

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Ascension Sunday
June 1, 2025 – 10 am
Holy Eucharist



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the ləkʷəŋən 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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Prelude (*Please be seated.*)

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

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 377 To the Name of Our Salvation

(tune: Oriel)

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.

Almighty God,
your Son Jesus Christ
ascended to the throne of heaven
that he might rule over all things as Lord.
Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of his peace,
and bring the whole of creation
to worship at his feet,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ACTS 1: 1-11

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 47

Response: ***God has gone up with a shout.***

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with a cry of joy.
For the Lord Most High is to be feared;
he is the great king over all the earth. **(Response)**

He subdues the peoples under us,
and the nations under our feet.
He chooses our inheritance for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. **(Response)**

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the ram's-horn.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our king, sing praises. **(Response)**

For God is king of all the earth;
sing praises with all your skill.
God reigns over the nations;
God sits upon his holy throne. **(Response)**

The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.
The rulers of the earth belong to God,
and he is highly exalted. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1: 15-23

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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 247 Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise
(tune: Ascension)

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 24: 44-53

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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 Will Serve the Lord All My Days* by D. Besig;
Mary Byrne (flute)

Please stand as you are able.

The Apostles' Creed *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Leader: Let us confess the faith of our baptism 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

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 Korea, The
Most Revd Onesimus Dongsin Park, Primate. **Locally**
we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St. John the
Divine, Courtenay, and their rector, Rev. Alastair
Hunting. **We also pray** for Lutheran Church of the
Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of New
Westminster, and Archbishop John Stephens.

Faithful God,
we give you thanks for your steadfast love
that provides courage and comfort for your people
in every challenging time.
Continue to surprise us with your grace, O God,
and breathe your Spirit upon your church once more,
to draw us together in worship and witness.
Renew our faith so that we may serve you
with courage and creativity,
offering the hope we know in Christ Jesus
to this struggling world.

Ever faithful God,
All: Hear our prayer.

God of peace,
thank you for sending Jesus into the world,
to reconcile the world to you
through the forgiveness of our sins.
May the fruits of the reconciliation and peace he offers
continue to work in places of hatred and hostility.
Today we name before you the places
on our minds and hearts these days,
and relationships in need of your reconciling grace:

Keep a brief silence
Name places and situations where turmoil persists

O God,
do not let us be resigned to injustice or indifference.
Inspire us to build renewed relationships
in these days of deepening divisions.

Ever faithful God,
All: Hear our prayer.

God of fellowship,
we praise you and pray for your church:
renew our life together, correct us when we err
and encourage us when we are most faithful.
Inspire congregations with fresh visions
to continue Christ's ministry in the world you love.
Bless leaders, ordained and lay,
with courage and compassion, insight and wisdom,
and all your people with passion for you
for the ministries you call us all to.

Ever faithful God,
All: Hear our prayer.

We pray your blessing
on the upcoming General Synod of the Anglican
Church of Canada taking place in London, Ontario.

We pray for all delegates
and the Holy Spirit's guidance
in all discernment and deliberations.
We pray for guidance as our church
elects a new Primate to serve your church.

All: Ever faithful God,
Hear our prayer.

God who calls us into our future,
we pray for students who will be graduating this year,
filled with anticipation and uncertainty about the future.
Guide their choices.
We remember the graduates
from our theological colleges.
May they always remember
that you called them into ministry,
and that you will provide them with the wisdom,
strength and grace needed
to live out their calling in ever-changing contexts.

All: Ever faithful God,
Hear our prayer.

Comfort those who mourn the loss of dear ones,
and support those who are sick,
and those recovering from setbacks or failure.
Give strength to people
who are worn out or discouraged,
and calm the anxiety or anger that can keep us apart.
Bless and encourage
any who are struggling in their faith,
and guide those with questions to your truth.

(Names are read here.)

All: Ever faithful God,
Hear our prayer.

Faithful God,
by your Spirit,
fill us with the faith and courage to do the work
Jesus commissioned his followers to undertake
wherever he leads us.
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 491 The Head That Once Was Crowned
(*tune: St. Magnus*)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Eternal God,
our Saviour Jesus Christ
has promised to be with us until the end of time.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and renew us in his transfigured life;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England (2000): Eucharistic Prayer B - The Archbishops' Council of the Church of England.]

