

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3, 2026
10:00 am Holy Eucharist



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the ləkʷəjən 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 364 Splendour and Honour
(tune: Iste Confessor)

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.

All: May he fill our hearts with joy.

Priest: We are reminded today that spreading the word about Christ did not go smoothly in the early church. Understanding and accepting Jesus was a slow and often unsuccessful process. It may seem different now, but if we consider our own questions and struggles with faith, we realize that our commitment is not formed overnight. It is often subject to life circumstances that challenge our faith. There is still work to be done in spreading the good news. If we want to contribute to the effort, we might begin with ourselves.

We pause for a moment as we continue to praise God
in thanksgiving for this beautiful gift of word, song,
faith, in the presence of God
as we celebrate together this day.

A Peruvian Gloria

(Cantor): Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest!

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(Cantor): To God be glory forever!

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(Cantor): Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen!

The Collect for the Day

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Generous God,
whose life is freely given
in Jesus Christ our Lord:
as you have opened for us
your house of many rooms,
so may we make a place
for the rejected and unloved,
and share in the work of peace;
through Jesus Christ the cornerstone.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ACTS 7: 55-60

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 31: 1-5, 15-16

Response: *Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.*

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;

let me never be put to shame;

deliver me in your righteousness.

Incline your ear to me; make haste to deliver me. **(Response)**

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,

for you are my crag and my stronghold;

for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. **(Response)**

Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,
for you are my tower of strength.

Into your hands I commend my spirit,

for you have redeemed me, O Lord,

O God of truth. **(Response)**

"My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies,

and from those who persecute me.

Make your face to shine upon your servant,

and in your loving kindness save me." **(Response)**

SECOND READING: 1 PETER 2: 2-10

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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: JOHN 14: 1-14

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.

Gospel Hymn: CP 569 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

(tune: The Call)

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: *Behold the Beauty of Our God* - Anderson

Please stand as you are able.

The Apostles' Creed

Leader: Let us together profess the faith of our baptisms
as we say:

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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 today for The Church of North India (United).
Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St.
Mary the Virgin, Oak Bay, and their rector, Craig
Hiebert. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the
Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of
Kootenay and Bishop Lynne McNaughton.

Holy One, God with us,
we give you thanks for the promises
Jesus gave to all his followers,
that in him we see your face.
He has shown us the face
of your mercy and compassion,
so we thank you for understanding us
better than we know ourselves.
He has shown us the face of your peace and justice,
so we thank you for calling us
to make a difference in the world for his sake.

**All: God, who is our way,
Hear our prayer.**

Holy One,
in Christ, you show us the Way
that leads through paths of service.
We pray for those who feel lost or alone,
those who live with anxiety or doubt their own value,
and all who cannot imagine a purpose for themselves.

(Pause)

God of the Way,
lead those who are struggling to find the hope you offer
through the assurance of your love.

All: God, who is our way,
Hear our prayer.

Holy One,
in Christ, you show us the Truth
that is revealed through costly love.
In these days when lies are easily disguised,
we pray for those who have put their faith
in false hope and flimsy promises,
those deceived by empty promises
from the power hungry,
and any misled by conspiracy theories
that circulate each day.

(Pause)

God of the Truth,
reveal the shallowness of things
that distract or mislead us
and give us courage to stand for truth,
even when it is unpopular.

All: God, who is our way,
Hear our prayer.

Holy One,
in Christ, you show us the Life
that overcomes death through your resurrecting power.

We pray for those facing illness or grief,
any who live with deep sadness,
depression or despair,
and those whose lives
are diminished by discrimination in action or attitude.

(Pause)

God of Life,
support all those who are suffering
and make your justice known in our land.

God, who is our way,
All: Hear our prayer.

Holy One,
challenge us to find renewed purpose
in following in the footsteps of Christ
so that in our living and loving,
your kingdom of justice and love is revealed;

We offer all these prayers
and our unspoken concerns to you,
in the name of the Risen 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 620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

(tune: St. Peter)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Gracious God,
you show us your way
and give us your divine life.
May everything we do
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

*[Source: Eucharistic Prayer 1, The Book of Alternative Services,
Anglican Church of Canada]*

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 that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets
you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**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: Holy God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, " Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
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."

Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died.**
 Christ is risen.
 Christ will come again.

Priest: Recalling his death,
 proclaiming his resurrection,
 and looking for his coming again in glory,
 we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
 Send your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon these gifts,
 that all who eat and drink at this table
 may be one body and one holy people,
 a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

All: Ameni, ameni, amen, amen, amen, amen. *(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 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.

Music during Communion

CP 56 I Am the Bread, the Bread of Life

(tune: Picket Wood)

CP 568 Nada te turbe/Nothing Can Trouble

(tune: Nada te turbe)

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

Priest: God of love,
in this eucharist we have heard your truth
and shared in your life.
May we always walk in your way,
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: Don't let your hearts be troubled.
Trust in God, and in God's son, Jesus Christ,
who is the way, the truth and the life,
and through whom we come to know the Father.

And may the blessing of God,
the grace of Jesus Christ,
and the presence of the Holy Spirit
go with you as you leave this place.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

(tune: Rhosymedre)

Dismissal

Leader: Go in the peace of Christ, Allelulia.

All: Thanks be to God, Allelulia.

Postlude

In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Rod Brant Francis, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Moosonee (Anglican); **for** the congregations of the Winnipeg area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod (Lutheran); **and for** The Rt. Rev. Michael Johnson, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province (Moravian).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

May 3rd – May 10th

(New Items, *Revised Items)**

Please stay for Coffee Time this Sunday after the 10 am service – Park on Synod Road for easy access via the side door of the hall.

