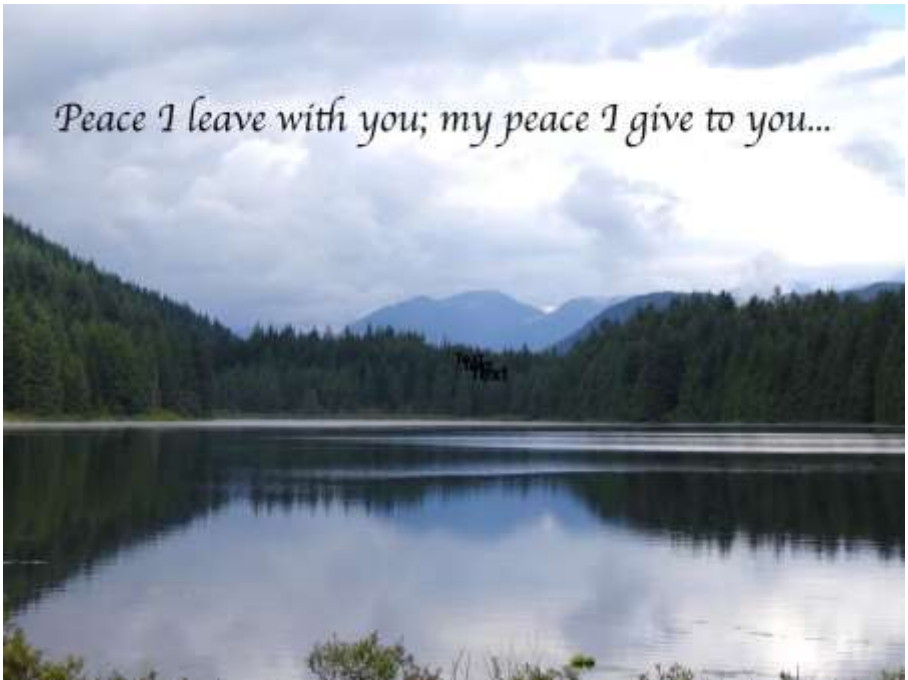


Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 2025 – 10 am

Holy Eucharist



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the lək'wəjən 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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by the Rev. Daniel Fournier

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Prelude (*Please be seated.*)

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

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 2 When Morning Gilds the Skies

(tune: Laudes Domini)

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.

All sing - Gloria: (*Common Praise tune # 425*):

**Glory be to God in heaven,
peace, goodwill to all the earth,
mighty God of all creation,
Father of surpassing worth.
We exalt you, we adore you,
we lift high our thanks and praise,
saints and angels bow before you,
here on earth our songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever,
Lamb of God and Lord of love,
Son of God and gracious Saviour,
you have come from heaven above.
On the cross you died to save us,
now you reign at God's right hand.
Hear our prayer, restore, forgive us,
in your promise firm we stand.**

Holy One we now acclaim you,
Lord alone to you we call,
Holy One in faith we name you,
God most high, yet near to all.
Jesus Christ with God the Spirit,
in the Father's splendour bright,
for the peace that we inherit
glory be to God on high!

Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Holy One,
you breathe the word of love
and the promise of new creation
into the secret places of our lives.
Teach us the costly way
of fearless love and priceless peace;
through Jesus Christ, who dwells in us.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ACTS 16: 9-15

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 67

Response: ***Let all the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.***

May God be merciful to us and bless us,
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.
Let your ways be known upon earth,
your saving health among all nations. **(Response)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth. **(Response)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
The earth has brought forth her increase;
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.
May God give us his blessing,
and may all the ends of the earth
stand in awe of him. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: REVELATION 21: 10, 22 - 22: 5

Reader: A Reading from the Revelation to John.

