

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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.*

Picture on the Front Page:

Healing of the Man Born Blind - Duccio di Buoninsegna – 1319?.

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

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn:

CP 397 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness

(tune: Nettleton)

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,
as we continue our journey
through this season of Lent,
we are met with the question
of who is worthy in God's eyes.
Based on false expectations,
the Israelites and the Pharisees never thought
David would be chosen king
or that Jesus would heal the man born blind.
Worthiness may be found not in reputation
or pedigree or appearance, but in one's heart.

Silence is kept.

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

Priest: Lord Jesus, you healed the man born blind:
Kyrie eleison.

All: Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Priest: Christ Jesus,
you confronted those who did not believe:
Christe eleison.

All: Christe eleison, Christe eleison, Christe eleison.

Priest: Lord Jesus,
you came to give us eyes that truly see:
Kyrie eleison.

All: Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

Priest: May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Collect of the Day

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Holy God,
in Jesus Christ you reveal yourself to the world,
even when we are blind to your grace.
Open our eyes
to see your transforming love in our midst,
so that we may see your world anew;
through Jesus Christ,
the Saviour who shows compassion.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16: 1-13

Reader: A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters. **(Response)**

He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I shall fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me. **(Response)**

You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.
Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 5: 8-14

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

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

LENTEN GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

*[Text: Hasidic; trans. © Jabusch, admin. OCP Publications
Music: Hasidic traditional.]*

Before Gospel:

**Open your ears, O faithful people,
open your ears and hear God's word.
Open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you.**

THE GOSPEL: JOHN 9: 1-41

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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.

After Gospel:

**They who have ears to hear the message,
they who have ears, now let them hear.
They who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's Word.**

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: *A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays* – Berger

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith for Lent

Leader: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**All: Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
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 the Anglican Church of Kenya and the
Most Revd Jackson Ole Sapit, Primate. **Locally we**
pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Parish of St.
Mary of the Incarnation, Metchosin and their priest,
Rev. Lynn Mills. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of
the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of
Caledonia and Bishop David Lehmann.

God of compassion and truth,
You gather Your people
as a parent gathers their children,
holding us with tenderness and strength.
On this 4th Sunday in Lent,
when light breaks gently into our journey,
we pray for our world, our communities,
and all who long for Your healing presence.

(short silence)

God of light and peace,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose voices are dismissed,
whose stories are doubted,
whose lives are shaped by exclusion or fear.
Bring light where there is injustice,
courage where there is silence,
hope where there is weariness.

(short silence)

God of light and peace,

All: Hear our prayer.

We remember all who feel unseen —
those sidelined by poverty, prejudice, or circumstance;
those living with illness, disability, or unrelenting pain;
those whose struggles are hidden behind closed doors
or carried quietly in the heart.

(add names of those we are asked to pray for here)

May Your light reveal the truth of their dignity
and surround them with care that restores.

(short silence)

God of light and peace,

All: Hear our prayer.

We pray for families of every shape and story,
for those who rejoice today
and those who find Mothering Sunday difficult —
those who have lost mothers or children,
those who long for relationships that never came to be,
those whose homes
have not been places of nurture or safety.
This Sunday we pray especially
for families torn apart by the wars of this world
and for mothers whose children
have been killed or mutilated by gunfire and bombs.

Gather each one into Your compassion,
and help Your Church to be a community
where all can belong, be honoured,
and be held in safety.

(short silence)

All: God of light and peace,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for places where conflict overshadows hope,
where leaders cling to power rather than peace,
where people are forced
to flee homes, futures, and familiar ground.
Strengthen peacemakers and truth-tellers;
protect those who are vulnerable
and stir in us a longing for justice
that reflects Your heart.

(short silence)

All: God of light and peace,
Hear our prayer.

We pray for Your Church —
for all seeking clarity, courage, and renewed sight.
Where we have been slow
to recognise Your movement,
open our eyes;
where we have feared the cost of honesty,
give us boldness;
where our love has grown weary,
rekindle Your light within us.

(short silence)

All: God of light and peace,
Hear our prayer.

Loving God,
as we continue to walk the pathway to Easter,
may Your transforming light guide our steps
and may Your steadfast mercy sustain us,
that we may reflect Your grace
in all we pray, all we say,
all we hope, and all we do.

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 446 Word of God, Come Down on Earth

(tune: Liebster Jesu)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of light,
your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory.
Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

*[Source: Eucharistic Prayer B – Common Worship, The Church of
England (2000) The Archbishops' Council]*

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 indeed right and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.
Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

**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: Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us
the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

Who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
In the same way, after supper he took the cup
and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

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

Priest: And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once
for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of St. Mary, St. Luke,
and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen. (*sung 5 times*)
[South African traditional]

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 59 Jesus Calls Us Here to Meet Him

(tune: Jesus Calls Us)

Communion Anthem: When We Must Bear Persistent Pain

(R. Duck)

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

Priest: Father,
through your goodness
we receive your Son in word and sacrament.
May we always have faith in him,
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: As we continue our Lenten journey,
remember the words from Ephesians:
“Live as children of light.”
So may the light of God’s love surround you,
The light of Christ’s mercy renew you,
And the light of the Spirit
guide you this day and every day to come.

All: Amen.

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

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. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the
Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island (Anglican); **for** the
dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern
Synod (Lutheran); **and for** the people and ministries of Christ
Moravian Church in Calgary (Moravian).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
March 15th – March 22nd
(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. Note that Coffee Time will be in the Sequoia Lounge today.

Sacred Frontiers, the continuing story, is today at 1 pm in the church. 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.