***Thank you to our amazing volunteers** for all your help in making this year's Spring Fair a success. **Including money which came in after the Spring Fair, the total is now \$6,263.15.** Well done, Everyone!

***The Fourth and Fifth Week of Easter Messages from Bishop Anna** are available at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

****The May Reflections Service** will be **next Sunday, May 10th at 7 pm**. The May Reflections will feature **vocalist and multi-instrumentalist, Brenda Morie**. The each month's Reflections features music along with poems and prayers. Enjoy music in the beautiful candlelit ambiance of St. Luke's in the early evening.

****Heads Up – We will be holding the first Cemetery Cleanup** of the year on Wednesday, May 13th from 9 am to 11:30 am. We are trying a weekday morning to see if that works better for volunteers. Many hands make light work!

***The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be on Thursday, May 14th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in church**. That session, entitled Herbs and their Lore, will be presented by Thea Todd.

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. **The deadline date for applications is May 15th**.

Early Bird Registration for This Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp is now open. This Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp will be from **July 6th – 10th in the mornings, 9 am to noon**. **The theme this year will be Unlocking God's Promises**. 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 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. **Online and printable registration forms are available at the News page of St. Luke's website**.

****Save The Date – May 24th at 2 pm** will be the second in our series of concerts to raise funds to pay for our grand piano.

This concert will feature cellist, Elena Antontceva. Watch for more details coming soon.

****The Touches of Sweet Harmony Concert Fundraiser last Sunday brought in \$1,190 in ticket sales and donations.** The total of the fundraising and donations to date for the piano, including previous donations, is now **\$7,365!**

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. If you have any questions, please reach out to Claire White, People's Warden.

Spring Into Action Food Drive for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – Now through to May 7th – The Kitchen is inviting all of us at St. Luke's to join in their annual Spring Into Action Food Drive to help keep the Shelbourne Community Kitchen's Pantry shelves stocked. As the cost of living continues to rise across Greater Victoria, demand for their programs is growing. Donation suggestions include cans of fish and meat, canned plain beans, pasta sauce, granola bars, and juice boxes. **Please continue to fill the baskets at the back of the church and in the hall to help keep the Kitchen Pantry Program shelves stocked** for the months to come with healthy food for families. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is looking for donations of reusable grocery bags to be used in their Pantry 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.

Shelbourne Community Kitchen is Recruiting a Treasurer
The Kitchen is seeking a community-minded and fiscally knowledgeable individual to join their Board of Directors as Treasurer to ensure The Kitchen continues on its path of strong financial management. This is a meaningful opportunity to contribute your financial skills to support their programs that help local families and seniors access healthy food, build skills, and stay connected. See more information **at the News page of St. Luke's website.**

Old Keys – Do you have old keys collecting in a drawer somewhere? Well, you're in luck. We'd like them for a craft for this summer's Amazing Journey Day Camp. Please bring them with you to church. We will put a collection jar for them on the table at the back of the church.

Let's Go Camping! Jason and Tara are booking the back 40 at Camp Barnard, our local Scout Camp in Sooke, on the weekend of August 14-16. We invite you to join us for the weekend. The site is off-grid so there are no hook-ups, just pit toilets and water taps. The cost is \$5 per person per night. If camping isn't your thing, you are welcome to come out for the day on Saturday. Bring your own lunch, lawn chair, sunhat, etc. We may or may not have access to the waterfront but we will confirm that later. **Please contact Tara to make your commitment by mid-May.**

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.

Calling All Bakers – We would love some baking for Coffee Times. Cookies, loaves, and squares are particularly welcome. Baking donations can be brought to the hall during office hours (9 to noon, Monday to Friday) or during coffee times to be put in the small freezer downstairs by the Studio. Thanks so much to those who have already dropped off baking.

Committees at St. Luke's

Since introducing the committee structure to the parish in March 2026, we have already had numerous committee chairs step forward. Now, St. Luke's is looking for parishioners to volunteer for committee member roles. Committee members can expect a 3-4 hour commitment per month, and a fixed term (until April 2027).

This committee structure is not a new thing - it harkens back to the way St. Luke's became a thriving church in the past. It is based on the "many hands make light work" concept. The committees allow members of the parish to participate in and contribute to the work of the church.

Please scan the committee summary that follows and consider volunteering for an area of interest. Being part of a committee can be fun and rewarding. If you are interested in volunteering for a committee or have questions, please contact me (Heather Stewart) at **strategy@stlukecedarhill.ca**.

List of Committees

Committee Name	Purpose of Committee
Buildings Committee	Assess building-related priorities and oversee execution of projects.
Children, Youth and Family Committee	Plan and coordinate all children, youth, and family programs.
Communications Committee	Create internal and external communications content. Oversee publications.
Event and Fundraising Committee	Hold major events to raise funds and increase community awareness of St. Luke's.
Finance Committee	Advise on financial matters, including budget and investments. Apply for grants and other funding.
Grounds Committee	Assess grounds-related priorities and oversee execution of projects. Includes parking and cemetery (sub-committees)
Hospitality and Stewardship Committee	Support internal social programs, hospitality, and encourage stewardship.
Music Committee	Oversee music-related programs, performances, and events.
Partnership and Outreach Committee	Engage with external community and partners; build new relationships.
Pastoral Committee	Cultivate supportive relationships and offer pastoral care to the parish.
Worship Committee	Facilitate planning and logistics for worship services. Includes Altar Guild (sub-committee).

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, May 10th, 2026

Acts 17: 22-31
Psalm 66: 7-18
1 Peter 3: 13-22
John 14: 15-21

FLOWERS

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