

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Feast of the Creator
September 20, 2026
10:00 am Holy Eucharist



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the ləkʷəŋən 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 355 All Creatures of Our God and King (vs 1-4, 7)
(tune: *Lasst uns erfreuen*)

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: God's whole creation groans.
The land produces thorns and thistles
and longs to be set free.
On this day as we celebrate the Feast of the Creator,
we pause, contemplate and confess our sins
in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

Confession

**All: Creator, out of your abundant love
all things live and move and have their being.
We confess that we have turned away from you
and from your image in our neighbours.**

**We have neglected the creatures that surround us,
the water that renews us,
and the earth that nourishes us.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us
that we might hear the song
of your creation once again
and see your love in all living things.**

All: Amen.

Absolution

Priest: Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus 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: Creator of all,
you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens
and the earth and us in your own image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and your breath in all creatures

that we may be of service in the healing of the earth,
through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit,
through whom you breathe all creation into being.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: PROVERBS 8: 22-31

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 33: 1-9

**Response: *Sing for God a new song,
the Goodness of God fills all the earth.***

Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous;
it is good for the just to sing praises.
Praise the Lord with the harp. **(Response)**

Sing for God a new song;
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.
For the word of the Lord is right,
and all the works of God are sure. **(Response)**

God loves righteousness and justice;
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.
By the word of the Lord were the heavens made,
by the breath of God's mouth all the heavenly hosts.
God gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin
and stores up the depths of the sea. **(Response)**

Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of God.
For God spoke, and it came to pass;
God commanded, and it stood fast. **(Response)**

The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught,
thwarting the designs of the peoples.
But the will of the Lord stands fast for ever,
and the designs of God's heart from age to age. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 1: 15-20

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

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 1: 1-5

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 412 O God, Beyond All Face and Form
(tune: Melita)

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: It's a Song of Praise to the Maker *(Ron Klusmeier)*

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

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 Australia,
and the Right Revd Dr Mark Short, Primate.

Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the
Deacons of the Diocese. **We also pray for** Lutheran
Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the
Diocese of Caledonia and Bishop David Lehmann.

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need, responding to each petition with the words, **“Your mercy is great.”**

O God of mystery, mercy, and might,
for the church we pray:
that churches around the globe collaborate
in care for the earth,
and that all the baptized
nurture a zeal for the wellbeing of creation.
Hear us, O God, source of life
and ground of our being.

All: Your mercy is great.

For the earth we pray: that this bounteous creation
receive continued divine blessing,
that the air be wholesome,
that the waters be plentiful and clean,
that the land be treasured,
and that animals be protected.
Grant that what on earth has been despoiled
will be healed.
Hear us, O God, our creator and ground of our being.

All: Your mercy is great.

For the nations we pray:
that farmers, herders, foragers, fishers, and grocers
provide the food humans need;
that legislators strive in all things for the common good;
and that science and technology
lead us toward more responsible ways to live.
Hear us, O God, our stronghold
and ground of our being.

All: Your mercy is great.

For our country we pray: that national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges be safeguarded, that all natural resources benefit the whole population, and that our children learn respect for nature. Hear us, O God, our guardian and ground of our being.

All: Your mercy is great.

For those in need we pray:
that humankind be sheltered from extreme weather,
and that all who are sick or suffering
receive medical attention and communal support.

Give heed to those whose names we call out to you,
especially....

(Names may be read here...)

Hear us, O God, our healer and ground of our being.

All: Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper,
we commend ourselves and your whole creation,
trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ,

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 422 God, Who Touched Earth with Beauty

(tune: Spiritus Christi)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Eternal Creator, Holy Wisdom,
all creation yearns in hope to be set free.
Receive all we offer you this day
and through this Eucharist
lead us to be servants of your justice and truth
in the name of Jesus.

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.]

Priest: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to God.

Priest: Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

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

Priest: 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,
followed by the camas,
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]

Priest: 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

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:

Communion Anthem:

CP 407 Many and Great, O God, Are Your Works
(Lacquiparle)

CP 307 When Long Before Time
(tune: The Singer and the Song)

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

Priest: Creator of all,
in the death and resurrection of Jesus
you have reconciled all things in heaven and on earth.
May this bread and wine open our eyes
to your love and justice woven through all of creation.
We ask this through Jesus, your creating Word.

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: Go out in love, reconciled to one another in Christ.
Lay aside the works of darkness
and put on the armour of light.
Live honourably,
fulfilling the law through love for all.

And may God mark you out for salvation;
May Christ Jesus be present among you always,
And may the Holy Spirit reconcile you to one another
and fulfil the law of love among you.

All: Amen.

Sending Forth: Sent Out in Jesus' Name

(words: Eng. Trans. Jorge Maldonado)

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

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

**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.

Closing Hymn:

CP 428 God Who Gives to Life Its Goodness

(tune: Abbot's Leigh)

Postlude

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon (Anglican); **and for** the dean, council, and congregations of the Southern Interior Region of the British Columbia Synod (Lutheran).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

September 20th – September 27th

(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.

Volunteers Needed – We are looking for adult volunteers to help with the Sunday School. Please talk to Joanne Jolson or e-mail her (jjolson@stlukecedarhill.ca) about signing up on a once a month rotation.

