

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 13, 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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Miriam, sister of Moses and Aaron, praising the Lord with all the women of Israel after they crossed the Red Sea. Original source: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/paullew/33172410852>. This file is licensed under NonCommercial-NoDerivs 2.0 Generic (CC BY-NC-ND 2.0)

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

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 391 Sing Ye Praises to the Father
(*tune: Arfon Major*)

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: Today's readings address an all-too-familiar piece of advice that is easier to talk about than to do: Forgive. We know from experience how hard it is to forgive and how powerful it is to be forgiven. That Jesus was even asked about it indicates that it is not a behavior enacted easily. His response reflects our need to be instructed about it. Forgiveness is not usually our first response to real or perceived hurts or injustices, and it may require our commitment to live as totally new people in Christ. But, boundless forgiveness may be the greatest gift we can ever give one another — and ourselves.

As we enter into today's Holy Eucharist,
let us confess to our God,
who is full of mercy and compassion,
our sins, first in silence.

Silence is kept.

Confession

**All: Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Absolution

**Priest: Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus 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: God of love,
you brought your people out of slavery
with a mighty hand.
Deliver us from our captivity to self-interest
and our indifference to the gifts of others,
so that we may be ready to love
as you have loved us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: EXODUS 14: 19-31

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 114

Response: Alleluia!

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
Judah became God's sanctuary
and Israel his dominion. **(Response)**

The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back.
The mountains skipped like rams,
and the little hills like young sheep. **(Response)**

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?
O Jordan, that you turned back?
You mountains, that you skipped like rams?
You little hills like young sheep? **(Response)**

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,
at the presence of the God of Jacob.
Who turned the hard rock
into a pool of water
and flint-stone into a flowing spring. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 14: 1-12

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 18: 21-35

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 487 Where Charity and Love Prevail
(tune: Twenty-Fourth (Primrose))

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester (*L.J. White*)

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

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 in Aotearoa,
New Zealand and Polynesia, and the Most Revd Sione
Uluilakepa, Primate.**

Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the amalgamated St. Dunstan and Two Saints ministry, and their priest, the Rev. Heather Robinson. **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.

God of grace and new life,
we come before you today,
glad to know you give us the chance
to change our lives
when we have wandered away from your purposes.

We give you thanks for the encouragement
and support we receive from friends in Christ,
here in your church and wherever we meet them.
We thank you for relationships
that have grown stronger through the courage
to forgive which you inspire in us.
Use us as signs and servants
of the new possibilities you create.

God of changed hearts,
All: Renew the future for us all.

Christ our Companion,
make our community
one that lives out your grace and mercy.
Today we pray for those among us and around us
who are struggling to live wisely and well,
who seek a way of integrity for the future.
We pray for those who are confronting addictions
or trying to change old habits
that are harmful to health:
give them persistence and support.
We pray for those
who want to end violence and anger in their lives:
give them courage and wisdom to walk a new way.

God of changed hearts,

All: Renew the future for us all.

We pray for those who have broken the law
and now seek to make amends:
inspire us with good judgement and grace
in action and relationships.

We pray for those who have broken their word
and want to rebuild trust and integrity:
show them how to take responsibility and live it out.

God of changed hearts,

All: Renew the future for us all.

We pray for those who are seeking new work,
learning new skills, or changing employment:
open new opportunities for them.

We pray for all of us
who seek new ways to live out our faith
in this church and in this community:
help us communicate God's love
in fresh ways so others catch the vision of your love.

God of changed hearts,

All: Renew the future for us all.

We pray in silence for all those for whom the week
ahead will hold deep challenges,
and who need your support
and ours to face what the days will bring.

(Names may be read here...)

God of changed hearts,

All: Renew the future for us all.

Spirit of transforming power,
work in us and in all for whom we pray,
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 298 O Lord of Life, Where'er They Be

(tune: Vulpinus)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Holy God,
accept all we offer you this day.
May we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

*[Source: The Scottish Episcopal Church - Scottish Liturgy 1982 with
Alternative Eucharistic Prayers (Revised 2022)]*

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: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest: Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory 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: Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
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.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith:

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

Priest: Breathe your Holy Spirit
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for 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.

Music During Communion:

Communion Anthem: When We Are Living

(SNC 118 - Bell)

CP 53 Now the Silence

(tune: Now)

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

Priest: God of peace,
in this eucharist we have been reconciled
to you and to our neighbours.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
always have the courage to forgive.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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: Go out in love, reconciled to one another in Christ.

Lay aside the works of darkness

and put on the armour of light.

Live honourably,

fulfilling the law through love for all.