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 486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
(tune: CP 374 Hyfrydol)

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 14: 23-29

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

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.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: *I Come With Joy* by K. Marolli

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith: *(New Zealand Prayer Book)*

Leader: Let us declare our faith in God:

**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.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,
we pray today for The Anglican Church of Kenya, The
Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate. **Locally we**
pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St John the Baptist,
Duncan, and their interim priest, Ven. Brian Evans. **We**
also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor
Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of Yukon, and Bishop
Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

Lord, our God,
the earth and all its peoples belong to you.
As we come before you in prayer,
we are painfully aware that the earth itself is at risk,
from the ways your people live on it,
and the conflicts we provoke among each other.
We seek your healing and hope this day
for the earth and all its creatures,
and for your people of every nation.

God of healing and hope,
we pray for peace with justice
to emerge in war torn lands,
and in every place of conflict
where power struggles put innocents at risk.
In silence we hold before you
the people and places on our hearts today:

Hold a time of silence for 20 seconds.

God of mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Send your Spirit of wisdom and compassion
to break open the hearts of leaders
to work with each other
to protect the innocent and restore order
for the wellbeing of all.
May your ways of truth and justice prevail
In every heart and in every land.

God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of healing and hope,
we pray for Alongside Hope (formerly the Primate's
World Development Relief Fund) and its partners,
and all groups offering aid and renewal
in places where disaster and conflict
have left people at risk.
Support those who have lost homes,
families and livelihoods to find courage to go on
and open hearts of those in safety
to share with those in need.

God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of healing and hope,
we pray for the renewal of your creation
and for the protection of species at risk.
By your Spirit, teach us to change our ways
when they are harmful to the earth,
and inspire our ingenuity
to find solutions to problems that seem so vast.

God of mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of healing and hope,
we pray for those who know sickness or pain,
for all who live in grief, loneliness or anxiety,
and all who find these uncertain times
overwhelming in any way.

In silence, we remember before you
those for whom we have special concern this day:

(Names are read here...)

By your Spirit,
surround each one with strength and love,
and equip us to offer support for those
whose lives are woven into ours.

God of mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

God of healing and hope,
Jesus walks with us day by day
to see us through every challenge,
and so, we claim the healing and hope he offers
as we offer these prayers 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 have 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 57 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist

(tune: Song 1)

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

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of glory,
accept all we offer you this day,
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,
where Christ is King.
We ask this in his name.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Prayer is modeled on one found in the Apostolic Tradition of Hippolytus (early third century) Published in A New Zealand Prayer Book, 1989 Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia]

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: We give you thanks, O God,
through your beloved servant Jesus Christ,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
Christ was born of Mary,
and shared our human nature.
With loving arms outstretched upon the cross for us,
Jesus broke the chains of evil and destruction.
By the resurrection your will was fulfilled
and you gathered a holy people to offer you praise.
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim your glory, as we sing:

(From Common Praise # 719):

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: To you indeed be glory, almighty God,
because on the night before he died,
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood
poured out for you;
do this as often as you drink it
to remember me.

God of hope and joy,
we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
With this bread and this cup
we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come in glory.**

Therefore, loving God,
recalling now Christ's death and resurrection,
we ask you to accept
this our sacrifice of praise.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration,
that we may be fed
with the body and blood of your Son
and be filled with your life and goodness.
Strengthen us to do your work,
and to be your body in the world.

Unite us in Christ
and give us your peace.
May we praise you and give you glory
through your First-born, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise.

All: Amen. (*Sung 3 times - From Common Praise # 721*)

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 (*Setting: Land of Rest*)

**All: O Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God,
and grant us your peace.**

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 63 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup
(tune: Eat This Bread)

CP 568 Nada te turbe
(tune: Nada te turbe)

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

Priest: Father,
you restored us to life
by raising your Son from death.
May we who receive this sacrament
always be strengthened to do your will,
in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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: Jesus said, I am leaving you with a gift—
peace of mind and heart.
And the peace I give is a gift the world cannot give.
So don't be troubled or afraid.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: MS 112 Glory and Praise to Our God

(by D. Schutte)

*Refrain: Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.*

**We, the daughters and sons of Him
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done
in ev'ry heart that sings. *Refrain***

**In His wisdom He strengthens us
like gold that's tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save. *Refrain***

**Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day
our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost,
and answer those who pray. *Refrain***

**God has watered our barren land,
and sent His merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full
for anyone to drink.**

***Refrain:* Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.**

Dismissal

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

All: **Thanks be to God, Alleluia.**

Postlude

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

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Shane Parker, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Ottawa (Anglican); **and for** Jerusalem and the Holy Land Sunday; The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land, The Episcopal Diocese of Jerusalem, and for peace in the Middle East (Together).

