

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Fifth Sunday After Epiphany
February 8, 2026
10:00 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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Welcome and Introduction (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

(tune: St. Denio)

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: Dear friends,
what is striking in today's message
is how much trust Christ puts in us,
perhaps more than we do in him.
He entrusts to us the mission
of being his light shining in the world,
the salt that preserves and spices the world
with the aroma of the Gospel,
the mission of being a city of light that attracts people
to the saving love of God.
What a responsibility!

As we consider this call we all share
let us come before God
to confess where we have failed,
and to seek God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

Confession

All: Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

Absolution

Priest: May the God of love and power
Forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in 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.

O God of light,
your Spirit reveals and illumines
your presence in creation.
Shine your radiant holiness into our lives,
so that we may offer
our hands and hearts to your work:
to heal and shelter, to feed and clothe,
to break every yoke and silence evil tongues.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 58: 1-12

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 112: 1-10

Response: *Happy are they who have given to the poor.*

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord
and have great delight in the divine commandments!
Their descendants will be mighty in the land;

the generation of the upright will be blessed.
Wealth and riches will be in their house,
and their righteousness will last for ever. **(Response)**

Light shines in the darkness for the upright;
the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.
It is good for them to be generous in lending
and to manage their affairs with justice. **(Response)**

For they will never be shaken;
the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.
They will not be afraid of any evil rumours;
their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord. **(Response)**

Their heart is established and will not shrink,
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
They have given freely to the poor,
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;
they will hold up their head with honour. **(Response)**

The wicked will see it and be angry;
they will gnash their teeth and pine away;
the desires of the wicked will perish. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 2: 1-16

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul
to the Corinthians.

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 5: 13-20

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 645 God, Come Down, O Love Divine
(tune: Down Ampney)

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Solo: Meditation - Gabriel Faure
Mary Byrne (flute)

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 pray with confidence as God's holy people
for the needs of the Church, all families,
and for our world...

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,
we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui and the Most
Revd Andrew Chan. **Locally we pray for** Anna, our
Bishop, and for the Diocesan Council and Parish
Councils. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the
Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of the
Territory of the People and Bishop Clara Plamondon.

God of justice and righteousness,
thank you for the gift of your son Jesus Christ
who came to live out your love in this world.
Thank you for his words and deeds
that challenge and guide us today.

We pray for those who need your justice, O God:
For those who sleep on the cold streets,
those who do not have enough to eat,
and those who worry about
how to make ends meet for their families.

(Brief Silence...)

God, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for all those facing violence,
in their homes or communities,
for nations engulfed in conflict
and for places struggling to recover after flooding,
drought, storm or unrest

We also pray for peaceful and non-violent resolutions
that transform oppressive societies
to those where people can live in freedom and dignity.
We pray for the people of Iran, Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan,
Yemen, Venezuela, and all troubled locations
near and far.

We pray loving God, for all who are afflicted
by brutality and injustice,
that a renewed hope of true peace
may become a reality in their lives.”

(Brief Silence...)

God, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for refugees and political prisoners,
for children who must work instead of going to school
and for parents who long to give their children
a better life.

Sustain each of these people with your hope
that their needs can be fulfilled and rights restored.
Empower us to use our resources
to do what we can for them,
and give strength and courage
to advocates and aid workers
who bring hope to birth in many places.

(Brief Silence...)

God, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for all who need your healing touch,
comforting God,
for people who are confused or afraid,
for those in hospitals and nursing homes
and those who care for them,
for all who are dealing with long-term disability,
mental illness, long COVID and the many illnesses
circulating this winter,
and for those who have encountered loss
through the death of a beloved one,
change in circumstance or disappointed hopes.

(Prayer list is read here...)

Surround each one with your peace and comfort
so that hope for healing will be renewed each day.

God, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God,
make us salt and light for the world,
not by presuming we know best how to fix others
but as compassionate and caring neighbours,
unafraid to reach out.
Encourage us with your grace
and inspire us by your Holy Spirit,
for you are always with us.

(Brief Silence...)

God, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

Loving God, hear all our prayers
as we offer them in the name of 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 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 646 Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers
(tune: Gräfenberg)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of compassion and forgiveness,
receive our offering this day,
and make us one with him who is our peace,
Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation. An Order For Holy Communion 2009 - Eucharistic Prayer)]

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: With all our hearts we praise you, faithful God.
In the beginning, you called light to shine in darkness,
you made living things to grow and flourish
and you created human beings in your image.
You chose us in love,
guided us by your presence
and blessed us with your holy law.
Yet we chose our own sinful ways.
We broke your commandments,
persecuted your prophets,
forgot your wisdom
and, time after time,
refused to answer your call.