****No Thursday morning service on September 24th.**

Thursday morning services will resume on Thursday, October 1st.

The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be on Thursday, September 24th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in church. At that session, Dr. Elissa McMurtrie will speak on the topic: "Without Nurses there would be Chaos and Darkness". Retired now, Dr. McMurtrie had a long career in medicine as an oncologist here in Victoria. Nurses have a special place in her heart: She started out as a nurse before becoming a doctor. She is a wonderful speaker and has spoken at medical conventions. It is with gratitude and pride we host her at Silver and Sage.

***Prescription Deadline – Next Friday, September 25th is the deadline for submissions** for the Fall issue of St. Luke's Prescription. Since the **Name the Location Pictures were so popular in our Summer issue, we are asking for more photos for the Fall issue.** So send in your favourite photos from around Vancouver Island (and other parts of BC, too) on a fall/autumn theme (and let us know where the pictures are taken in the e-mail with the pictures) to **communications@stlukecedarhill.ca**. We also welcome your stories, poems, and pictures on any topic or theme for the Fall Prescription.

***Cemetery Cleanup Morning and Mulch Spreading Work Party –** We will hold our first fall cemetery cleanup morning on **Saturday, September 26th from 9:30 – 11:30 am. This will also be a Mulch Spreading Work Party.** We have ordered mulch to go into the front border. Bring gloves and a bucket to help with spreading the mulch, or weeding tools or a weedeater to help with the cemetery cleanup. We'll stop for a coffee break and social time part way through the morning. Many hands

make light work! A second cleanup is planned for Saturday, October 31st.

****Services next Sunday, September 27th** will be a Service of Morning Prayer at 8 am led by Gillian Bloom, and a Service of the Word at 10 am led by Tara Poilievre.

****Please Wear an Orange Shirt next Sunday, September 27th** in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, which is on September 30th. The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, originally known as Orange Shirt Day, is a time to reflect and renew our commitment to reconciliation each year. Please see more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website**.

Hymn Sing-Along – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church invites you to help them celebrate their **160th anniversary at a "Hymn Sing-Along" on Sunday, September 27th at 2 pm** (Douglas St./Broughton; **free parking at all city parkades; wheelchair accessible**). Admission is by donation with proceeds going towards a new sanctuary piano. Submit your favourite hymn(s) online on the website (standrewsvictoria.ca). There will also be an opportunity on the afternoon itself to bid to ensure that your favourite hymn is sung!

***Heads Up – Our first Fantastic Friday this fall will be on Friday, October 2nd** from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in St. Luke's Hall. Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! Dinner is included. Fantastic Fridays are usually on the first Friday of the month. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poilievre, Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Claire White.

****Silver and Sage, and Langham Court Readers' Theatre will present Two Radio Plays on Saturday, October 3rd** at 1:30 pm in the church. ***Badges and Bullets***, written by Mitch and Jo Barnes, is an homage to the Golden Age of live radio, bursting with comedy, colourful characters, and chaos. This

radio play is directed by Mitch Barnes. **Steinway Grand**, written and directed by John Varszegi, is a comedy involving two strangers, a piano, and a battle of wits.

****Blessing of the Animals Service – Sunday, October 4th, the Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi, at 2:30 pm.** You and your pet are invited to this service. This is a short service (about 30 minutes long) in the church with a blessing of the animals at the end. You may also bring a picture of a pet (living or deceased) so that the pet can be blessed or remembered. Please invite your friends and their pets to come to this service with you.

Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards – We now have more Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. St. Luke's receives 5% from Fairway Market for every dollar loaded on the card. **To join in this program, please pick up your reloadable card from St. Luke's Office or after church from Penny Stanley.** For more information, please contact St. Luke's Office, talk to Penny Stanley, or visit **the Fundraising page of St. Luke's website.**

The Choir Is Welcoming New Members! We meet Thursday evenings 7:00-8:30 in the Sanctuary and Sunday mornings from 9:15 through the service. All voices welcome. No music reading experience is necessary. Chat with Mary Byrne on a Sunday morning or at **music@stlukecedarhill.ca** to reserve your spot.

Greeters/sidespeople needed for the 10 am service – We need one more person to help with greeting and sidespersons' duties on the second Sunday of the month. If you are able to help in this way, please speak to Tara Poilievre or to one of the wardens.



**Silver and Sage
Dates and Topics for
September – December**

All sessions are from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

Thursday, September 24th

Nurses: Guardians Against Darkness and Chaos,
presented by Dr. Elissa McMurtrie

Saturday, October 3rd

Two Radio Plays: Badges and Bullets, and Steinway Grand
presented by Langham Court Readers Theatre

Thursday, October 22nd

Living in the Altitude - A Peruvian Sojourn,
presented by Gillian Bloom

Thursday, November 5th (First Thursday)

WW1 Memoirs, Prose, and Poetry,
presented by Brenda Morgan and readers

Thursday, November 26th

Small Boats around the World,
presented by Ken Gibbard

Thursday, December 10th

A Christmas Social

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 the Altar Guild (sub-committee).

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY, September 27th, 2026

Exodus 17: 1-7

Psalm 78: 1-4, 12-16

Phillipians 2: 1-13

Matthew 21: 23-32

FLOWERS

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