***The deadline for the Easter issue of the Prescription was Friday, March 13th** but we always allow a few days grace. If you have an article, photo, poem, or other creative endeavour which you haven't sent yet, **please send it ASAP** to Neil in St. Luke's Office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) or to Barb Prescott (communications@stlukecedarhill.ca).

The Children's Room – Daniel, Sharon Hallsor, and the Wardens have made the decision to hire a Sunday School Leader this year to enhance our children's learning at the Sunday 10 am service. In the interim, **we require 2 adults to supervise the children in the Children's Room in the church basement.** If you are interested in joining the roster, please contact Daniel, Sharon Hallsor, or any of the Wardens for further details.

****Counters Needed** – We would like to find several people who could act as spare counters to fill in when our regular counters are sick or away. The counters work in pairs and usually count the donations from the Sunday services on Monday morning (but they could count at another mutually agreeable time). "On the job training" will be provided. If you

are interested or would like more information, please talk to Gillian Bloom, Noreen Saville, or Barb Prescott or send an e-mail to treasurer@stlukecedarhill.ca.

***The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be on Thursday, March 26th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in church.** The topic for this Silver and Sage session is *“How to... (computer & mobile)”*, presented by Maria Ross.

****The Palm/Passion Sunday Service on Sunday, March 29th will be at 10 am – Weather permitting, we will gather outside at St. Luke’s prior to the service** and have a Palm Procession into the church. **There will not be an 8 am service that Sunday.**

****Save the Date for St. Luke’s Spring Fair – Saturday, April 25th, from 10 am – 2 pm.** Now is the time to think of items you could make for the sale, such as craft items, jams and jellies, or baking which could be frozen. Thank you in advance for your help with this major fundraiser and community event. If you have questions, please talk to Carol Turnham.

****Plants for the Spring Fair –** With the spring around the corner, if you are dividing plants or planting seeds, please consider doing a few extras for our plant stall at the Spring Fair. **We have extra pots if you need them, or if you need help with dividing your plants, please call Noreen Saville.**

****The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is inviting caring, committed community members to consider joining their Board of Directors.** This is a meaningful opportunity to help guide an organization that believes deeply in dignity and respect for all. Please speak to Ray Lett if you are interested in finding out more.

****The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is looking for donations of reusable grocery bags to be used in their Pantry Program.** If you have extra reusable bags, please donate them in support of the Shelbourne Community Kitchen's Grocery Program. Out of respect for the Kitchen's members and volunteers, please make sure that all bags are clean and in

good working condition prior to donating them to the Kitchen. Reusable bags can be added to the collection baskets for the Kitchen in the church and the hall.

The March 2026 Faith Tides is now available online at the **News page of St. Luke's website**. Print copies are available in the church or from the parish office. Or please call the office (250-477-6741) to ask to have a copy delivered. *Note that this issue of Faith Tides includes information about the fundraising for our grand piano, and about the woodworking Fantastic Friday, which is in the Ripples section.*

Buy A Key Fundraiser – The keys and pedals on our grand piano are 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 basket on the table at the back of the church or in the collection plate.** If you prefer to pay by 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.

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. Early Bird Registration will**

open on April 15th. 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 Poillievre, Sharon Hallsor, or Barb Prescott.

Lenten Prayer in the Style of Taize – Friday, March 20th at 6 pm at St Joseph the Worker Catholic Church, 753 Burnside Road West. Everyone welcome. ‘A way of searching for God in silence and prayer in the midst of daily life.’ www.taize.fr
Followed by (optional) 7pm Stations of the Cross.

St. Luke’s Players Present *Waiting in the Wings* written by Noel Coward and directed by Geoff Davidson. “The Wings” is a charity home for retired actresses now in straitened circumstances but who were all stars in their day. Here these aged ladies grow older ungracefully amidst squabbles, jealousies, and grandiose memories. On a June afternoon, a once great actress arrives, sparking off a feud involving the entire home. It is only resolved when one deranged lady sets fire to her room. **Evenings at 7:30 pm, Wednesday-Saturday, March 18-21. Matinees at 2:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday, March 15, 21, and 22.** Tickets can be purchased from: Eventbrite; The Papery at 734 Fort St.; or at the door. They are \$18 each (plus their service fee if purchased through Eventbrite). See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke’s website.**

Karren Stinson Bursary for Lutherans and Anglicans based in Western Canada – Application Deadline: April 30th, 2026 – The Karren Stinson Bursary Fund celebrates the life of a parish worker at Lutheran Church of the Cross, the late Karren Louise Stinson. The purpose of this Bursary Fund is to give financial assistance to Lutherans and Anglicans based in Western Canada who are currently involved in post-secondary education leading to a vocation of service. Applications are invited for this year’s bursary of \$1,500. **To apply for the 2026 Karren Stinson Bursary, please visit the News page of St. Luke’s website and carefully follow the instructions given.** The Bursary is scheduled to be awarded in the late spring of 2026.

Parish Council Members for 2026

Parish Members were installed at the 10 am service
on Sunday, March 1st.

Our thanks to all who will serve on Parish Council this year.

Rector's Warden - Kathleen Patterson

People's Warden - Claire White

Deputy People's Warden - Joanne Jolson

Treasurer - Barb Prescott

Secretary - Maria Ross

Synod Delegates

Carol Turnham and Sharon Hallsor

Alternate Synod Delegates

Sharon McMillan and Bruce Hallsor

Members-at-Large

Linda Beltrano

Jane Grant

Brenda Morgan

Steve Ruttan

Youth Delegate - Shannon Stewart

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY March 22nd, 2026

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

Psalm 130

Romans 8: 6-11

John 11: 1-45

FLOWERS

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

There are no flowers during Lent.

*Please contact Ann if you would like to make
a donation towards flowers at the Easter services.*