

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 29)
October 18, 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 ləkʷəjən peoples, known in our day as the Esquimalt
and Songhees Nations, the traditional custodians of these lands.
We are grateful for their hospitality.*

Art on the Front Page:

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Welcome, Introduction, and Territorial Acknowledgement
(Worship Leader: Gillian Bloom)

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, O 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 442 Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here
(tune: St. Petersburg)

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.

Let us exchange a sign of peace with one another.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

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 of the Day

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: EXODUS 33: 12-23

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 99

Response: *The Lord our God is the Holy one.*

The Lord is king; let the people tremble;
he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.
The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples.
Let them confess his name, which is great and awesome;
he is the Holy One. **(Response)**

"O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and fall down before his footstool;
he is the Holy One. **(Response)**

Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his name,
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept his testimonies
and the decree that he gave them. **(Response)**

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds."
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God
and worship him upon his holy hill;
for the Lord our God is the Holy One. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 1: 1-10

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul
to the Thessalonians.

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 22: 15-22

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 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

(*tune: St. Thomas*)

Reflection: Gillian Bloom

Anthem: *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* by S.D. Wolff

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 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 our own Anglican Church of
Canada and the Most Revd Shane Parker - Primate.
Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St.
John the Divine, Courtenay, and their rector, the Rev.
Alastair Hunting. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of
the Cross, Pastor Lyndon and Pastor Eli, **and for** the
Diocese of New Westminster and Archbishop John
Stephens.

God of Truth and Wisdom,
we give you thanks
for all those people throughout our lives
who taught us what is trustworthy and true,
and shared wisdom that has shaped the way we live.

We remember our favourite teachers
in school and church,
in college and university,
in training programs and instructional opportunities.

Thank you for everyone
who has the knack for teaching.
Give all students,
of every age and in every endeavour,
a desire to learn for the sake of the world,
not just for the sake of finishing a program.

God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

We pray for all who contribute
to the life of learning at the colleges
and theological schools of our Church.

In these challenging times for ministry,
guide all who teach,
all who learn, and all who support learning
to explore traditions of our faith
and new technologies with wisdom and imagination.
Awaken in us all the trust
that you will lead us into the future you are creating,
and the willingness to learn when to keep
and when to cast away past practices
and new experiments in faithful witness.

God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

We give you thanks for all those who taught us
by example: parents and grandparents,
friends and neighbours,
colleagues and even strangers met by chance.
Help us cherish life lessons
and build on them in new situations,
sharing them when we can.
Keep us open to learn new things about our faith,
about life, and about what you are calling us to do.

God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

We thank you for Jesus and his teaching,
and the compassion he showed for his disciples
when they were slow to learn.

Give us patience and compassion
when we are teaching something we've learned,
and make us good listeners
so we learn from others' experience.

God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

In this time of silence, hear us as we remember people
and places on our hearts this day:

Keep silence for 20-30 seconds.

(Names maybe read at this time.)

God of Love:

All: Hear our Prayer.

We offer all these prayers
and those in our hearts to our compassionate God,
through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Offertory Hymn:

CP 433 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

(tune: Abbot's Leigh)

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

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 *(Please be seated.)*

Closing Hymn: CP 434 The Love of Jesus Calls Us
(tune: Aurelia)

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.

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the Rt. Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Kootenay (Anglican); **for** the dean, council, and congregations of the Vancouver Island Region of the British Columbia Synod (Lutheran); **and for** the people and ministries of the Southern Province of the Moravian Church in America (Moravian).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

October 18th – 25th

(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Thank you to Gillian Bloom for leading the service today**
while Daniel is on vacation.

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. Coffee Time today will be in the Sequoia Lounge.

****A Big Thank You for your Thanksgiving food donations last Sunday, which were delivered to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen for their Pantry Program.** Our donations totalled 460 lbs of fruit, veggies, and canned food! Thank you to Ray Lett, Elaine Matsushita, and Rick Saville for taking these donations to the Kitchen. Pictures of the food donations are included at **the News page of St. Luke's website.**

***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. **The last performance of this run will be today at 2 pm.** Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased at the door.

****This week's Thursday morning service on October 22nd will be a Service of Morning Prayer,** led by Gillian Bloom.

****The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be on Thursday, October 22nd from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in church.** That session is entitled, Living in the Altitude - A Peruvian Sojourn, presented by Gillian Bloom.