So you spoke an eternal word in a human voice
in Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, Son of God.
He called and people followed,
leaving every other loyalty.
He set us free to praise your holy name.

But hatred and violence shouted Jesus down.
Betrayed and abandoned and nailed to a cross,
he laid down his life for the world he loved,
and broke the chains of evil and death.
Then you turned our sorrow into joy.
On the third day you raised him up
to lead your people into life.

So we praise you, holy God,
with angels and archangels
and all your faithful people:

**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: On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered with his friends
to share a meal and wash their feet,
teaching one more lesson of love.

He took bread
and blessed you and broke it.
He gave it to them and said:
"Take this and eat it.
This is my body."

He took a cup of wine
and blessed you and gave it to them.
He said: "Take this and drink it.
This is my blood,
sealing God's promise to forgive your sins.
Whenever you do this,
do it in memory of me."

As we share these holy gifts,
we remember the Lord Jesus.

For the love you taught us,
the sacrifice you made for us
and the hope you give us,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And now, faithful God,
send us your Spirit
to feed us with the body and the blood
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Make us one body in Christ.
Send us as your messengers in the world
and fill us with energy, courage and love.

Now to you, most holy God,
through Christ your Son and in the Spirit's power,
we bring our worship and our songs of praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever.

All: Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, ameni. (repeat)
[From: Young men; Christ the New Man Parish, Ga-Rankuwa, South Africa; GIA Publications, Inc.]

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us 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 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.

Hymn during Communion:

CP 57 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist

(tune: Song 1)

CP 54 Bread of the World, in Mercy Broken

(tune: Rendez à Dieu)

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

Priest: Eternal God,
in you we find peace beyond all telling.
May we who share in this heavenly banquet
be instruments of your peace on earth,
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: The love of God be the passion
in your heart.

The joy of God your strength
when times are hard .

The presence of God a peace
that overflows.

The Word of God the seed
that you might sow.

May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 502 You Are Salt for the Earth

(tune: Bring Forth the Kingdom)

Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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. John Watton, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Central Newfoundland (Anglican); **for** the dean, council, and congregations of the Two Rivers, Nith Valley and Niagara Areas of the Eastern Synod (Lutheran); **and for** a growing openness to dialogue and encounter with people of other faith traditions during World Interfaith Harmony Week (Moravian).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
February 8th - February 15th
(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.

***The February Reflections will be this afternoon, February 8th at 4:30 pm** and will feature **the Seabreeze Trio of Fraser Kerley, Freddie Brown, and Dave Conway**. Seabreeze plays a wide range of styles of music including folk, country, and jazz. We look forward to hearing their musical offerings paired with poems, prayers and readings at this Reflections Service. Each month's Reflections features music along with poems and prayers. Enjoy music in the beautiful candlelit ambiance of St. Luke's at dusk.

***The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be on Thursday, February 12th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in church**. The topic will be Living Fully with Chronic Conditions, presented by Liz McCarter.

Parish Council for 2026 – Please consider if you are being called to serve on Parish Council or if you know someone you think would be a good Parish Council member. Being on Parish Council is a valuable way to share your talents and learn more about St. Luke's. If you are able to help in this way, **please speak to one of the Nominations Committee members**: Rick Saville or Heather Simpson.

***This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), also known as our Annual Vestry Meeting, will be on Sunday, February 22nd** in the hall after the 10 am service. **Please bring a bagged lunch. Tea, coffee, and cake will be available**. The meeting will include a review of reports from 2025, voting on the budget for 2026, and the election of Parish Council members, Synod delegates, and the Leadership Team members. **There will not be an 8 am service that morning**.

****Please pick up a copy of the AGM Reports Package available in the church, from the parish office, or read it online.** Please read the reports before the Vestry meeting, **then bring the reports package with you to the meeting on February 22nd.**

Palm Crosses from Last Year – A basket to collect your palm crosses from last year is **on the table at the back of the church.** The palm crosses from last year will be burned after the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner (February 17th) to be used as ashes for Ash Wednesday.

