Welcome to

St. Luke Cedar Hill

Celebration Sunday

(Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost)

November 15, 2026 – 10 am

Holy Eucharist



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the lək^{w}əŋən 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 304 All Things Are Thine
(tune: Ye Banks and Braes)

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.

Invitation to Confession
Priest: Dear friends,
as the church year soon comes to a close,
we find before us an opportunity for deep reflection.
Our readings speak of wisdom, courage
and using the strengths and gifts given.
We are asked to reflect on our lives, our values,
and what is truly important to us.
As we enter today's celebration, may we take a breath,
step back, and think about what really matters.

And as we prepare to welcome Christ in Word
and Sacrament, let us prepare our hearts, as we
confess our missteps together.

Silence is kept.

Confession
All: Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
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.

Priest: May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life,
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!
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Collect of the Day

Priest: May God be with you.
All: And also with you.
Priest: Let us pray.

O God,
from whose abundance
all gifts and skills are lavishly bestowed:
give us courage to use our talents
as generously as you have given them,

so that, being faithful to your purpose,
we may share in your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: JUDGES 4: 1-7

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Judges.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.
All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 123

Response: ***Our eyes look to the Lord our God,***
until he shows us his mercy.

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
So our eyes look to the Lord our God,
until he show us his mercy. ***(Response)***

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich,
and of the derision of the proud. ***(Response)***

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5: 1-11

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 25: 14-30

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 569 Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

(tune: The Call)

Homily: The Ven. Alastair Singh-McCollum *(Please be seated.)*

Anthem: How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling *(Carl Schalk)*

Considering Stewardship

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
Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray today for Iglesia Anglicana de Chile, The Most Revd. Enrique Lago Zugadi, Primate. **Locally we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Columba, Port Hardy + St. John, Port Alice, and their priests, Rev. Sheila Cook and Rev. Bob Gilbert. **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.

A prayer of thanksgiving for St. Luke's Parish:
Generous God, our hearts are filled with gratitude
as we celebrate this year's Celebration Sunday.
We come to this table of thanksgiving
with great joy and eagerness,
for we are truly grateful to you, our God,
for all that we have been given.

We offer our thanks for all
who have served this church over the years.
We are grateful for the clergy
who have guided and led,
supported and cared,
and whose vision helped to build and strengthen
the work of the church throughout the years.

We remember with affection and gratitude
those whose faith and service
began the ministries that we carry on this day.
For the countless numbers of people
who have come through these doors
to celebrate baptisms and confirmations,
marriages and anniversaries, we give thanks.

For the ministry to people who have come
to this church community for care and comfort
during times of bereavement and struggle;
we offer thanks for open doors
and opportunities to be bearers of compassion
and hope to those in need.
We thank you for every memory
that our celebration revives,
and for all who have gone before us
who have helped to make this festival of our church
an occasion for celebration.

We are grateful that we have the opportunity now
to be your sign of love in this place,
and ask your blessing as we come together
to worship, work and grow in our vision, our mission
and our various ministries.
May all that we do together be a sign of hope
both inside and outside these walls.
May we never lose sight of your faithfulness
that sustained our forebears in the past,
that is with us now, and that will be our guide,
our strength and our hope as we move into the future.

Short silence

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Creator God, we pray for the peace of the world,
raising before you the countless places
and populations who have never enjoyed the peace
which we here so often take for granted.
We offer our heartfelt prayers for peace in our world,
and for peace in the ongoing conflict in Iran.
We pray for all those who are suffering
because of the ongoing war in the Ukraine.
We pray that world leaders
will continue to strive for peace,
not only internationally,
but also within their own countries.

May peace begin with us, in this community,
in our homes, and with our families and friends
as we strive to follow in Jesus' footsteps.

Short silence

God, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Holy God, we thank you for the joy of human love,
and for all those among whom we live and work.
We are thankful for the connections
we have in our community
and for the privilege of supporting their work.

We pray especially for the staff and clients
of South Island Counselling Centre;
for the work of the Shelbourne Community Kitchen
and Executive Director Kim Cummins,
and their efforts to provide food security
in our neighbourhood;
for the board, staff and residents of the Dawson,
Cedars and the Woodlands;

for the St. Luke's Players and their team of volunteers;
and for the staff and families served
by Lakehill Preschool.
May we find ways to increase and enhance
our ministry among them.

Short silence

God, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Compassionate God,
we pray for members of our church family
who are not able to be here with us today
because of age, illness or other concerns.

We pray for those who have asked for our prayers:
(Add names here)

We give thanks for our pastoral visitors
whose ministries provide vital support and connection.
We pray, too, for members of our own families
who are facing difficult diagnoses,
undergoing treatments and procedures,
or experiencing chronic health issues.
May they know your love through
our expressions of care and support.

Short silence

God, in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer.

Caring God, accept these prayers
for the sake our Saviour, 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.
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 601 God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
(tune: Blaenwern)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts
Priest: As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church
soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.
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:

CP 70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts
(tune: Maryton)

CP 63 Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup *[with verses]*
(tune: Eat This Bread)

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

Priest: Gracious God,
in this sacrament
we have shared the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have been nourished by holy things
bear witness to his light,
and share in his eternal priesthood;
for he is Lord for ever and ever.
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 now
as those who have found favour in the sight of God.
Be imitators of Jesus Christ
and an example to all of the life of faith.
To the world in which you live,
give your love and service,
and to God, give all that you are
and all that you shall be.

