Welcome to

St. Luke Cedar Hill

First Sunday of Advent

November 29, 2026 – 10 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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First Sunday of Advent, designed by Sharon McMillan

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Prelude: *Wachet Auf,* BWV 645 - J.S. Bach (arr. M Byrne),
Mary Byrne, flute; Matthew Robertson, bassoon;
Gabe Lagos, organ

Please stand as you are able.

Priest: May God be with you.
All: And also with you

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting for Week One.

Priest: Holy God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Saviour of every nation.

Let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

Leader: Advent begins in the dark,
and it begins with a demand.
O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down.
All: We light this candle as a sign of hope.

The first candle is lit…

Leader: Hope is not the same as optimism.
Optimism expects things to improve.
Hope keeps watch when there is no evidence yet,
and refuses to go to sleep.

All: We are the clay. You are the potter.
We are the work of your hand.

Leader: Keep awake. Jesus said, because you do not know
when the owner of the house will come.

All: Come, O God. We are waiting. We are awake.

Leader. Let us pray.
God of the torn open heavens:
we are tired of waiting for a world
that has not arrived yet.
Do not let our tiredness become resignation.
As this candle burns through the longest weeks
of the year, keep us watchful.
Keep us restless, and keep us hopeful,
not because things are fine,
but because you are not finished.

All: Amen.

Hope Is a Star
(by Brian Wren)

(First Verse)
Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

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

Opening Hymn: CP 323 Ye Holy Angels Bright
(tune: Darwell)

Invitation to Confession

Priest: In the midst of pre-holiday hyperactivity,
we are offered this quiet season of reflection
on Christ's coming among us,
especially in unexpected moments.
As with our ancestors in faith,
his final return is unknown to us,
so we probably don't think about it very much.
But how aware are we of his presence to us now?
Have we thought about what our response might be
however or whenever he makes himself known to us?
Advent is our time to do this
even as we prepare our hearts
for today's Eucharistic celebration.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie Confession *(Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy)*

Priest: Turn to us again, O God our saviour
and let your anger cease from us:
Kyrie eleison.

All: Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Priest: Show us your compassion, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation:
Christe eleison.

All: Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.

Priest: Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:
Kyrie eleison.

All: Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Priest: The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Collect of the Day

Priest: May God be with you.
All: And also with you.
Priest: Let us pray.
O God of all the ages,
rouse us from sleep,
deliver us from our heedless ways
and form us into a watchful people,
so that, at the advent of your Son,
we may be found doing what is right,
mindful of all you command.
We ask this through him whose coming is certain
and whose day draws near,
your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.
All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 64: 1-9

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.
All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 80: 1-7, 16-18

Response: ***Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved***

Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved. ***(Response)***

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angered
despite the prayers of your people?
You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink. ***(Response)***

You have made us the derision of our neighbours,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Restore us, O God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved. ***(Response)***

Let your hand be upon the man of your right hand,
the son of man you have made so strong for yourself.
And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
show the light of your countenance,
and we shall be saved. ***(Response)***

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1: 3-9

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul
to the Corinthians.

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: MARK 13: 24-37

Reader: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
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 476 God, You Have Caused to Be Written
(tune: Causa Divina)

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier *(Please be seated.)*

Anthem: *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* (Kay Goodyear)

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
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 Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and Archbishop Andrew Chan. **Locally we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Peter and St. Paul, Esquimalt, and for their Rector, the Rev. Gail Rodger. **We also pray** for Lutheran Church of the Cross, Pastor Lyndon and Pastor Eli, **and for** the Diocese of Caledonia - Bishop David Lehmann.

Merciful God,
we thank you for the light you shine into our lives
as we wait on the coming of the Christ Child this year.
The signs of our times are worrisome.
The earth groans for renewal and freedom,
and people have grown suspicious of each other.
As the days grow shorter and the nights longer,
comfort those who dread the short days
and direct any who have lost their way.

Wherever people feel overwhelmed
by the demands of this season,
let them catch a glimpse of your brilliance.

God, for whom we wait,
All: Hear our prayer.

Generous God,
we remember that the days leading up to Christmas
are difficult for many.
We pray for those who are hungry and cold,
stressed by rising costs all around.
Alert us to ways that we can set a feast
for those in our community and beyond
whose cupboards are bare;
and comfort them with your love.

