke's

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 Heather Stewart at strategy@stlukecedarhill.ca.

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

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, July 26th, 2026

Genesis 29: 15-28;
Psalm 128
Romans 8: 26-39
Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

FLOWERS

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