

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 24)
September 17, 2023 - 10:00 am
A Service of Morning Prayer



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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.*

Prelude (*please be seated*)

Welcome and Introduction (*Sean Tiernay*)

Please stand as you are able.

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

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us
in sundry places to acknowledge
and confess our manifold sins and wickedness;
and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them
before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father;
but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent,
and obedient heart;
to the end that we may obtain forgiveness
of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy.

And although we ought at all times
humbly to acknowledge our sins before God;
yet ought we most chiefly so to do,
when we assemble and meet together
to render thanks for the great benefits
that we have received at his hands,
to set forth his most worthy praise,
to hear his most holy Word,
and to ask those things
which are requisite and necessary,
as well for the body as the soul.

Wherefore I pray and beseech you,
as many as are here present,
to accompany me
with a pure heart and humble voice
unto the throne of the heavenly grace.

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father,
We have erred and strayed
from thy ways like lost sheep,
We have followed too much the devices
and desires of our own hearts,
We have offended against thy holy laws,
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done,
And we have done those things
which we ought not to have done;
And there is no health in us.
But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us,
miserable offenders.
Spare thou them, O God,
which confess their faults.
Restore thou them that are penitent;
According to thy promises declared
unto humankind in Christ Jesu our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,
That we may hereafter live
a godly, righteous, and sober life,
To the glory of thy holy Name.
Amen.**

The Absolution, or Remission of Sins

Leader: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who desireth not the death of a sinner,
but rather that he may turn from his wickedness,
and live, hath given power and commandment
to his Ministers, to declare
and pronounce to his people, being penitent,
the Absolution and Remission of their sins.

He pardoneth and absolveth all them
that truly repent and unfeignedly
believe his holy Gospel.

Wherefore we beseech him to grant us
true repentance and his Holy Spirit,

that those things may please him
which we do at this present,
and that the rest of our life hereafter
may be pure and holy;
so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Invitatory

Leader: O Lord, open thou our lips;

All: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Leader: O God, make speed to save us;

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Leader: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

**All: As it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Leader: Praise ye the Lord

All: The Lord's Name be praised.

Canticle: The Venite

**O come, let us sing unto the Lord:
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,
and show ourselves glad in him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are all the corners of the earth:
and the strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it:
and his hands prepared the dry land.
O come, let us worship, and fall down,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

**For he is the Lord our God;
and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. 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)**

Canticle: Te Deum

**We praise thee, O God:
we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud:
the Heavens and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubim and Seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of hosts;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world
doth acknowledge thee;
The Father, of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.**

**Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man:
Thou didst not abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God,
in the glory of the Father.
We believe that thou shalt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants,
whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints
in glory everlasting.**

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.

Gradual Hymn: CP 614 Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive

(tune: Detroit)

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.

Canticle: The Benedictus

**Blessed be the Lord God of Israel;
for he hath visited and redeemed his people;
And hath raised up a mighty salvation for us,
in the house of his servant David;
As he spake by the mouth of his holy Prophets,
which have been since the world began;
That we should be saved from our enemies,
and from the hands of all that hate us;
To perform the mercy promised to our forefathers,
and to remember his holy covenant;**

**To perform the oath
which he sware to our forefather Abraham,
that he would grant us**

**That we being delivered out of the hands of our enemies
might serve him without fear,
In holiness and righteousness before him,
all the days of our life.**

**And thou, child, shalt be called the Prophet of the Highest:
for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord
to prepare his ways;
To give knowledge of salvation unto his people
for the remission of their sins;
Through the tender mercy of our God;
whereby the day-spring from on high hath visited us;
To give light to them that sit in darkness,
and in the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Reflection: Sean Tiernay

Anthem: *Glory to God, We Give You Thanks* by W. Greatorex

Offertory Hymn:

CP 455 Dear God, Compassionate and Kind

(tune: Repton)

Leader: Let us confess our faith as we say:

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;**

**The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,**

**And sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Leader: The Lord be with you;

All: And with thy spirit.

Leader: Let us pray.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Leader: Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All: Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that trespass against us;
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.
Amen.**

Leader: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

All: And grant us thy salvation.

Leader: O Lord, save the King;

All: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Leader: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

All: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Leader: O Lord, save thy people;

All: And bless thine inheritance.

Leader: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

All: And evermore mightily defend us.

Leader: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

All: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Collect of the Day

Leader: Eternal One,

you gave your incarnate Son

the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of salvation.

Plant in every heart

the love of the Saviour of the world,

Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

A Second Collect, for Peace

Leader: O God, who art the author of peace

and lover of concord,

in knowledge of whom standeth our eternal life,

whose service is perfect freedom:

Defend us thy humble servants

in all assaults of our enemies;

that we, surely trusting in thy defence,

may not fear the power of any adversaries;

through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

A Third Collect, for Grace

Leader: O Lord our heavenly Father,

Almighty and everlasting God,

who hast safely brought us

to the beginning of this day:

Defend us in the same with thy mighty power;

and grant that this day we fall into no sin,

neither run into any kind of danger;

but that all our doings
may be ordered by thy governance,
to do always
that is righteous in thy sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