***Sacred Frontiers, the continuing story** – Sacred Frontiers is returning on **Sunday afternoons at 1 pm beginning next Sunday, February 15th.** This is another opportunity to learn and grow together as we examine a number of topics related to growing in our spiritual journey. These learning sessions are for those who took part on Sacred Frontiers last year, and those who had never been part of these sessions. It is for those who wish to learn more about God's call for each one of us. We're calling this segment of Sacred Frontiers "Food for the Journey". Hope to see you there.

***Transfiguration Evensong** – You are invited to a special musical evensong service **next Sunday, February 15th at 7 pm.** The service will include the beautiful liturgy and music of an Evensong service as well as special music for Transfiguration Sunday. All are welcome. Please bring a friend.

***Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper –Tuesday, February 17th starting at 5 pm at Church of the Cross** – This year we have been invited to celebrate Shrove Tuesday at Church of the Cross together with our friends there. **A sign up sheet is at the back of the church.** Please sign the sheet to let us know if you are planning to attend so that we know how many people to expect. Everyone welcome!

***Ash Wednesday Services – Wednesday, February 18th** – St. Luke's will hold a service at 10:30 am, while Church of the Cross will hold a service at 7:00 pm. Please join us at either of

the services as the two churches come together to mark the beginning of Lent. **There will not be a Thursday morning service at St. Luke's on February 19th.**

***Donations Towards St. Luke's Grand Piano –** Thank you for your donations to date. **As of February 4th, we have received \$5,270 in donations, including the donations from the Buy A Key Fundraiser.**

Buy A Key Fundraiser – We thought it might be fun to make the keys and pedals available to be sponsored. A White Key costs \$25, a Black Key costs \$35, and a Pedal costs \$50. **Please fill out a pledge card, put both it along with the sponsorship amount (cash or cheque) in a "Piano Donation" envelope and place it in the donation box on the table at the back of the church.** If you prefer to use e-transfer, please complete the pledge form, circle the Y in 'E-Transfer Y' section and include 'Piano Sponsorship' in the notes section of your e-transfer. If you do not want your name to be acknowledged on a "Sponsor List" that will be included in any future Concert Programmes, please circle the N in 'Name on a Key N' that is on the Piano Sponsorship Pledge Form. Please note that purchasing this Grand Piano enables St. Luke's to offer our heritage church building to the community as a performance-quality acoustic venue. Thank you for your support. If you have any questions, please reach out to Claire White, People's Warden.

Substitute Pianists Needed – We are building a list of potential substitute pianists to cover a single Sunday service should weather or illness make it impossible for our Music Director to come in. **If you might be willing to step in on short notice to help from the piano on a Sunday morning – or know someone outside the parish who might – please reach out to our Wardens, Heather Simpson or Claire White.** Thank you.

Job Posting for St. Luke's Music Director Position – This position is now posted at the **News page of St. Luke's**

website. If you know someone who might be interested, please pass the information on to them.

***Our 2026 Attic Treasures Vintage Market will be on Saturday, February 21st, from 10 am – 4 pm.** This will be a multi-vendor market with vendors renting tables as they did in September and last February. St. Luke's will also have a table with vintage items. To offer to help, please call Carol Turnham.

Save the Dates for this Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp – July 6th – 10th in the mornings, **9 am to noon.** St. Luke's joins with Church of the Cross each summer for a week-long day camp hosted at one of the churches. **This year's camp will be at Church of the Cross.** If you have children, grandchildren, or friends with children ages 4 through 11, please consider reserving this week for them to participate in the day camp. **Children born January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2022 are eligible to be campers.** We will also be 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.

***Thank You for Your Donations towards Sunday Coffee Times** – We are pleased that Rebecca Ford is able to do the set up and cleanup for Sunday coffee times. We are paying her \$50-\$75/Sunday to look after coffee times for us. As well, there are expenses such as buying coffee, birthday cakes, and other treats for coffee time. **If you are able to make an extra donation in your envelopes and note that it is for coffee time that would be helpful.** Or please put a donation in the donations jar at Coffee Time. **To date, we have received \$1,581.75 in donations towards Sunday coffee times.**

***Memory Cafe Open House** is scheduled for February 10th, from 10 am to 12 noon at the New Horizons-James Bay (234 Menzies St.). The Memory Cafe is a welcoming space for families caring for individuals with memory loss, a program where they can find "fun, friendship and community". Registration is required since space is limited.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY February 15th, 2026

Exodus 24: 12-18

Psalm 2

2 Peter 1: 16-21

Matthew 17: 1-9

FLOWERS

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