Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost July 13, 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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Welcome and Introduction (The Rev. Daniel Fournier)

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 485 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (tune: Hyfrydol)

- 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.

Invitation to Confession

Priest: Figuring out how to live in faith can sometimes create a confusion of copious rules, regulations, practices and prohibitions.

The reality, however, is a rather simple "heart and soul" thing.

Loving and responding to God cannot happen apart from loving one's neighbour with deep compassion. Today's Gospel reminds us that the neighbour might not be the one we would choose to love. The good Samaritan story is a cautionary tale that catches our attention for good reason.

Being mindful of our neighbour, let us confess our sins to God, who forgives us in Christ.

Silence is kept.

Confession

All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: Glory to God in the highest, All: and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

> Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

- Priest: The Lord be with you.
- All: And also with you.
- Priest: Let us pray.

Divine Judge, you framed the earth with love and mercy. Keep us faithful in prayer, so that we may be filled with the knowledge of your will, and not ignore or pass by another's need, but plumb the depths of love in showing mercy

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

Blessing of the Children

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: AMOS 7: 7-17

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Amos.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82 Response: Arise, O God, and rule the earth.

God takes his stand in the council of heaven; he gives judgement in the midst of the gods: "How long will you judge unjustly, and show favour to the wicked? *(Response)*

Save the weak and the orphan; defend the humble and needy; Rescue the weak and the poor; deliver them from the power of the wicked. They do not know, neither do they understand; they go about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are shaken. *(Response)*

Now I say to you, You are gods, and all of you children of the Most High; Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, and fall like any prince.'" Arise, O God, and rule the earth, for you shall take all nations for your own. *(Response)*

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1: 1-14

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

At the end of the reading:

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

Please stand as you are able.

<u>Gradual Hymn:</u> <u>CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service</u> (tune: Beach Spring)

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 10: 25-37

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 (Please be seated.)

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. We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere, for all in our parish.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray today for The Church of North India (United), The Most Revd Bijay Nayak, Primate. Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Mark, Qualicum Beach, and the Venerable Elizabeth Northcott. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Yukon, and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

God of abundant growth, as summer unfolds around us, we give you thanks for warm sunny days, for beauty in our gardens, crops growing in our fields, life swimming in oceans and lakes. Where the abundance of nature is at risk, we pray that your Spirit will work in and through us to restore the air, water and soil for the good of all creation.

God of every life,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of peace and reconciliation, we thank you for the peace and freedom we enjoy and the many ways our lives are protected in this land. We remember before you those places torn apart by violence and hatred, those people who face discrimination daily, and anyone who feels unsafe this day or any day.

Keep silence for 15 seconds.

Inspire leaders in every country to lead with wisdom and mercy. Guide them in your ways of peace and justice.

God of every life, All: Hear our prayer.

> God of creativity and community, we thank you for the many ways the Church can serve you in Jesus' name. Thank you for the unique voices that sing your praise and speak your comfort, all the hands that share in acts of service, all the prayers offered quietly for your will to be done. We pray for the Church universal as we seek to be faithful. Help us work together so that our unity bears witness to the possibilities for unity among diverse peoples everywhere.

God of every life,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of every precious life, our hearts ache for those who are suffering. Hear our prayers as we name before you those in need of your love and healing in the silence of our hearts...

Keep silence for at least 15 seconds.

God of every life,

All: Hear our prayer.

God of hope and love, draw us closer to you every day. Show us what you desire for us and inspire our faithfulness in the example of Jesus, We pray this through Christ our Lord.

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 450 You Call Us, Lord to Be (tune: Rhosymedre)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Holy God,

your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day and keep us in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Enriching Our Worship, Eucharistic Prayer 3 - ECUSA 1998.]

- 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: All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God; through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things. You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb; You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

> Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey; And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

(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: Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise. Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.

> Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread,

and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

"Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

- All: Dying, you destroyed our death. Rising, you restored our life. Christ Jesus, come in glory!
- Priest: Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love. Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with St. Luke and all your saints, past and future, into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise. Blessed are you now and for ever.

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:

<u>I am the Bread of Life</u> (by Suzanne Toolan, RSM)

I am the bread of life. you who come to me shall not hunger; and who believe in me shall not thirst. No one can come to me unless the Father beckons.

Refrain: And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up, and I will raise him up on the last day.

The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world, and if you eat of this bread, you shall live for ever, you shall live for ever. (*Refrain*)

Unless you eat of the flesh of the Son of Man and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood, you shall not have life within you.

Refrain: And I will raise him up, and I will raise him up, and I will raise him up on the last day.

I am the resurrection, I am the life. If you believe in me even though you die, you shall live for ever. (*Refrain*)

> Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who has come into the world. (*Refrain*)

> > Only in God (by John Foley, SJ.)

Refrain: Only is 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 heart. 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 labor For love of Your Name. (*Refrain*) Prayer after Communion (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
All: Amen.

