

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
First Sunday of Advent
November 30, 2025 – 10 am
Holy Eucharist

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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the lək̓ʷəŋən peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands. We are grateful for their hospitality.

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Please stand as you are able.

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you

Advent Wreath Candle Lighting for Week One.

Priest: Holy God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Savior of every nation.

Let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.
May he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Voice 1. When I look around, I see shadows of hunger. So many neighbors, nearby and around the world, will go to bed hungry tonight...

Voice 2. When I look around, I see shadows of injustice, the rich getting richer and the poor getting poorer — and someone somewhere will fall asleep under a bridge tonight...

Voice 1. In the face of hunger, we light a candle of hope...

Voice 2. In the face of injustice, in the face of despair, we light a candle of hope... (Light the first candle in your Advent wreath.)

Voice 1. May the light from this candle overwhelm the world.

Voice 2. May the light from this candle say to all that God's hope is coming, on earth as it already is in heaven.

Voice 1. Friends, be not afraid, God's hope is at hand!

Hope Is a Star by Brian Wren

(First Verse)

**Hope is a star that shines in the night,
leading us on till the morning is bright.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.**

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

Opening Hymn: CP 97 Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring
(tune: Tantum Ergo)

Invitation to Confession

Priest: Dear friends,

today we begin our journey through this Season of Advent – a time to be awake in joyful expectation and anticipation for the coming of Christ historically, in the future and in the present. We are reminded that when the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore, in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie Confession *(Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy)*

Priest: Turn to us again, O God our saviour
and let your anger cease from us:
Kyrie eleison.

All: Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Priest: Show us your compassion, O Lord,
and grant us your salvation:
Christe eleison.

All: Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.

Priest: Your salvation is near for those that fear you,
that glory may dwell in our land:
Kyrie eleison.

All: Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Priest: The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Collect of the Day

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin
to the light of holiness,
so that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 2:1-5

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 122

Response:

I was glad when they said to me, *
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

I was glad when they said to me, *

“Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

(Response)

Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself.

To which the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord,

the assembly of Israel, to praise the name of the Lord.

(Response)

For there are the thrones of judgement,
the thrones of the house of David.

Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:

“May they prosper who love you. **(Response)**

Peace be within your walls

and quietness within your towers.

For my kindred and companions' sake,

I pray for your prosperity.

Because of the house of the Lord our God,

I will seek to do you good.” **(Response)**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 13:11-14

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

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia *(sung 4 times)*

[From: Norah Duncan; GIA Publications, Inc.]

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 24:36-44

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

At the end of the gospel:

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: CP 476 God, You Have Caused to Be Written

(tune: Causa Divina)

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier *(Please be seated.)*

Anthem: "How Shall We Know Him?" (Martin)

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith *[Based on "A Liturgical Affirmation",
from A New Zealand Prayer Book]*

Leader: We declare our faith as we say:

**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 offer our prayers to God for the life of the world
and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,
we pray today for the Anglican Church of Australia,
The Rt Revd Dr Mark Short, Primate. **Locally we pray**
for Anna, our Bishop, and for Diocesan Synod Staff.
We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and
Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of New
Westminster - Archbishop John Stephens.

Surprising and Steadfast God,
In the anticipation of your coming,
keep us awake
so that we will see you at work in the world.
We give you thanks
for moments of joy and celebration in our lives,
for times of excitement and surprise;
for love given and received,
for friendships
that furnish our life with meaning and happiness,
and for family that reflects your unconditional love.
In all our relationships and encounters,
allow us to see you in one another.

Brief silence.

God, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for the coming of your kingdom
week by week.

Today we pray for the nations,
and for all those who frame laws and shape society,
who are charged
to keep the peace and administer justice.
We thank you for leaders and governors
who are faithful to their responsibilities.
And we pray for places
where justice is twisted in the interests of the powerful,
and innocents suffer as a result.

Brief silence.

Move in the hearts and minds of leaders
for the sake of justice and generosity,
so that people everywhere will experience freedom
and have hope for their futures.

God, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are suffering this day,
for those who are ill, for those who mourn,
and for all who fear the future and what it may bring.

Brief silence. (Add names here)

Surround them with your love,
support them with strength,
and inspire the hope they need to face another day.

God, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Eternal God, all souls are precious to you;
the dead, as well as the living, are in your care.
We thank you for your saints of every generation.
and for those dear to our own hearts,
who have entered into your eternal presence.
Keep us in communion with them,
and bring us with them at the last to dwell in your light.

Hear us as we offer prayers in silence for all those on
our hearts this day:

Brief silence.

God, in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer.

Good and gracious God,
hear the prayers of your people this day.
Satisfy the longing of our hearts,
bless us with the knowledge of your lasting love for us.
We ask this through Jesus Christ, our savior.

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 come to know it 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 93 You Servants of the Lord
(tune: Narenza)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of love and power,
your word stirs within us
the expectation of the coming of your Son.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.
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: Book of Alternative Services, 1985: Eucharistic Prayer 4]

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: It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: At your command all things came to be:
the vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.
Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you sent your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

**All: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (x2)
Blessed, blessed, blessed, blessed is the one
coming in the name, the name of our God.**

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! (x2)
[From: St. Aidan Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community]

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,
he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks,
and said, "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.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.
We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.
Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people,
of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours,
creator of all.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.....

Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni. (repeat)

[From: Young men; Christ the New Man Parish, Ga-Rankuwa, South Africa; GIA Publications, Inc.]

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

**All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us. (twice)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

[From: St. Bride Setting; John Bell, The Iona Community]

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 sides-people 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 62 O Ancient Love

(tune: Bedford Abbey)

Text and music: Michael Jonas

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**O ancient love, processing through the ages;
O hidden love, revealed in human form;
O promised love, the dream of seers and sages:
O living Love, within our hearts be born.**

**O homeless love, that dwells among the stranger;
O lowly love, that knows the mighty's scorn;
O hungry love, that lay within the manger;
O living Love, within our hearts be born.**

**O gentle love, caressing those in sorrow;
O tender love, that comforts those forlorn;
O hopeful love, that promises tomorrow;
O living Love, within our hearts be born.**

**O suffering love, that bears our human weakness;
O boundless love, that rises with the morn;
O mighty love, concealed in infant meekness;
O living Love, within our hearts be born.**

CP 94 Wait for the Lord
(tune: Wait for the Lord)

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

Priest: God for whom we wait,
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.
Keep us ever watchful,
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.
We ask this in the name of 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: Advent is our season of waiting
for the coming of Jesus, our Lord.
But long ago he came already.
So, what are we waiting for, then?
For his real coming to you, to me, to our world.
Where is his kingdom among us?
How can people see whether he is here?
Can they see him in us, in our communities?
This is what we are waiting for,
or rather, what the Lord is waiting for.

The Lord is waiting for our active preparing
of his love and justice among people.
But he will do it with us.
Let the Lord come and activate us,
with the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 111

Herald! Sound the Note of Judgement

(tune: Heander)

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 all the people of the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and the people of the Moravian Church in Canada as we continue to grow and find meaningful expression of unity in our full communion relationship.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

November 30th – December 7th

(New Items, *Revised Items)**

Please stay for coffee time after today's service – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

A Sincere Thank You from Carol Turnham to all who helped to make this year's Bazaar such a success. Your donations and hard work are very much appreciated!

****An Updated Christmas Bazaar Summary Sheet** is available at the **News page of the website**. This updated summary sheet corrects a mistake from the previous sheet. **The total for Antiques and China is \$485.95** (corrected from \$185.95), which also brings the total for the sale over \$9,000 - \$9,040.45!

The updated summary sheet also includes money received after the Bazaar. **The total now, with additions after the Bazaar, is \$9,224.65.**

***The Deadline for the Christmas Prescription was FRIDAY, November 28th.** But we always allow a few days grace. So if you would like to an article, photo, poem, or other creative endeavours, please send it along ASAP to Barb Prescott (**communications@stlukecedarhill.ca**) or to Neil in St. Luke's Office (**admin@stlukecedarhill.ca**).

****Fantastic Friday –** Our next Fantastic Friday will be **THIS FRIDAY, December 5th from 4:30-6:30 pm** in the hall. Fantastic Fridays are held on the first Friday of the month through to June. Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! Dinner is included. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poillievre, Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Claire White.

***This year's Christmas Pageant will take place NEXT SUNDAY, December 7th, during the 10 am service.** If you are interested in taking part in the Pageant, please reach out to Sharon Hallsor.

