

Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 24, 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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God Touches Jeremiah's Mouth.

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Welcome and Introduction (*The Rev. Joan Scandrett*)

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 492 Sing Hallelujah to Our God

(tune: Kingswood New)

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: People of God,
because faith is more than an intellectual pursuit,
because faith is really about how we live each day,
in this time we can reflect on our living,
on the good we have done
and the harm we have caused.
Mindful of God's grace and love,
let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

Silence is kept.

Confession

**All: Holy God,
long-suffering, full of grace and truth,
you create us from nothing and give us life.
You give your faithful people
new life in the water of baptism.**

**You do not turn your face from us,
nor cast us aside.
We confess that we have sinned
against you and our neighbour.
We have wounded your love
and marred your image in us.
Restore us for the sake of your Son,
and bring us to heavenly joy,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who with heartfelt repentance and true faith
turn to him:
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life,
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: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Living God,
you formed us in the womb
and appointed us to be prophets to the nations:
stretch out your hand to cure our infirmity
and dispel our fear,
so that we may know the freedom
of serving you in Christ
and proclaim the wonders you have done.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 1: 4-10

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 71: 1-6

Response: ***From my mother's womb
you have been my strength.***

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed.
In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me. **(Response)**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.
Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer
and the oppressor. **(Response)**

For you are my hope,
O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.
I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 12: 18-29

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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 327 Lo, God Is Here! Let Us Adore
(tune: Vater Unser (Old 112th))

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 13: 10-17

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. Joan Scandrett (*Please be seated.*)

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith [*from the 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 people everywhere,
for all in our parish.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,
we pray today for Church of the Province of South
East Asia, The Right Revd Dr Titus Chung Khiam
Boon, Primate. **Locally we pray for** Anna, our Bishop,
and for St. Matthias, Victoria, and their rector, Colleen
Lissamer. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the
Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of New
Westminster, and Archbishop John Stephens.

Loving God, gather us into your presence as we pray.

(pause)

Silence our hearts and minds in these moments
so that we may listen for the movement
of your Holy Spirit who prays within us
through our sighs too deep for words.

Loving God,

All: Hear us as we pray.

O God, we lay before you our thanks and our concerns
as we remember those who have come to our attention
through conversations
or chance encounters this week.

We offer gratitude for moments of joy and goodness,
and remember pleasures stirred by your Spirit.

Loving God,

All: Hear us as we pray.

We remember friends and loved ones
whose situations are very close to our hearts today,

those facing stress or sorrow,
those challenged by pain or illness,
those making a new beginning
or searching for a new path.

Loving God,

All: Hear us as we pray.

We remember the things
in the news lately that concern us deeply:
the stress on the environment,
communities that are affected by wildfires
and worries about its future,
the pressures on those
who have lost jobs or cannot find work,
the pain of those who meet discrimination
or hatred in daily life,
and tensions among nations who threaten each other.

Loving God,

All: Hear us as we pray.

And we remember one another,
and needs known and unknown in this community.
Bless us as we make a new beginning together
as summer turns to autumn.
Show us the paths of ministry
you are opening before us.
We believe you hear our prayers
and will be faithful to answer according to your will.

Loving God,

All: Hear us as we pray.

All these prayers spoken and those deep in our hearts,
we pray this 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 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us

(tune: Aurelia)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of glory,
receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift.
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: Eucharistic Prayer 5, The Book of Alternative Services,
ACC., 1985]*

Priest: 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 and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, 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: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross

he defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead

you show us the power of your love

to bring new life to all your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,

said the blessing, gave it to his friends,

and said, "Drink this, all of you:

this is the cup of my blood,

the blood of the new and eternal covenant,

which is shed for you and for many,

so that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in memory of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Gracious God, with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
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:

CP 646 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers

(tune: Gräfenberg (Nun Danket All))

CP 647 Spirit of the Living God

(tune: Living God)

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

Priest: Living God,
increase in us the healing power of your love.
Guide and direct us
that we may please you in all things,
for the sake of 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: May the God we serve
pour grace and blessing into our lives!
May the face of God shine light upon us!
May we celebrate God's love and justice in such a way
that everyone around will come to know God,
and will experience God's grace and blessing
for themselves.

Go into the world with assurance, hope and promise:
the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ rest upon you;
the love of God, creator and giver of life, embrace you;
and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit
uphold you, this day and all your days.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 469 Sing Praises Old and New
(tune: Fondren)

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. Richard Reed, Bishop; The Rt. Rev Adam Halkett, Bishop of Missinippi, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan (Anglican); **and for** the dean, council, and congregations of the South West Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories (Lutheran).

August 24th – August 31st
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Welcome to the Rev. Joan Scandrett who is taking the 10 am service this morning.**

****Daniel will be on holidays the next 2 Sundays when he takes some well-deserved vacation time.** Our licenced Lay Ministers (Tara Poilievre, Sean Tiernay, and Gillian Bloom) will be filling in with Services of the Word for the next two Sunday 10 am services and the Thursday service on September 11th.

****There will not be a coffee time today.** Coffee times will resume next Sunday after the 10 am service.

****CLAY (The Canadian Lutheran Anglican Youth)** Gathering for youth between the ages of 14 – 19 is happening this weekend in Saskatoon, SK. Four youth from St. Luke's (Genessa, Aanika, Dawn, and Scarlett) are attending this year's CLAY Gathering. Sharon Hallsor and Tara Poilievre are attending as their leaders. **Please keep the girls and their leaders in your prayers as they attend CLAY and travel home.**

****The Church Office will be closed on Friday, August 29th and on Labour Day, September 1st** and will reopen on Tuesday, September 2nd at 9 am.