And may the glory of God's goodness
be revealed to you;
May the grace and peace of Jesus Christ
take root in you;
And may the inspiration of the Holy Spirit
fill you with joy.
All: Amen.

<u>Closing Hymn: CP 444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided</u>
(tune: Thornbury)

Dismissal
Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Thank you to all who assisted with today's service.

In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, **we pray for** the members of the Council of General Synod (Anglican); **for** the members of the National Church Council (Lutheran); **and for** the members of the Board of Elders of the Canadian District (Moravian).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
November 15th – November 22nd
(**New Items, *Revised Items)

****We welcome The Ven. Alastair Singh-McCollum,** as our guest homilist today.

****Please stay for St. Luke's Celebration Sunday Lunch after the service.**

****This month's Fellowship Dinners will be on Wednesday, November 18th at 6 pm** at the White Spot Restaurant, Quadra and McKenzie streets. Please advise Harry Felsing if you plan to attend.

****Thank You to All Who Helped with the Service of Remembrance last Sunday** – **Thank you to Tuf Turf** for providing at no cost the sand for the remembrance pots. **Thanks to Rick and Noreen Saville** for providing the rosemary, filling the remembrance pots with sand, and setting them up in the cemetery ready to distribute. Youth and adults at Fantastic Friday on November 6th added rosemary, a Canadian flag, and a poppy cross to the pots. See pictures from the Service of Remembrance and from Fantastic Friday of assembling the remembrance pots at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

Service Each Thursday Morning – Don't forget that we have a service each Thursday morning at 10:30 am in the chapel. This is a quiet contemplative and intimate Holy Communion service. Come for mid-week spiritual uplift.

The November 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. Please call the office (250-477-6741) to ask to have a copy delivered. ***The Ripples section in this issue of Faith Tides, includes articles about The Blessing of the Animals Service and Thanksgiving Food Donations to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen.*** See more information on the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

The next Silver and Sage 55+ Gathering will be on Thursday, November 26th from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the church. The topic will be Small Boats around the World, presented by Ken Gibbard.

St. Luke's Christmas Bazaar will be on Saturday, November 28th, from 10 am -2 pm. Your help would be much appreciated with set-up on Thursday, November 26th starting at 7:30 pm and on Friday, November 27th from 9 am, and with selling at the Bazaar. Please call Carol at 250-592-2842 to offer your help. Donations can be brought to the hall basement on weekday mornings, the week of November 23rd, or any time on the 27th. Thanks so much! We look forward to another exciting sale!

Our November Reflections, our Sunday service at dusk, will be on Sunday, November 29th at 4:30 pm – This month's Reflections will feature **Sylvia McAvany, a Sound Weaver, playing Handpans and Singing Bowls.** As a Sound Weaver, Sylvia offers meditation through sound to help the listener relax and reach an elevated mood. When paired with inspirational readings, we hope that this Reflections will bring a sense of light and peace to all who attend.

A Note from Claire White – A family at St. Luke's is needing some assistance. What would help the family is if they could be gifted "Gift Cards" from Walmart and Fairways Market. That way they can buy groceries at Fairways and other items from Walmart. If parishioners are able to purchase Fairways or Walmart gift cards and give them to Claire, she will give them to

the family. If parishioners would prefer to donate money, Claire will collect the money and purchase the gift cards to give to the family. Note that Fairways gift cards are available from the office and then can be loaded with the amount you wish to give to the family. If you have any questions, please talk to Claire White, People's Warden. Thank you in advance for your help in assisting this family."

****Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards** – Thank you for using your Fairway Market Community Shopping Cards. **This month, we received a payment of $327.37, bringing our total to date to $5,699.52,** since we started taking part in this program in 2021. Please continue to use your reloadable Fairway Market Community Shopping Card so that St. Luke's can receive 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**.

****Thank you for Your Donations to Sunday Coffee Times** – To date since January 1st, **your donations total $1,891.25**. Your donations help to pay for the birthday cakes each month, the cookies we have each week, and help pay Rebecca and the youth for their time doing the setup and cleanup. We all love coffee time! So if you able to put a donation in the donations jar at Coffee Time each week or make a donation in your envelope in church, your help with the coffee time costs will be greatly appreciated! **Thanks to everyone for providing goodies for Coffee Time. Our supplies are a bit low now so donations of cookies, squares, and loaves would also be very welcome.**

Jewellery for the Christmas Bazaar – Now is a good time to sort through your jewellery to gather any pieces you are no longer wearing, which you could donate for the Christmas Bazaar. Time will be set aside the week before the Bazaar to accept items for sale. If you have any questions, please talk to Barb Prescott.

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 November 22nd, 2026

Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20 - 24
Psalm 100
Ephesians 1: 15-23
Matthew 25: 31-46

FLOWERS

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God,
in memory of members of the Richards, Roberts, Francis,
Chuku, Gardner, Sebastian, Mussington, Tonge, Ochillo,
and Farquhar families
from Genevieve Richards.