****The church office will be closed December 5 and 19** as Neil takes his remaining vacation days. Heather Simpson has generously offered to cover the office hours on **December 8 and 15.**

****The New Swiftsure Big Band Christmas Concert at St Luke's –** Sunday, December 7th from 4 to 5 pm. The New Swiftsure Big Band has been practicing in St. Luke's Church and now they are inviting us to their concert. This concert is designed to fill your heart with the joy of the season. **Admission is by donation with the donations going towards supporting this year's CFA Santa's Anonymous campaign.** The Band calls it, "music with a purpose".

****Donations Towards St. Luke's Grand Piano –** As Claire mentioned last Sunday, Parish Council approved the purchase

of a Baldwin Model R Artist Grand Piano. While this will be a wonderful addition to St. Luke's music program and will help make the space very suitable for concerns and recitals, this expenditure was not included when we approved this year's budget early year. So we would greatly appreciate donations towards the \$6,000 cost of the piano. **To make a donation, please make a donation in one of your special donation envelopes or via an e-transfer and note that the donation is towards the grand piano.** We are hoping to recover the cost of the piano through donations and fundraising.

****The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be THURSDAY, December 11th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the church.** The topic will be Sing Your December Favourites. Alan Whitmore will lead this session.

***Christmas Stocking Project** – As we have done in previous years, we have chosen a World of Gifts Project through Alongside Hope (previously called the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund) as our Christmas Stocking Project. **We are starting our Christmas Stocking Project TODAY, the first Sunday in Advent, and it will continue to Christmas Day.** Our project will be buying donkeys for families in Kenya - sorry, no goats on the list this year! In rural Kenya, a donkey can make everyday life a little easier by carrying heavy loads of water, firewood, or building materials. You are invited **to drop your gold coins (Loonies or Toonies) into the Christmas stocking at the back of the church or to put a special donation into the collection plate labelled "Donkeys Project"**. Money designated in the collection or collected in the stocking from now to Christmas Day will be sent to Alongside Hope to buy donkeys for families in Africa.

St. Luke's Players Panto Tickets – Tickets for St. Luke's Panto, Jack and the Beanstalk, are available now through EventBrite. It will be a traditional panto suitable for ages 3 -103 with singing, dancing, opportunities to join in the fun and lots of laughter. This year we even have some actors playing live instruments. Dates are: Evenings at 7 pm on December 12, 17, 18, and 19; Matinees at 2 pm on December 13, 14, 20, 21, 26,

27, 28, 29, 30, 31, and January 1. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

***Thank you to Joanne Jolson**, who has taken over as Safe Church Liaison from Barb Prescott. If you have Safe Church questions or concerns, Joanne can be reached at safechurch@stlukecedarhill.ca

Sunday Coffee Times – We are pleased that Rebecca Ford is able to do our set up and cleanup for Sunday coffee times. We are paying Rebecca \$50/Sunday to look after coffee times for us, an expense we didn't put into this year's budget. **If you are able to make an extra donation in your envelopes and note that it is for coffee time that would be helpful.** Thank you for your donations to date. **So far we have received, \$645 in donations towards coffee time.**

Christmas Eve Services will be at 4 pm (Christingle service) and 8 pm (Choral Eucharist) with a pre-service Carol Sing starting at 7:45 pm. Come and sing some of your Christmas favourites before the service starts at 8 pm.

Pre-Authorized Remittance Program (PAR) – A number of people noted on their givings cards that they would like to increase their PAR or start using PAR. To make a change or start using PAR, please send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail (givings@stlukecedarhill.ca) and include the information as noted. **To make a change to PAR**, include your envelope #, the date you would like the change to happen (eg December 1, 2025 or January 1, 2026, etc.), and the amount of the change. The PAR comes out of one's account on the 20th of the month but changes have to be sent in prior to the 10th of the month. **To start using PAR**, send an e-mail to St. Luke's Givings e-mail (givings@stlukecedarhill.ca) and a form to enrol will be sent to you.

The Treasurer will follow up with everyone who indicated that they would like to change their PAR amount or start PAR in case they have any questions.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY December 7th, 2025

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

FLOWERS

There are no flowers during Advent.