God, for whom we wait,
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are grieving.
Make us patient, compassionate companions
to those in mourning,
even when we're not sure what to say or what to do.
Fill sorrowing hearts with your comforting presence.

God, for whom we wait,
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who feel like the world is ending;
for those whose lives have been uprooted
by fire, flood, storm or war and for those
who worry about the future of the earth itself.
Steady us amid the upheavals around us,
and remind us that your steadfast love
will see us through.
Help us trust in you, no matter what is happening.

God, for whom we wait,
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are suffering this day,
for those who are ill, for those who mourn,
and for all who fear the future and what it may bring.

Brief silence. (Add names here)

Surround them with your love,
support them with strength,
and inspire the hope they need to face another day.

God, for whom we wait,
All: Hear our prayer.

All these prayers, spoken and unspoken,
we offer in the Christ's name.
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 97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring

(tune: Tantum Ergo)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
We ask this 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: Book of Alternative Services, 1985: Eucharistic Prayer 4]

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 right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.
All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.
All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

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: Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,

broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, “Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

In the same way, after supper,
he took 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.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me.”

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

All: Glory to you 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 sides-people 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 110 "Sleepers, Wake!" A Voice Astounds Us
(tune: Wachet auf)

CP 94 Wait for the Lord
(tune: Wait for the Lord)

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

Priest: God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of 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 now, strengthened by the testimony of Christ.
Keep alert and wait
for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Continue to do right and remember God in your ways.

And may God enrich you
in speech and knowledge of every kind;

May Christ Jesus strengthen you to the end;
And may the Holy Spirit guide you
in faithful living until he comes.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 111
Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement
(tune: Neander)

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Thank you to all who assisted with today's service.

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, **we pray for** the people of the Anglican Church of Canada (Anglican); **for** the people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (Lutheran); **and for** the people of the Moravian Church in Canada (Moravian).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
November 29th – December 6th
(**New Items, *Revised Items)

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

****A Sincere Thank You** from Carol Turnham to all who helped to make this year's Bazaar such a success. Your donations and hard work are very much appreciated!

***Our November Reflections, our Sunday service at dusk, will be this afternoon Sunday, November 29th at 4:30 pm –** This month's Reflections will feature **Sylvia McAvany, a Sound Weaver, playing Handpans and Singing Bowls.** As a Sound Weaver, Sylvia offers meditation through sound to help the listener relax and reach an elevated mood. When paired with inspirational readings, we hope

that this Reflections will bring a sense of light and peace to all who attend.

***The Deadline for the Christmas Prescription was FRIDAY, November 27th**. But we always allow a few days grace. So if you would like to an article, photo, poem, or other creative endeavours, please send it along ASAP to Barb Prescott (**communications@ stlukecedarhill.ca)** or to Neil in St. Luke's Office (**admin@ stlukecedarhill.ca)**.

***Our next Fantastic Friday will be THIS FRIDAY, December 4th from 4:30-6:30 pm** in the hall. **The theme this Friday is preparing for Christmas.** Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! Dinner is included. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poilievre, Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Claire White.

***This year's Christmas Pageant will take place NEXT SUNDAY, December 6th, during the 10 am service.** There will be a lunch after the service in Celebration of Harry Felsing's 80th birthday. If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sign up sheet at the back of the church.

****The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be THURSDAY, December 10th from 1:30 – 4:00 pm in the church**. This is our Christmas Social, "Christmas Lives in the Heart". Sharon McMillan prepared a programme for us - a series of stories and poems about Christmas. This session will be presented by Mitch and Jo Barnes, with help from readers in our group, and the whole experience will be loads of fun. Any bakers out there: Please bring some goodies for the festive table on December 10th. This will be our last session for the year.

****The Shelbourne Community Kitchen's Season of Sharing Food Drive** runs from November 12th to December 18th. This year has been particularly challenging for food donations for The Kitchen, even as the need in our community continues to grow. Every donation makes a difference, and so please help in keeping their shelves stocked for those who need support. **The top 5 Most Needed Pantry Items are: canned plain beans, canned tomatoes, canned proteins (tuna, fish, beef, etc.), pasta sauce, and pasta.** Please drop off your donations into one of the baskets in the church or the basket beside the office.

