

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 26)
September 27, 2026 - 10:00 am
Service of the Word



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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.*

Prelude (*please be seated*)

Welcome, Introduction, and Territorial Acknowledgement
(*Worship Leader: Tara Poillievre*)

Please stand as you are able.

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.
We thank you, oh God,
that you have again brought us together
on the Lord's Day to praise you
for your goodness and to ask your blessing.
Give us grace to see your hand
in the week that is past,
and your purpose in the week to come,
through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 445 God the Creator
(*tune: Bunessan*)

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins.

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution

Leader: Merciful God,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Peace *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Leader: We are the body of Christ;
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: We say together,
Glory to God in the highest,

**All: and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly king,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;**

**you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

The Collect of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Grant, O merciful God,
that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: EXODUS 17: 1-7

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Exodus.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 78: 1-4, 12-16

Response: *The Lord split the rocks and gave them drink.*

Hear my teaching, O my people
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **(Response)**

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us,
we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come
the praise-worthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works He has done. **(Response)**

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers,
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
He split open the sea and let them pass through;
He made the waters stand up like walls. **(Response)**

He led them with a cloud by day,
and all the night through with a glow of fire.
He split the hard rocks in the wilderness
and gave them drink as from the great deep.
He brought streams out of the cliff,
and the waters gushed out like rivers. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: PHILLIPIANS 2: 1-13

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

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

Gradual Hymn: CP 479 O Christ, the Master Carpenter
(tune: Albano)

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 21: 23-32

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.

Reflection: Tara Poilievre

Anthem: *Christ Comes to Us* by H. Frombach

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith (Based on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians)

Leader: Let us declare our faith in God.

**All: We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us join in prayer with God's faithful people throughout the world saying, "God of Love:
Hear our prayer."

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,
we pray today for the Church of Bangladesh and the Most Rev. Samuel Sunil Mankhin - Primate. **Locally we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for Church of the Advent, Colwood, and their rector, the Rev. Sr. Ingrid Andersen. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop, and the clergy and people of The Territory of the People.

We pray for the unity of your church,
that our life may reflect the love you have shown us.
God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

We ask for your grace for Anna our bishop,
Daniel our priest and for all who minister in word
and in action, that we may bear faithful witness
to your good news.
God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

We seek your peace and justice in our world,
our country, and our community,
that those in need may never be forgotten.
God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

We remember especially at this time of year
all the Indigenous children who did not return home
from residential school.

We pray for the survivors and their families;
for truth, healing and reconciliation.

God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

We ask your blessing on our homes,
our friends and family, on on those who live alone,
that we may know your presence ever near us.

God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

We name before you all whom you have given us to
pray for [*especially...*], knowing that you are doing for
them better things than we can ask or imagine.

God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

We commend to you all who have died, [*especially...*],
that our trust in your may deepen as you keep them
safe in your care.

God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

We offer our thanks and praise
for all you have done for us,
rejoicing in the knowledge that you are with us always.

God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

We look for your purposes to be accomplished, and
ask you to fill us with the strength
and vision to further your reign.

All: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: CP 603 Holy Spirit, Storm of Love
(tune: Arfon Minor)

Prayer of Thanksgiving for the offerings of the people

Leader: Yours, Lord,

**All: is the greatness the power, the glory,
 the splendor, and the majesty;
 for everything on earth and in heaven is yours.
 All things come from you,
 and of your own do we give you.**

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time
with one accord to make our common supplications
to you, and you have promised
through your well-beloved Son that when two or three
are gathered together you will hear their requests.
Fulfill now our desires and petitions,
as may be best for us, granting us in this world
knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come eternal life;
for you, Father, are good and loving,
and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ
our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Leader: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray the words that our Saviour taught us:

**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.**

Leader: With God all things are possible.
May we carry that confidence
into our daily life and work,
as we walk in Christ's footsteps,
guided by God's hand.
And may God bless us today and always.
Amen

Announcements

Closing Hymn: CP 492 Sing Hallelujah to Our God
(tune: Kingswood New)

Dismissal

Leader: May the God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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. Clara Plamondon, Bishop, and the clergy, and people of
The Territory of the People (ACC); The people and ministries of the
Mission Province of Newfoundland and Labrador (Moravian); Every
child matters! Remember the Indigenous children who did not return
home from residential school; for survivors and their families; for
truth, healing, and reconciliation (Together).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
September 27th - October 3rd
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Thank you to Tara Poilievre for leading the service today**
while Daniel takes some well-deserved vacation time. **Next**
Sunday, October 4th, Pastor Lyle McKenzie will preside at

the Eucharist Service at 10 am. There will not be an 8 am service next Sunday.

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. We will celebrate the September birthdays today.

Adult Volunteers are Needed 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.

****Thanks so much to everyone for your help at the Attic Treasures Vintage Market last weekend.** The event brought in **\$3,467.95** which includes the sale of the tables to the vendors prior to the day. A big thank you to Carol Turnham for her leadership in this successful venture!

***The deadline for the Fall issue of the Prescription was Friday, September 25th** 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).

Hymn Sing-Along – St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church invites you to help them celebrate their **160th anniversary at a "Hymn Sing-Along" Today, 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!

****The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, September 30th in recognition of the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.** 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**.

****This week's Thursday morning service on October 1st will be a Service of Morning Prayer**, led by Gillian Bloom.

***Our first Fantastic Friday this fall will be this 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 – Next 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.

****St. Luke's Players Present "Clue on Stage"**, based on the screen play by Jonathan Lynn, directed by Dave Baron. Based on the cult classic film and the popular board game, Clue is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist. **Evenings at 7:30 pm, Wednesday – Saturday, October 7-10, 14-17. Matinees at 2 pm, Saturday and Sunday, October 10, 11, 17, and 18.** Tickets can be purchased from: Eventbrite; The

Papery at 734 Fort St.; or at the door. They are \$20 each (\$20.50 if purchased through Eventbrite). See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website**.

****Pump Up the Pantry Food Drive – September 11th – October 31st for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen** – The Kitchen is reaching out to community partners and inviting us to take part in their 2026 Pump Up The Pantry Food Drive! The Kitchen needs our help to keep the shelves filled with donations of non-perishable food. **The top 5 most needed items are canned beans, canned tomatoes, canned proteins (fish, beef, ham, etc.), pasta sauce, and toilet paper.** Please drop off your donations into the baskets at the back of the church or the basket by the Church Office. **Let's work together to PUMP UP THE PANTRY!**

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.

****Save the Date for St. Luke's Christmas Bazaar, Saturday November 28th 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 exciting fundraiser and community event.



Silver and Sage Dates and Topics for October – December

All sessions are from 1:30 – 3:30 pm.

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

Christmas Stories and Poems
presented by Sharon McMillan and readers

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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We hope you will join us again soon!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY October 4th, 2026

Exodus 20: 1-4, 7-9

Psalm 19

Phillipians 3: 4b-14

Matthew 21: 33-46

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God.

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