And may God mark you out for salvation;

May Christ Jesus be present among you always,

And may the Holy Spirit reconcile you to one another
and fulfil the law of love among you.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth: Sent Out in Jesus' Name

(words: Eng. Trans. Jorge Maldonado)

**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.

Closing Hymn: CP 466 How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

(tune: Repton)

Postlude

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Most Rev. John Stephens, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon (Anglican); **for** the Assistant to the Bishop and staff of the British Columbia Synod (Lutheran); **and for** the Season of Creation which continues in the month ahead and a renewed commitment to a healthy relationship with the Earth (Moravian).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
September 13th – September 20th
(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.

***Visit to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen Garden – Today after the 10 am service**, we are invited to visit the Shelbourne Community Kitchen Garden behind South Island Centre, the "Cedar Hill Garden" as the Kitchen calls this garden. Grab a coffee and then come to the garden to enjoy a tour.

****Volunteers Needed** – We are looking for adult volunteers to help with the Sunday School. Please talk to Joanne Jolson or e-mail her (jjolson@stlukecedarhill.ca) about signing up on a once a month rotation.

***Attic Treasures Vintage Market on Saturday, September 19th**, in St. Luke's Community Hall. **Early Bird Admission (9 am - 10 am \$10); General Admission (10 am - 4 pm \$3)**. Come and have some fun at a multi-vendor vintage market! A variety of items will be for sale including vintage clothing, jewelry and accessories, collectibles, and curiosities. Find some treasures for yourself or for a special gift. Discover vintage clothing for personal style or costuming! Vintage, Antiques, Retro and Collectibles including Clothing, Jewelry,

Housewares and more...Please contact Carol Turnham if you are able to help.

***The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be on Thursday, September 24th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in church.** At that session, Dr. Elissa McMurtrie will speak on the topic: "Without Nurses there would be Chaos and Darkness". Retired now, Dr. McMurtrie had a long career in medicine as an oncologist here in Victoria. Nurses have a special place in her heart: She started out as a nurse before becoming a doctor. She is a wonderful speaker and has spoken at medical conventions. It is with gratitude and pride we host her at Silver and Sage.

Prescription Deadline – Friday, September 25th is the deadline for submissions for the Fall issue of St. Luke's Prescription. Since the **Name the Location Pictures were so popular in our Summer issue, we are asking for more photos for the Fall issue.** So send in your favourite photos from around Vancouver Island (and other parts of BC, too) on a fall/autumn theme (and let us know where the pictures are taken in the e-mail with the pictures) to **communications@stlukecedarhill.ca**. We also welcome your stories, poems, and pictures on any topic or theme for the Fall Prescription.

****Cemetery Cleanup Morning –** We will hold our first fall cemetery cleanup morning on **Saturday, September 26th from 9:30 – 11:30 am.** Drop in any time that morning to help with a fall cleanup of the cemetery. Many hands make light work! A second cleanup is planned for Saturday, October 31st.

****Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards –** We now have more Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. St. Luke's receives 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 or after church from Penny Stanley.** For more information, please contact St. Luke's Office, talk to Penny Stanley, or visit **the Fundraising page of St. Luke's website.**

The September 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. This issue includes articles from St. Luke's about Silver and Sage, the Amazing Journey Day Camp, and Shannon Stewart's work for us through a Canada Summer Jobs Grant. See more information on the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

The Choir Is Welcoming New Members! We meet Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 in the Sanctuary and Sunday mornings from 9:15 through the service. All voices welcome. No music reading experience is necessary. Chat with Mary Byrne on a Sunday morning or at **music@stlukecedarhill.ca** to reserve your spot.

Greeters/sidespeople needed for the 10 am service –We need one more person to help with greeting and sidespersons' duties on the second Sunday of the month. If you are able to help in this way, please speak to Tara Poilievre or to one of the wardens.

Hymn Sing-Along – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church invites you to help them celebrate their **160th anniversary at a "Hymn Sing-Along"** on **Sunday, September 27th at 2 pm** (Douglas St./Broughton; **free parking at all city parkades; wheelchair accessible**). Admission is by donation with proceeds going towards a new sanctuary piano. Submit your favourite hymn(s) online on the website (standrewsvictoria.ca). There will also be an opportunity on the afternoon itself to bid to ensure that your favourite hymn is sung!



**Silver and Sage
Dates and Topics for
September – December**

All sessions are from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

Thursday, September 24th

Nurses: Guardians Against Darkness and Chaos,
presented by Dr. Elissa McMurtrie

Saturday, October 3rd

Two Radio Plays: Badges and Bullets, and Steinway Grand
presented by Langham Court Readers Theatre

Thursday, October 22nd

Living in the Altitude - A Peruvian Sojourn,
presented by Gillian Bloom

Thursday, November 5th (First Thursday)

WW1 Memoirs, Prose, and Poetry,
presented by Brenda Morgan and readers

Thursday, November 26th

Small Boats around the World,
presented by Ken Gibbard

Thursday, December 10th

A Christmas Social

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, September 20th, 2026

Proverbs 8: 22-31
Psalm 33: 1-9
Colossians 1: 15-20
John 1: 1-5

FLOWERS

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