Priest: The Lord 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 indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.
Born of a woman,
he came to the rescue of our human race.
Dying for us,
he trampled death and conquered sin.
By the glory of his resurrection
he opened the way to life eternal
and by his ascension,
gave us the sure hope
that where he is we may also be.

Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy
and with choirs of angels
we sing for ever to your praise:

(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: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

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

Priest: And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice
made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St. Luke
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

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

The Lord's Prayer (*Please stand as you are able.*)

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 49 Draw Near and Take

(tune: Song 46)

MS 130 Only in God Will My Soul Be at Rest

(by J. Foley)

**Refrain: Only in God will my soul be at rest,
from him comes my hope, my salvation.
He alone is my rock of safety, my strength,
my glory my God.**

Trust in him at all times, O people,
and pour out your hearts.
God himself is a refuge for us
and a stronghold for our fear. *Refrain*

Many times have I heard Him tell of
His long-lasting love.
You yourself, Lord, reward all who
labour for love of Your name.

Refrain: Only in God will my soul be at rest,
from him comes my hope, my salvation.
He alone is my rock of safety, my strength,
my glory my God.

CP 476 God, You Have Caused to Be Written
(*tune: Causa Divina*)

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

Priest: Eternal Giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.
Confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our 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: People of God,
the same power that raised Jesus Christ from the dead
and seated him in the place of honour
at God's right hand—
this same power is at work
in each one of us who believe!
So go from here in confidence and peace,
knowing that God's presence and power go with you.

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:

CP 84 Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendour

(tune: St. Osmund)

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. Andrew Asbil, Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Kevin Robertson, Suffragan Bishop; The Rt. Rev. Riscylla Shaw, Suffragan Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Toronto (Anglican); **and for** The Lutheran Collegiate Bible Institute in Outlook Saskatchewan (Lutheran); **and for** The Rt. Rev. Paul Graf, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province (Moravian).

June 1st – June 8th
(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.

***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, and homemade soup and a bun starting today and throughout the month of June during the coffee hour.** Please support our youth as they fundraise for this exciting trip. 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.

****You are invited to a BBQ TODAY** after church (from 12 noon to 3 pm). Church of the Cross has invited St. Luke's to a **BBQ at PKOLS Park Area A (Mt. Doug Park)**. Hot Dogs and Hamburgers will be provided. Potluck sides and desserts are welcome, but not necessary to attend. We hope to see you there! Help reduce waste and bring your reusable plates and cutlery!

***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 final meeting of this group will be today from 1 – 2:30 pm.** See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

****The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, June 5th** when Neil attends a Parish Administrators' Day. **The office will reopen on Friday, June 6th at 9 am.**

***Our Next Fantastic Friday will be THIS Friday, June 6th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in St. Luke's Hall** – This Fantastic Friday will be a **preview and an Early Registration Day for this year's Amazing Journey Day camp.** It will also be our **last Fantastic Friday until the fall.** Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poilievre, Barb Prescott, or Sharon Hallsor.

****Wear Red for Pentecost** – Please remember to wear red for Pentecost Sunday, **next Sunday June 8th.** This will be a special service when some parishioners will renew their baptismal vows. There will be one service next Sunday at 10 am. **There will not be an 8 am service next Sunday.**

****This month's Reflections, our Sunday evening service, will be NEXT Sunday, June 8th at 7:00 pm** – This Reflections will feature the **Riccio String Quartet.** The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul.

****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 2023. 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.

***The Church Office will be closed some Fridays over the summer** when 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.

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 at the door. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

****The June Cemetery Cleanup will be Saturday, June 14th from 9 to 11:30 am.** Please bring gloves and, if possible, tools such as clippers, scrapers, rakes, or outdoor brooms. Many hands make light work!

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, as well as other projects such as updating our cemetery database and conducting other research. This position has been made possible through receiving a Summer Job Grant which pays for a student to work 35 hours per week for 8 weeks.

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.

***Register your child or grandchild now to take advantage of the Early Bird Registration Fees for the Amazing Journey Day Camp.** The deadline for Early Bird Registration is Sunday, June 8th. After June 8th, the registration fees will be \$10 more per child. This year's Amazing Journey Day Camp 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. **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 8th, 2025

Acts 2: 1-21
Psalm 104: 25-35, 37B
Romans 8: 14-17
John 14: 8-17 (25-27)

FLOWERS

Today's flowers given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Philip and Eileen Connolly
from the Patterson and Connolly family.

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