- Priest: Glory to God
- All: whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, For ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements (Please be seated.)

Blessing (Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: Go out into the world to serve God with love. Be ready to laugh with delight at the good news God has to offer you. Make room at your table for unexpected guests. When the work of discipleship leaves you weary or frustrated, rest in Christ's presence and listen to what he is saying. And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit, go with you today and always
All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light (by Bernadette Farrell)

Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain: Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice. (*Refrain*)

Longing for food, many are hungry. Longing for water, many still thirst. Make us your bread, broken for others, shared until all are fed. (*Refrain*)

Longing for shelter, many are homeless. Longing for warmth, many are cold. Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone. (*Refrain*)

Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come. (*Refrain*)

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 Rt. Rev. Rachael Parker, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Brandon (Anglican); for Bishop Trish Schmermund, the people and rostered ministers of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories (Lutheran); and for The Van-Es Camp and Conference Centre (Moravian).

July 13th – June 20th (**New Items, *Revised Items)

***No Coffee Time This Sunday** – There will not be a coffee time this Sunday. Next Sunday, there will be a coffee time with a birthday cake to celebrate all the July birthdays.

**Thank you to everyone who helped make our Amazing Journey Day Camp this week, Fun with Living Water, a great week! We had 40 campers and 17 youth volunteers, as well as 10 adult volunteers who helped for all or part of the week. Thanks to all for your help and support for this important youth ministry. Visit the News page of St. Luke's website to see pictures from this year's Amazing Journey Day Camp.

**Thank you to all who sent baking for this year's Amazing Journey Day Camp. The campers and volunteers were very well fed!

Thank You to Everyone who helped with the Reception after the Memorial Service for Bob Watts last month. It wouldn't have happened without so many people pitching in. Thank you again with blessings from Sandra.

A BIG Thank You to Everyone who very kindly helped with the Potluck Lunch last month. It was wonderful for us to get together to celebrate Sahar's Baptism and Daniels 25th Anniversary of being ordained. We have some new families who have recently joined St. Luke's and this was a lovely way

for them to be part of the St. Luke's family. We certainly know how to throw a potluck lunch and all the food was lovely and so varied! Claire White on behalf of Parish Council.

*The Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 18th when Neil takes one of this vacation days. It will reopen on Monday, July 21st at 9 am. The Church Office will also be closed on the following Fridays: July 25th, and August 1st, 15th, 22nd, and 29th.

CLAY Fundraising Programme – Four members of St. Luke's (Genessa, Aanika, Dawn, and Scarlette) 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. As one of their fundraisers, the girls helped with the coffee time in June. Other fundraisers are also planned.

More Fundraising for CLAY – Please bring your refundable bottles and cans to St. Luke's any Sunday. Money from your empties will be put towards the fundraising for CLAY. We have registered CLAY with the Quadra and Glanford Bottle Depots, so that you can take your refundables directly to the Bottle Depot and receive credit towards CLAY. Or if anyone has bottles that they would like picked up to donate to this fundraiser, please leave a message with the office and Sharon Hallsor or Tara Poilievre will pick them up and take them to the Bottle Depot.

Save the Date for St. Luke's Western Pub Night – Saturday, July 26th – 6 – 9 pm in the hall. Costume Prizes, Silent Auction, Square Dancing. Food, beer, wine, non-alcoholic drinks will be available for sale. All profits are to support St. Luke's Youth Trip to attend CLAY (the Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth gathering) in Saskatoon.

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. If you are paying by cheque, please make it payable to: St. John the Divine (NOT to the Diocesan Women's Retreat).

CLAY

(From: https://claygathering.ca/clay-2025/)

The Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth (CLAY) Gathering is a program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) and the Anglican Church in Canada bringing together youth ages 14-19 years old and their leaders for programming related to a theme. This year's gathering will be Saskatoon from August $21^{st} - 24^{th}$.

The theme of this year's CLAY Gathering is "Rooted and Rising". From our roots laid down for us, from our past, to rising up and putting our best foot forward, and standing up for what we believe in. Like the rising of the sun in the east, each day starts with a light glow at the break of the day, to the flourishing beams at midday. As the hours pass becoming more powerful.

Each time you rise, your roots will become greater and stronger. Like a community, with just a few people, it would not survive, but the more roots, the more people in the community, the more likely it will thrive. Just like in the parable of the mustard seed, the mustard seed starts as the smallest seed. Growing its roots, to rise into a bright yellow flower. Where will you rise to? How deep will your roots go?

Fun fact: Did you know that Saskatchewan is the world's number one exporter of mustard seeds?

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY July 20th, 2025

Amos 8: 1-12 Psalm 52 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10: 38-42

FLOWERS

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

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my parents, Les and Win Horton, and in thanksgiving for my family: my husband, our daughter and son, their spouses, and our grandchildren from Barb Prescott.