

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 26, 2026
10:00 am Holy Eucharist



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the lək̓ʷəŋən 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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Parable of the hidden treasure

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

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 5 Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies
(tune: Ratisbon)

Priest: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Dear friends in Christ,
today's readings give us an opportunity to reflect on
what really matters to us in life: what we seek, where
we look for it, and whether we will nurture it when it
appears. Some of us have clear answers to those
questions, and we vigorously pursue what we value.
Others are less clear. Regardless of our approach, our
search will not be in vain, if we have an open heart.
As we enter today's liturgy with heart and mind and
soul fixed towards God's gift of renewal and
refreshment let us take a moment to 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!
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(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 of eternal wisdom,
you alone impart the gift of discernment:
grant us understanding hearts,
so that we may choose wisely
between the treasures of your promised reign
and this world's counterfeits;
through Jesus Christ, the pearl of true value.

All: **Amen.**

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: GENESIS 29: 15-28

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 128

Response: *May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.*

Happy are they all who fear the Lord, *
and who follow in his ways! **(Response)**

You shall eat the fruit of your labour; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours. **(Response)**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.
(Response)

The man who fears the Lord *
shall thus indeed be blessed. **(Response)**

The Lord bless you from Zion, *
and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life. **(Response)**

May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 8: 26-39

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: 31-33, 44-52

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 437 Jesus, Come, for We Invite You
(tune: Sicilian Mariners)

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: *God of the Bible* by S. E. Murray and T. E. Alonso

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 Anglican Church of Tanzania,
and The Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa. **Locally we**
pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St.
Philip by-the-Sea, Lantzville, and their wardens and
parishioners. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the
Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of
Kootenay and Bishop Lynne McNaughton.

Holy God,
we offer you our thanks this day,
for you are the true source of peace and healing for us
in a world that feels out of joint so often.
Today we pray for those
who face choices and decisions about their health:
for those trying to follow good diets
and exercise enough;
for any waiting for appointments
or wondering if they should make another call;
for those who find caring for their health frustrating;
and for those feeling pain or anxiety
as they wait for healing and peace.

God, in your mercy,
All: Guide us in our choices and challenges.

We offer you our thanks this day,
for you are the true source of wisdom and generosity
in a world struggling to make ends meet.
Today we pray for all
who face choices and decisions about their finances:
for those struggling with bills and budgets;
for those torn between covering necessities
and enjoying a treat;
for those who have few choices
because resources are limited;
and for those who have many choices
and want to make them wisely.

God, in your mercy,
All: Guide us in our choices and challenges.

We offer you our thanks this day,
for you are the true source of love and forgiveness
in a world full of criticism and self-doubt.
Today we pray for those
facing choices and decisions about relationships:

for people we ought to call but just haven't;
for those with whom we feel a grievance
but haven't worked it through;
for those we'd like to invite into closer relationship
but haven't yet found the courage;
and for those we miss dearly
and need to tell how much we cherish them.

God, in your mercy,

All: Guide us in our choices and challenges.

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

May those we pray for come to know the assurance of
God's love and care, through the love and care of
others..

God, in your mercy,

All: Guide us in our choices and challenges.

Lord Jesus Christ:
We offer you thanks this day,
for you are the source of rest and right relationship
for God's whole creation.
Today we pray for the earth and its well-being.
Encourage us to care for the earth
in our everyday lives
so its resources last for coming generations.
Inspire us to live out our good intentions
for the earth in our choices big and small.

God, in your mercy,

All: Guide us in our choices and challenges.

All these prayers we offer through Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Invitation and Peace *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.

It is the table of company with Jesus
and with all those who love him.

It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.

It is the table of communion with the earth
in which Christ became incarnate.

So, come to this table, you who have faith
and you who would like to 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 446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

(tune: Liebster Jesu)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of grace,
accept all we offer you this day,
as we look toward the glory you have promised.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Eucharistic Prayer E - 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: It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord
walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of 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: We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:
All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

Priest: Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day

when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with St. Luke all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

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.

Hymn During Communion:

CP 60 I Come with Joy

(tune: Land of Rest)

Communion Anthem:

CP 448 Jesus Lord, How Joyful You Have Made Us

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

Priest: God of grace,
we have received the memorial
of the death and resurrection of your Son.
May your love, poured into us,
bring us to your promises.
We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus
Christ.

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: As we go from here, never forget:

We do not go alone.

God's own Spirit goes with us,
always ready to help in our weakness.

So let's go in confidence and joy,
knowing that wherever we go,
we are surrounded by the love and mercy of God.

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

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 435 Take My Life, and Let It Be
(tune: Mozart)

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 Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Calgary (Anglican); **for** The assistant to the bishop and the staff of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories (Lutheran); **and for** the Canadian Moravian Foundation (Moravian).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
July 26th – August 2nd
(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.

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.

***Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 31st and on Monday, August 3rd for BC Day.** The Church Office will reopen at 9 am on Tuesday, August 4th.

***The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be on Thursday, August 13th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in church.** That session is entitled, "Ukuleles at Sea". It will be presented by Genessa and Tara Poillievre.

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 the 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 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.

***The deadline for the Summer issue of St. Luke's Prescription is August 7th and Name the Location Pictures for the Summer Prescription** – 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) 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 be including a short article about the Music Ministry Discernment process, hopefully keeping 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 within our Parish are:

- **Wardens and Parish Council** – as duly elected/appointed members with authority over programming, finances, and the general well-being of the parish we will be consulting them about information including scope/number of hours of the position, monetary compensation, possible perks and benefits, and the general needs of the parish
- **Choir** – as one of the principal groups to interact with the Music Director we will be asking for specific input into what they believe to be a “perfect” Music Director – one who supports, instructs, and inspires them in their music ministry
- **General Parish** – we will be gathering information through the survey, but also in personal conversations about the desires, dreams, and needs of the parish for a spirit-filled music ministry

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, August 2nd, 2026

Genesis 32: 22-31
Psalm 17: 1-7, 16
Romans 9: 1-5
Matthew 14: 13-21

FLOWERS

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