True North, a Fundraiser for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen, will be held at Broadview United Church **on Friday October 23rd at 6 pm** –Join the Shebourne Community Kitchen for a special evening of Canadian focused music, food, beverages, and community connection, to Double Your Impact in support of food security in our community. True North is the theme for this year's annual benefit concert and launch of Shelbourne Community Kitchen's Donate & Double Your Impact matching campaign. Every dollar raised through the evening will be matched, doubling the impact of your support for The Kitchen's many food security programs and services. **Read more and purchase tickets at the Events page of St. Luke's website.**

Greater Victoria Regional Meeting – October 24th at 10 am at St. Mary Oak Bay – Wardens, treasurers, clergy, and synod

delegates, and alternates are invited to attend this meeting in preparation for Synod on November November 20th – 21st. Those in these positions have voice and vote at this meeting. Others are welcome to attend as observers. **Please register in advance if you plan to attend this meeting** by clicking on Register Here button on the Greater Victoria Regional Meeting page at the Events page of St. Luke's website.

The October 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. See more information on the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

****Pictures from the Shelbourne Community Kitchen Garden Tour** are now posted at **the News page of St. Luke's website**. For those with mobility challenges, who weren't able to tour the garden, the Shelbourne Community Kitchen sent a video for us to share. **The link to the video was sent out in our Friday evening e-mail.**

****A Fall Cemetery Cleanup** is planned for **Saturday, October 31st from 9:30 to 11:30 am**. Please come and help tidy the cemetery for our Service of Remembrance and for winter. Many hands make light work!

****This Year's Service of Remembrance will be on Sunday, November 8th at 10 am**. The service will start in the church and then we will move outside to honour the **more than 195 veterans in the cemetery**.

****Mark Your Calendars – This year's Celebration Sunday will be on November 15th**. Watch for more information to come about this special event.

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.

***Pump Up the Pantry Food Drive until October 31st for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen – If you missed bringing food for Thanksgiving**, the Kitchen is also 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 by bringing these items for the Kitchen before October 31st.**

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.**

Report to Parish of St. Luke Cedar Hill

Music Ministry Discernment Process and the Music Survey Results

Dear Friends

I am writing you as we get close to the end of our discernment process to update you on the general findings of the survey that you completed.

First, there were 53 responses, in print form, and done electronically and online. This is a great result, and we would like to thank each of you for helping us with our task – to discern what the future of a music ministry might/could look like for St. Luke's Parish.

Survey Results Summary

In general, responses to the survey told us 6 things:

1. The parish is very supportive of a vibrant, spirit-centered music ministry.
2. If possible, the parish would like to see this ministry grow both in worship and in parish and community life.
3. The parish loves the Anglican tradition of familiar hymns and chants; however new music is appreciated and welcomed.
4. There is great support for the choir as a worship leader and as a musical group.
5. The arrival of the new grand piano has slightly shifted the importance of prime worship instrument from the organ to the piano. The responses to "which instruments are well-suited to lead worship" and "the importance for a Music Director to have a high level of skill" both favoured the piano over the organ. This was an interesting result for the Task Force.
6. If funding can be found, most respondents would like to see the Wardens and Rector approve a job description that would allow for expansion. More than 60% said that they would be willing to give extra to support such a music ministry.

If you wish further information or to see the data collected, please contact the People's Warden, Claire White at clairewhite@stlukecedarhill.ca or myself at alanwhitmore611@gmail.com.

Where do we go from here?

A first draft of a new Job Description has been written and is currently in the hands of the Task Force for their comments, additions, deletions. This work will be finished by the 16 October. The final proposed draft of the Job Description plus some information gathered about hours, salary, and benefits will be submitted to the Wardens and our Rector upon Daniel's return from vacation. It is hoped that any changes and decisions will be made quickly so that the new Job Description, complete with hours and salary range, can be given to the Search Committee by the middle of November. This will allow this new committee time to get their advertising completed and out to the necessary resources before everyone takes a break for Christmas – basically to be ready for 1 January 2027. The rest will be up to who might be willing and available to come to St. Luke's Church to facilitate a new chapter in the music ministry of this wonderful parish.

At this time, I would like to thank the members of the Task Force: Gillian Bloom, Mary Byrne, Donna Dunning, Sharon McMillan, Shannon Stewart, Claire White, and our rector Daniel Fournier for their hard work over the past 3 months. Their dedication and support went beyond wonderful.

Blessings to you, the parish, as you move forward with a music ministry that I hope will be spirit-filled and engaging.

Alan Whitmore,
Discernment Facilitator

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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We hope you will join us again soon!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY October 25th, 2026

Deuteronomy 34: 1-12

Psalm 90: 1-6, 13-17

1 Thessalonians 2: 1-8

Matthew 22: 34-46

FLOWERS

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