

Welcome to
**St. Luke Cedar Hill and
Lutheran Church of the Cross**
A Shared Service
Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
July 5, 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 3 Morning Has Broken

(tune: Bunesan)

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.

Priest: Dear friends in Christ,
today's hopeful readings are full of promise.
These words speak to Jesus' followers
who are burdened,
and to those struggling to live as early Christians.
Living in a time when we are burdened
by information, negative or misleading, or
disinformation as well as serious divisions and threats,
we, too, need encouragement.
We seek honourable leaders and words we can trust.
Do we allow God's word to be a true source
of good news for us?
What would happen if we allowed ourselves to accept
Jesus' invitation to come to him for rest?

As we enter into our worship today,
let us take a moment and examine our hearts
and confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept.

Confession

**All: Almighty God,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
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.

A Peruvian Gloria

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

Glory to God, Glory to God, Glory in the Highest!

(Cantor): To God be glory forever!

To God be glory forever!

(Cantor): Alleluia! Amen!

Alleluia! Amen!

The Collect for the Day

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: God of heaven and earth,
you reveal your wisdom to the childlike;
may we learn from your Son humility of heart,
so that we find refreshment and rest
even as we shoulder the cross of Christ;
who, with you and the Holy Spirit,
lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: GENESIS 24: 34-38, 42-49, 58-67

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 45: 11-18

Response: Nations shall praise you for ever.

"Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;
forget your people and your father's house.
The king will have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your master; therefore do him honour.
The people of Tyre are here with a gift;
the rich among the people seek your favour." **(Response)**

All glorious is the princess as she enters;
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
In embroidered apparel she is brought to the king;
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
With joy and gladness they are brought,
and enter into the palace of the king. **(Response)**

"In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
I will make your name to be remembered
from one generation to another;
therefore nations will praise you
for ever and ever." **(Response)**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 7: 15-25a

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 11: 16-19, 25-30

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 508 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

(tune: Kingsfold)

Homily: Pastor Lyndon Sayers

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

(Two Liturgical Assistants lead prayers)

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 Anglican Church of South
America, and The Most Revd Brian Williams - Primate.
Locally we pray for Anna Greenwood-Lee and
Kathleen Martin, our Bishops, and for the parish of St.
John Gualbert, Port McNeill, and their parishioners and
wardens.

We also pray for the Diocese of New Westminster and Archbishop John Stephens. **IN THE LOCAL LUTHERAN PRAYER CALENDAR, we pray for** Global Mission Companion, the Evangelical Lutheran Church – Peru (IL-P), President Ofelia Davila. IL-P's other partner synods, Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod – Bishop Tracy Breashears Schultz; LaCrosse Area Synod (WI) – Bishop Felix Malpica.

God ever-creating,
God ever-loving,
God ever-leading:
teach us to pray...
Teach us to pray with abandon,
not to limit our requests
but to pray big,
for the impossible.

God of all compassion:
where people are lonely or isolated,
longing for love,
where people are trapped in unhealthy
or violent relationships,
where people are grieving
the loss of someone beloved...

All: Bring peace and hope, we pray
And let your kingdom come.

God teach us to pray...
Teach us to pray with audacity
not avoiding the evil that stalks our world
but to pray into hatred and violence
for Your kingdom to break out.

We turn to you in uncertain times,
trusting in your steadfast love.
Where people are anxious about the future,
where people are overwhelmed
by their responsibilities,

where people fear the conflict around them
or are in danger of violence in daily life...

All: Bring courage and hope, we pray,
And let your kingdom come.

God, teach us to pray...
Teach us to pray with courage
Courage that names injustice,
calls it out, admits our complicity
and prays for lasting change.

God of trustworthy truth:
where leaders work
to guide communities to renewed life,
where individuals strive
to care for the earth and its vulnerable inhabitants,
and where people stand up
against unjust policies or practices...

All: Bring healing and hope, we pray,
And let your kingdom come.

God, teach us to pray...
Teach us to pray with conviction
that Your will
is for love and compassion
to flow like a river
that the prayers of all whom You love
are heard and answered.

God of tender strength:
where people feel pain in their bodies,
in minds or spirits,
where illness has eroded hope,
and where desperation for help fills each day:
We pray especially for those
whom have asked us to pray for them.