May 25th – June 1st
(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.

Sacred Frontiers – A spiritual exploration/faith formation group for teens and their parents; adults considering baptism and/or confirmation; anyone who wants to be welcomed into St. Luke's from another denomination; anyone who would like to formally renew their baptismal commitment; anyone who has faith questions; anyone who wants to deepen their faith outside of Sunday morning. **The group is meeting weekly (including today) in the church from 1:00 to 2:30 pm, each Sunday until Pentecost Sunday, June 8th.** See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

****Lakehill Preschool is holding a Bottle Drive and 50-50 Draw today Sunday, May 25th, from 1:00-4:00 pm** in the parking lot at St. Luke's. Please save your empties and help support Lakehill Preschool. No sorting necessary! Drop 'N Go!

****The Church Office will be closed on Friday, May 30th** when Neil takes one of his vacation days and **will reopen on Monday, June 2nd at 9 am.**

****The Church Office will be closed some other Fridays over the summer** (as well as Friday, May 30th), as Neil takes some of his vacation days. The Church Office will also be closed on

the following Fridays: June 13th, 20th, and 27th, July 11th, 18th, and 25th, and August 1st, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

****We welcome Shannon Stewart to her role as Research Archivist at St. Luke's.** Shannon will be working for us over the summer to update our archival materials, add books to our library, and create a book with priests' pictures and their information as well as other projects such as updating our cemetery database and conducting other research. This position has been made possible through receiving a Canada Summer Job Grant which pays for a student to work 35 hours per week for 8 weeks.

****CLAY Fundraising Programme** – Four members of St. Luke's (Genessa, Aanika, Dawn, and Scarlett) will be attending the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) Gathering in Saskatoon from August 21 - 24, 2025. The CLAY Gathering is for youth between the ages of 14 - 19. Sharon Hallsor and Tara Poilievre will be going as the leaders. **In order to assist with the funding for this event, the girls will be selling baked treats, homemade soup and a bun for the month of June during the coffee hour.** We would appreciate the congregation supporting our youth for this exciting time for the girls. If you are unable to attend the coffee hour, donations would be gratefully received. For more information, please reach out to Sharon H, Tara, or Claire White. Thank you.

****More Fundraising for CLAY during June** – Please bring your refundable bottles and cans to St. Luke's any Sunday in June. Money from your empties will be put towards the fundraising for CLAY. We will also register CLAY Fundraising with the Bottle Depot, so that you can take your refundables directly to the Bottle Depot and receive credit towards CLAY. Watch for more information on this soon.

****Our June Fantastic Friday will be on Friday, June 6th 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! **This will be our last**

Fantastic Friday until the fall. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Claire White, Tara Poillievre, Barb Prescott, or Sharon Hallsor.

****Food Safe Course – Saturday, June 21st 8:30 am – 4:30 pm** in the Upper Hall at Church of the Cross. Many of us took the Food Safe Course when it was offered at St. Luke's in February 2024. The training is valid for 5 years. **If you would like to help in the kitchen at St. Luke's and haven't taken the Food Safe course, now is your opportunity.** Anyone interested in food safety including high school students in Grade 10 or above are eligible to take the course. **The registration fee is \$40, which St. Luke's will reimburse.** To register please or for additional information, please contact Janice at LCC at jbnel13@gmail.com or please talk to Barb Prescott. **The registration deadline is June 1st.** Spaces are limited so if you are interested, please register soon.