****Christmas Stocking Project –** As we have done in previous years, we have chosen a World of Gifts Project through Alongside Hope (previously called the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) as our Christmas Stocking Project. **We are starting our Christmas Stocking Project TODAY, the first Sunday in Advent, and it will continue to Christmas Day.** Our project will be buying goats for women in Zimbabwe. A single goat can change a woman's life. She can fertilize the vegetable garden with its manure, boost her family's nutrition with much-needed protein or earn income by selling its offspring. You are invited **to drop your gold coins (Loonies or Toonies) into the Christmas stocking at the back of the church or to put a special donation into the collection plate labelled "Goats Project".** Money designated in the collection or collected in the stocking from now to Christmas Day will be sent to Alongside Hope to buy goats for women in Zimbabwe.

A Big Thank You to Yasser Youssef, owner of Fig Deli, 1551 Cedar Hill Cross Rd. who cooked and delivered our Celebration Sunday lunch. He provided a delicious meal for us and gave a great deal costwise! Please support Yasser and the Fig Deli in return for his neighbourly support of St. Luke's.

Special Thanks to the Setup and Kitchen Crew for the Celebration Sunday Lunch: Rebecca Ford, Jason Poilievre, and the 1st Cedar Hill Venturers. They did the setup, serving, and cleanup so that the rest of us could relax and really celebrate without having to work in the kitchen.

A Sincere Thank You from the Stewardship Team to Everyone Came Out for the Celebration Sunday Service and Lunch – It was great to have the church so full! We are also very thankful for all the commitments that people made regarding their offerings for 2027.

***Givings Cards** – Some extra copies of the Estimate of Givings Cards handed out on November 15th are on the table at the back of the church**. If you haven't yet filled one out, we would be very appreciative if you could fill out a card this week.**

***Thank You for the pledges you made on Celebration Sunday and for the pledges we have received since then** on the Estimate of Givings Cards. **We have now received 47 pledges totalling $95,260.** Including those who use the PAR but didn't make pledges adds another $15,876 to bring the total to $111,136. Of the people who made pledges, 12 increased their pledges from last year

($5,220) and 14 who hadn't pledged last year at St. Luke's pledged $21,560. Once we receive more Estimate of Givings cards, we will update these totals.

Pre-Authorized Remittance Program (PAR) – A number of people noted on their givings cards that they would like to increase their PAR or start using PAR. To make a change or start using PAR, please send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail (givingsstlukecedarhill.ca) and include the following information as noted. **To make a change to PAR**, include your envelope #, the date you would like the change to happen (eg December 1, 2026 or January 1, 2027, etc.), and the amount of the change. The PAR comes out of one's account on the 20th of the month but changes have to be sent in prior to the 10th of the month. **To start using PAR**, send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail (givings@stlukecedarhill.ca) and a form to enrol will be sent to you. The Treasurer will follow up with everyone who indicated that they would like to change their PAR amount or start PAR in case they have any questions.

****We Have Now Paid for the Piano and its Associated Costs!** At the end of November 2025, St. Luke's purchased a used, well-cared for Baldwin Model R Artist Grand Piano. This piano is a wonderful addition to St. Luke's music program and makes the space very suitable for concerts and recitals. The cost for the piano ($6,000) and its associated costs, the moving costs to bring it to St. Luke's ($500), cover, and spider dolly, and hammer reshaping totalled $8,940.72. **Income from the three concerts held earlier this year and donations now total $9,030!** So we have paid off the piano and its associated costs. Thank you to everyone for your donations!

****St. Luke's Players Panto Tickets –** Tickets for St. Luke's Panto, Robinson Crusoe, are available now through EventBrite. It will be a traditional panto suitable for ages 3 -103 with singing, dancing, opportunities to join in the fun and lots of laughter. Dates are: Evenings at 7 pm on December 11, 18, 21 and 22; Matinees at 2 pm on December 12, 13, 19, 20, 26 - 31,. Tickets are $20.50 for adults and $14.11 for children 12 and under. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website**.

****Christmas Eve Services will be at 4 pm (Christingle Service) and 7 pm (Choral Eucharist). Note that this is an updated time for the Choral Eucharist** from the time shown in the Dates to Note in the Fall Prescription.

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY December 6th, 2026

Isaiah 40: 1-11
Psalm 85: 1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3: 8-15A
Mark 1: 1-8

FLOWERS

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