Bring wisdom and hope, we pray,
All: And let your kingdom come.

God teach us to pray...
Teach us to pray with abandon,
with audacity,
with courage and with conviction.
Lord, teach us to pray.

God in whom we live and move and have our being:
by your Spirit, tend your promise of new life
amid the current struggles in the world,
and hear us as we pray through Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Invitation and Peace *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus
and with all those who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth
in which Christ became incarnate.
So, come to this table, you who have faith
and you who would like to come to know it
more completely.
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 561 Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us

(tune: Ravenshaw)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Pastor: God of heaven and earth,
receive our sacrifice of praise,
and strengthen us
for the perfect freedom of your service,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

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

Eucharistic Prayer

[The following Eucharistic Prayer is an adaptation of the Salal and Cedar Eucharistic Prayer written by the Rev. Laurel Dyskstra. With Laurel's permission, it has been adapted to reflect the geography and biodiversity of the islands and inlets.]

Pastor: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right in all times and in all places
to thank and praise you, Creator of all.
We praise you from the shadow of Mount Tolmie
on the traditional territory
of the Lekwungen-speaking peoples represented
by the Songhees and Esquimalt First Nations
in the wider heritage of the Coast Salish peoples,
where we are encircled
by the sequoia, garry oaks, and giant cedars.

We praise you for the snowdrops in the early spring
and the poppies in the summer,
for deer that roam and the birds that nest,
for all of the sustenance and beauty of Creation.

We praise you at a time when the body of earth
is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation
Our ancestors journeyed with you
in creation and migration.
They depended on the land,
were displaced from the land
and displaced others from their lands.
They knew you in tents and cities,
in families and dreams,
and through wilderness prophets
who prayed on mountains and listened to ravens.
Together with angels and ancestors,
eagles and hummingbirds, hemlock and fern,
we join our voices with all creation
in this ancient honour song:

**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]

Pastor: We give thanks to you for Jesus,
whose first bed was a feed trough.
He was baptized in the Jordan,
tested in the wilderness,
he traveled in fishing boats
and told parables of farmers and seeds,
labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died,
Jesus took bread, food of the poor,
the work of field and hearth,
he gave thanks, broke it
and gave it to his friends saying:
Take and eat, this is my body, given for you,
do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine,
fruit of the land, gave thanks
and gave it to his friends saying:
This is my blood, which is shed for you.
When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection
and awaiting his coming kingdom,
we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts
so that we know Jesus in them
and are gathered together
with everyone who shares
this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that we may strive for justice and peace,
respect the dignity of every human being,
and safeguard the integrity of Creation.

Bring us with St. Luke and all your saints
to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily,
child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours,
Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

All: 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

Pastor: 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

Pastor: 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.

Music during Communion:

Gospel Hymn: CP 610 Before I Take the Body of My Lord

(tune: Laying Down)

Gospel Hymn: CP 52 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

(tune: St. Flavian)

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

Pastor: O God,

may we who have shared in holy things
never fail to serve you in your world,
and so come to the fullness of joy,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: 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: God has given us work to do.

God has called each of us
before we were even born.

It was God who named us.

It is God who claims us.

The light of God's love shines in us.

Let's shine God's love into all the world!

And the blessing of God almighty,

the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 467 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go

(tune: Song 34)

Sending Forth: Sent Out in Jesus' Name

(words: Eng. Trans. Jorge Maldonado)

(Sung by choir only, then repeated with the congregation)

(choir)

Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.

(congregation and choir)

**Sent out in Jesus' name, our hands are ready now
to make the world the place in which the kingdom comes.**

(choir)

The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.

O, help us to obey, and carry out your will.

(congregation and choir)

**The angels cannot change a world of hurt and pain
into a world of love, of justice and of peace.**

The task is ours to do, to set it really free.

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Postlude

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. David Greenwood, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Athabasca (Anglican); **for** Lutheran, Anglican, and Moravian summer camping ministries (Together); **and for** the July 6 anniversary of the martyrdom of Jan Hus in 1415 – we remember, not his death, but his faithful witness, even unto death. (Moravian).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
July 5th – July 12th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Welcome to our friends from Church of the Cross who are sharing worship with us this morning.** Please stay for the coffee time, which will be in the hall after the service. Park on Synod Road for level access to the hall.