****Tickets for St. Luke's Players comedy, *Drinking Habits*, are now available. The play opens on June 11th and runs from Wednesday to Sunday until June 22nd.** Two nuns at the "Convent of the Sisters of Perpetual Sewing" have secretly been making wine to supplement the convent coffers. Wine and secrets are inevitably spilled as everyone tries to preserve the convent and reconnect lost loves. Tickets are available through Eventbrite, from the Papery (734 Fort Street) and from the door. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

****Diocesan Women's Retreat –** Keeping the Faith in Turbulent Times is the theme of the Fall Diocesan Women's Retreat. The facilitator is Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee and the Spiritual Director is the Rev. Christine Conkin. **Date: September 26-28, 2025. Place: Camp Pringle.** The registration form is available at the **News page of St. Luke's website.** Due to the possible postal strike, an e-mail to birish@shaw.ca will be accepted as a registration with the payment arranged later.

A Thank You from Gillian Bloom – Thank you to everyone who came to my party on May 6th. It was so special to see so many people that I knew helping me celebrate my 85th. I especially want to thank those who arrived early to set up, the kitchen helpers so ably directed by Sandra, and those who stayed late to clear everything up. It would not have been possible without your help. It was a very special day! Thanks again.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the Vintage Fashion Show and Tea on May 10th. What a fun and joyful occasion that was! Thanks also to Carol Turnham for all her organizing of the event and writing of the script, which told St. Luke's history from 1860 – 1980, and to all the members of Vintage Fashion Showcase, who presented the fashions throughout the years. Thanks to everyone who helped with the set, serving, and clear up. St. Luke's is very blessed to have so many wonderful volunteers, who help with events such as this.

Thank you from Sandra Lindberg to all volunteers that helped at the Fashion Show in the kitchen, setting up tables, dressing the tables, serving guests. The biggest challenge was cleaning up in both the hall and kitchen.

Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – Thank you for using your Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. This week **we received a payment of \$197.00, bringing our total to date to \$3,910.92, since we started taking part in this program in 2021.** Please continue to use your reloadable Fairway Market Community Shopping Card so that **St. Luke's can receive 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. For more information, please contact St. Luke's Office, talk to Brenda Morgan, or visit the **Fundraising page of St. Luke's website.**

Stock Up the Shelves for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen extended until May 30th – The Kitchen renovations are now complete but their Pantry shelves are empty. Your

monetary donation or donation of food would be appreciated. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

Early Bird Registration is now open for this year's Amazing Journey Day Camp, which will be held **July 7th – 11th** in the mornings, **9 am to noon at St. Luke's**. St. Luke's joins with Church of the Cross each summer for a week-long day camp hosted at one of the churches. If you have children, grandchildren, or friends with children ages 4 through 11, please consider registering them to participate in the day camp. **Children born January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2021 are eligible to be campers.** The registration form can be found at the **News page of St. Luke's website.** Early Bird Registration Fees are 1st child - \$50; 2nd child - \$45; 3rd and additional child - \$40. We are also looking for **Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group Leaders.** Questions? Please talk to Tara Poilievre, Sharon Hallsor, or Barb Prescott.

Rug/Latch Hooking Supplies Needed – Have you ever done rug/latch hooking? Do you have extra tools or cut pieces you no longer need? We are looking for spare supplies for our Summer Day Camp in July. If you, or anyone you know, has any you could donate, please talk to Tara Poilievre. Thank you.

St. Luke's Is on Instagram – Did you know that St. Luke's is now on Instagram? Thanks to Sahar Saeidbakhsh for setting up Instagram for us. You'll find the Instagram link in the top right corner of the home page of our website or at this link: **https://www.instagram.com/saint_lukechurch/** Please follow St. Luke's on Instagram.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY June 1st, 2025

Acts 1: 1-11

Psalm 47

Ephesians 1: 15-23

Luke 24: 44-53

FLOWERS

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