A Collect for the Clergy and People

Leader: Almighty and everlasting God,
from whom cometh every good and perfect gift:
Send down upon our Bishop Anna,
the Clergy and lay leaders our diocese,
and all congregations committed to their charge,
the healthful Spirit of thy grace;
and that they may truly please thee,
pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.
Grant this, O Lord,
for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator,
Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Great Is Thy Faithfulness

(by T. Chisholm)

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassion, they fail not;
as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.**

***Refrain:* Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in thy courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain***

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean - The Most Revd James Richard Wong Yin Song - Bishop. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon (Anglican); The dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Interior Region of the British Columbia Synod (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. Peter & St. Paul, Esquimalt. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of the Territory of the People and (Interim) Bishop Jane Alexander.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
September 17th – September 24th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Thank you to Sean Tiernay for filling in as Worship Leader this Sunday** while Daniel is on vacation.

***Please Stay for a Back to School Brunch today after the 10 am service.** The St. Luke's Sunday School Team will provide a pancake brunch following the service for everyone to enjoy and to kick-off the new Sunday School year.

***Office Transitions** – After two years as our Parish Administrator, Andy (Andrew Lloyd) has submitted his resignation. His last day with us was September 14th. We thank Andy and wish him all the best in his future endeavours. Thanks also to Neil Patterson who will be filling in while we look for a new Parish Administrator.

****St. Luke's Parish Administrator Job Posting** – We are seeking an individual who likes people, is gifted in administration, and enjoys working with a team to achieve the mission and goals of the parish. Deadline for submission of applications is **Friday, September 22nd**. The job description and application information are available at our website at: <https://www.stlukesvictoria.ca/admin-job>

Coffee Times in the Fall – We need people to make coffee in the fall. We all enjoy the coffee times after the 10 am service! Please look at your calendar and find several Sundays when you can make coffee for the coffee time. Please let Barb Felsing know when you can help out. If you haven't volunteered in this way yet, instructions and "on the job training" will be provided.

Attention Crafters! Joanne Jolson and Heather Simpson are hosting a **craft night on the 1st and 3rd Thursday each month in the Sequoia Room (Lounge) from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.** The next Craft Night will be on **Thursday, September 21st.** Crafts

included (but not limited to) knitting, crocheting, sewing, needlework, quilting, card making, woodworking, or other forms of crafts. Please talk to Joanne or Heather if you have any questions.

***Safe Church Workshop – Next Saturday, September 23rd – 10 am to noon** in the Sequoia Room (Lounge) of the hall. The Safe Church Workshop is for those in leadership positions who haven't taken the training (or completed the necessary Praesidium modules) in the last 5 years. Those needing to complete the training have been contacted. Others are welcome to attend to find out about Safe Church or to prepare for joining Parish Council in the future or taking on a new volunteer role with children or vulnerable adults. For more information, please talk to Barb Prescott.

Join us for our Fundraising Concert, *Crowd Pleasers Only*, on Sunday, September 24th at 2 pm in the church. Audience favourites will be performed by David Palmer and Rosemary Laing (organ), Ben Parker (trumpet), Erika Simpson (voice), Elena Antontceva (cello), Neala St Hilaire and Naomi Barclay (piano), and Susanne Reul-Zastre (organ and piano). Enjoy a great variety of showstoppers by Bach, Mozart, Donizetti, Bernstein, Brahms, Widor and others. **Admission is by donation** (\$20 suggested; identifiable donations of \$20+ are eligible for a tax receipt). All proceeds will go towards a new roof for the church!

A Vintage Fashion Show and Tea will be held **Wednesday, September 27th from 2 – 4 pm in St. Luke's Hall.** Vintage Fashion Showcase will present Fall Fashions from 1860 to 1980. Afternoon Tea with sandwiches and cakes will be served. There will be door prizes. Tickets are \$25 and are on sale now from Claire White and via the **events@stlukecedarhill.ca** e-mail.

Speed Friending 70+ – Thursday, September 28th from 2:00 – 4:30 pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross. Are you interested in meeting new people in a welcoming, safe, and fun

environment? Rotate between nineteen other adults getting the chance to connect, share a laugh, and maybe a spark of friendship! Registration is now open. Cap of 20 participants. This free event is brought to you by the Saanich Community Services and Luther Court Community Health Center. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

***Our first Fantastic Friday this fall will be Friday, September 29th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in St. Luke's Hall.** Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! Dinner is included. In November, Fantastic Friday will again be on the first Friday of the month. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poillievre, Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Claire White.

Mark Your Calendars – This year's Celebration Sunday and Celebration of St. Luke's Patronal Festival will be on October 29th. Watch for more information to come about this special event.

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. See more information on the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

****Cedar Hill Middle School School Replacement Project Update –** For the last two years, School District 61 and Cedar Hill Middle School have been working with architects on a school replacement project. See the project plans at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

Jazz Vespers at St. Philip Oak Bay – Sunday, September 17th at 7:30 pm. Diane Pancel, vocals; Attila Fias, pianist extraordinaire; Ryan Tandy, acoustic bass; Bob Watts, drums. Admission by donation (\$20 suggested).

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY September 24th, 2023

Exodus 16: 2-15

Psalms 105: 1-6, 37-45

Philippians 1: 21-30

Matthew 20: 1-16

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

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