****Today, we welcome to Gabe Lagos,** who will be our pianist for the summer and through the fall.

****Our annual Amazing Journey Day Camp will be this week, July 6th to 10th** at Church of the Cross. The theme of this year's camp is Unlocking God's Promises. We have 34 children registered for this exciting day camp! As well, 10 leaders in training, 14 youth leaders, and 11 adult volunteers will help at the camp. **Please keep the campers, and the youth and adult volunteers in your prayers this week.**

***Donations of Food Items Needed for the Amazing Journey Day Camp** – We are asking for donations of food for snacks for the campers, and the youth and adult volunteers at Amazing Journey Day Camp, which will be held July 6th - 10th. We would like donations of the following food items: oranges, watermelon, apples, cucumbers, carrots, vanilla ice cream, chocolate sauce, cookies, muffins, squares, or loaves. **Please talk to one of the Day Camp Planning Committee members, Barb Prescott, Tara Poilievre, or Sharon Hallsor to let them know what you would like to donate.** They will let Gail Froyland know about your donation so she knows which items will be donated and which ones she will need to buy. Thanks so much for your donations.

****Summer Choir Is Back!** With no strings attached, come and join the choir on any and all Sunday mornings during the summer. Come as often as you like. We gather in the sanctuary each week at 9:15 to run hymns and service music for coming service. Join us! All voices are welcome.

***The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be on Thursday, July 9th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in church.** That session is entitled, “Cell Phone and Internet Essentials”. It will be presented by Maria Ross.

***Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 10th** when Neil takes one of his vacation days. The Church Office will reopen at 9 am on Monday, July 13th.

A very special "Thank you" to all my team of helpers for the Blackburn funeral reception and the Downton Vintage tea party. I'm not going to try and list all your names in case I forget someone!!!! You all know who you are and how much I appreciate your help and support. I am always on the lookout for new hospitality volunteers, so if you would like to help, please contact me. I am not getting any younger and neither are some of my longtime volunteers. We need young blood, at least younger than our 80's!!!! Thank you all, blessings from Sandra

****Downton Fashion Show and Garden Party** – Thanks so much to everyone who helped make the Downton Fashion Show and Garden Party such a great success. We received several lovely thank you notes and e-mails saying how much our guests enjoyed the afternoon. The event brought in \$2,662 – though there are expenses still to be paid. Well done, everyone!

Country Grocer Save A Tape Program – We have now completed another set of receipts, totalling \$7,000, and have received another \$70 in gift cards, bringing our total to date to \$1,060 in gift cards, which have been sold to parishioners. Please continue to collect your Country Grocer receipts and turn them in to Neil in the Church Office, put them in an envelope in the mail slot, or in the Country Grocer box in the narthex.

Music Ministry Discernment Task Force

Why should I consider volunteering for this Task Force?

Music Ministry is a very important part of the worship experience at St. Luke Church. Many choices need to be made to make sure the music is supportive of a particular week's themes and also portrays the theological and spiritual strengths of our weekly worship. Generally it is the Music Director, in consultation with our Rector, who makes these decisions. And so, the parish needs to fully understand what they want/need in a Music Ministry and a Director of Music.

The Discernment Task Force is the group that is spear-heading the process of defining these issues. Many people who are actively involved in the music ministry [choir, handbells, etc.] would be very willing to be part of the Task Force. But to keep our information and discernment fair and as inclusive as possible we also need members who are not so directly involved in that ministry – parishioners who worship in the pews – members of the "congregation of the whole".

In other words, we need YOU! We have suggested that we would like 2 or 3 'non music ministry' people, but would be just as pleased if that number were 4 or 5. So, please spend a few minutes in prayerful consideration deciding if this invitation is for you. You do not need to know anything about music in a formal way...you just need to be passionate about the worship of our Sunday services and have an opinion on how music fits into that worship.

Please contact any of the wardens or Alan Whitmore at alanwhitmore611@gmail.com for more information or to put your name forward. We hope you will join us.

Committees at St. Luke's

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 Heather Stewart at strategy@stlukecedarhill.ca.

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 Committee	Support internal social programs, and hospitality.
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, July 12th, 2026

Genesis 25: 19-34
Psalm 119: 105-112
Romans 8: 1-11
Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

FLOWERS

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