****Next Sunday's 10 am service will be a Service of the Word** led by Sean Tiernay.

****Choir Rehearsals will start Thursday, September 4th** and will be from 7 pm to 8:30 pm.

****The Next Thursday morning service will be on September 11th.** There will not be Thursday morning services on August 28th and September 4th.

****Thank you for your open donations last Sunday.** \$70 was given to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen from the open donations collected last Sunday.

***Collecting Baked Beans for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen** – The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is asking St. Luke's to collect cans of baked beans through the months of July and August. Tyler, from the Kitchen Pantry Program, is asking various groups to focus on just one item. The Kitchen really benefits from large volumes of the same of item. Baked beans are great protein for community members and they fly off the shelves when they have them. **So far we have collected 60 cans of baked beans. Can you help us to get to 100 cans before the end of August?**

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is Seeking Reusable Grocery Bag Donations – The Pantry Team is seeking donations of reusable grocery bags to be used in their Pantry Program. Clean bags can be dropped in the Shelbourne Community Kitchen baskets in the church or the hall and we'll deliver them to the Kitchen.

****St. Luke's Players Celebration Evening – Saturday, September 6th from 7 – 9 pm.** You are invited to an evening in celebration of The Players performing in St. Luke's Community Hall for 75 years! Appetizers, and tea and coffee will be supplied and beer and wine will be available for sale. The Players will have a display and slide show of information about past performances, the president will present a short history, and the executive will perform a skit. There will be time for the Players and parishioners to mix and get to know each other better. If you plan to attend, please send a quick email to **stlukesplayers1948@gmail.com** so that the Players are able to order enough food and drink.

It's Time to Order Church Calendars for 2026 – Please phone (250-477-6741) or email the parish office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) to reserve your copy (or copies) of the 2026 church calendar. **This year we will only be ordering the**

Canadian Church calendar. The Anglican Church calendar has become a lot more expensive than the Canadian Church calendar and we were subsidizing its cost by charging more for the Canadian Church calendar. By only ordering one type of calendar, we can offer it at \$8 each. Please pay for your calendar when you pick it up. **The deadline to place your calendar order is Friday, September 12th.**

****Save the Date for an Attic Treasures Vintage Market, which will be held in the hall from 10 am – 4 pm on Saturday, September 20th.** The Market will feature a number of vendors renting tables to sell their vintage items. St. Luke's will also sell antique, vintage and collectible items. We will need help with set-up on the Friday and selling tickets to the public (general admission tickets are \$3 while early bird tickets are \$10) as well as selling items on the 20th. Please contact Carol Turnham for more info and to offer your help. Thank you.

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).

St. Luke's Library

St. Luke's Library, located in the Sequoia Lounge in the Hall, has been reorganized and updated. It presently has 886 interesting books ready for you to browse and borrow. The Library is open when the Parish Office is open 9 to noon, Monday to Friday and during coffee time on Sundays. Please check with the Parish Office to make sure that there are no meetings booked in the Lounge.

The books are organized in the library by call number. Lists of the books sorted by title and call number can be found at **the News page of St. Luke's website**.

This is an honour system library, so you may keep the book as long as you wish. However, please remember that others might like to read the book as well. Please see information about signing out books at **the News page of St. Luke's website**.

This year we were fortunate to be able to hire Shannon Stewart through a Canada Summer Jobs Program Grant. She organized and expanded the library including cataloguing, labelling, and shelving an additional 65 books, along with other jobs such as organizing St. Luke's Archives.

St. Luke's Library features a good local history section (the 971 section) as well as fiction books, biographies, and, of course, lots of books on Christianity, Christian experience, faith, and theology. Featured authors include Herbert O'Driscoll, Phyllis Tickle, Brian McLaren, Marcus Borg, and Joan Chittister.

The Library is ready for you to browse and borrow any books that appeal to you!

Missing Books

Shannon also checked that the books on the library list are in the library. She found that a number of books are missing. No one has signed out the card which goes with the book to indicate that they have that book. **If you find one of these missing books, or if you have one, could you please return it to the return bin in the library. Or please sign out the book by writing your name and phone number on the card in the back of the book.** Then put the card in the box with the other sign out cards.

Here is the list of the missing books:

- 113 TEI "The Phenomenon Of Man" by Pierre Teilhard
- 158 PEC "The Road Less Traveled" by Morgan Scott Peck
- 200 ARM "The Battle For God" by Karen Armstrong
- 204 RUP "The Circle Of Life" by Joyce Rupp (missing one copy)
- 208 LEW "Fern-Seed And Elephants, And Other Essays
On Christianity" by C.S. Lewis
- 220 CEN "Women Of The Bible" published by Centennial
Media (oversized, magazine)
- 223 LEW "Reflections On The Psalms" by C.S. Lewis
- 232 CAH "Desire Of The Everlasting Hills" by Thomas Cahill
- 232 WIL "Jesus: A Life" by A.N. Wilson
- 236 KUN "Eternal Life? Life After Death As A Medical,
Philosophical, And Theological Problem" by Hans Kung
- 242 NOR "Celtic Daily Prayer" by Northumbria Community
- 248 CLI "Jung And Christianity" by Wallace Cliff
- 248 FIN "Merton's Palace Of Nowhere" by James Finley
- 248 JUR "The Lord Is My Shepherd, But... Confessions Of The
Natural Man" by Barbara Jurgensen
- 248 LEW "Letters to Malcolm: Chiefly On Prayer" by C.S. Lewis

Thanks for your help with this. If you have any questions, please talk to Barb Prescott.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY August 31st, 2025

Jeremiah 2: 4-13

Psalms 81: 1, 10-16

Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

FLOWERS

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