

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 21)
August 27, 2023 - 10:00 am
Holy Baptism and 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.*

Prelude (*please be seated*)

Welcome and Introduction (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

Please stand as you are able.

Priest: 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.

Priest: There is one body and one Spirit

All: There is one hope in God's call to us;

Priest: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

All: One God and Father of all.

Opening Hymn: CP 398 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

(tune: Monkland)

The Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Living God,
you accept our stumbling faith,
our misplaced answers,
our false horizons,
and through them you build a way of peace.
Empower and enable us
to bind the wounds of the world
and loose the bonds of oppression,
so that all may confess the grace
that is your work alone;
through Jesus Christ, your anointed one.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: EXODUS 1: 8-2:10

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 124

Response: *Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
if the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;
then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us; **(Response)**

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;
then would the raging waters
have gone right over us. **(Response)**

Blessed be the Lord!
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: ROMANS 12: 1-8

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.

Gradual Hymn: CP 525 The Church's One Foundation

(tune: Aurelia)

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16: 13-20

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.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Please stand as you are able.

Presentation of the Candidate for Baptism

Priest: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be
presented.

Presenter of Adult Candidate:

*I present Behnaz Barani to receive the sacrament of
Baptism.*

Priest: Do you desire to be baptized?

Candidate: *I do.*

Presenters of Infant Candidate:

We present Hudson Charles Mallari to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Presenters: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Presenters: I will, with God's help.

Then the celebrant asks the following questions of the candidate, and of the parents and sponsors who speak on behalf of the infant.

Priest: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Presenters: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Presenters: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Presenters: I renounce them.

Priest: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

Presenters: I do.

Priest: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Presenters: I do.

Priest: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

Presenters: I do.

Support from the Congregation *(Please stand as you are able)*

Priest: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support Behnaz and Hudson and their families in their lives in Christ?

All: We will.

Prayers for the Candidate *(Please be seated)*

Leader: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Open them heart to your grace and truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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

Priest: We give you thanks, almighty God and Father,
for by the gift of water you nourish
and sustain all living things.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks that through the waters
of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery
to freedom in the promised land.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus.
For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan.
For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit.
For us he suffered the baptism of his own death
and resurrection, setting us free
from the bondage of sin and death,
and opening to us the joy
and freedom of everlasting life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit
who teaches us and leads us into all truth,
filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim
the gospel to all nations
and serve you as a royal priesthood.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: We give you thanks for you have called Behnaz and
Hudson to new life through the waters of baptism.

Now sanctify this water,
that your servants who are washed in it
may be made one with Christ in his death
and resurrection, to be cleansed
and delivered from all sin.
Anoint them with your Holy Spirit
and bring them to new birth in the family
of your Church, that they may become inheritors
of your glorious kingdom.

We give you praise and honour and worship
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

**All: Blessed are you, our strength and song,
and our salvation.**

The Baptismal Covenant *(Please stand as you are able)*

Priest: Let us join with those who are committing themselves
to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil
and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All: I do.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God,
The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: 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.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

The Baptism *(Please be seated)*

Priest: *Behnaz Barani*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest: *Hudson Charles Mallari*, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Priest: I sign you + with the cross, and mark you as Christ's own for ever.

Priest: Heavenly Father,
we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit
you have bestowed upon these your servants
the forgiveness of sin,
and have raised them to the new life of grace.
Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give them an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder
in all your works.

All: Amen.

The Giving of Light

Priest: Receive the light of Christ, to show
that you have passed from darkness to light.

**All: Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**All: We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

Introduction of the Newly Baptized

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

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

All: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP 57 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist
(*tune: Song 1*)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might be for the world
signs of your gracious presence
in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: The Book of Alternative Services, The Anglican Church of Canada, 1985. Eucharistic Prayer 2]

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Priest: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

(From Common Praise # 735)

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might.
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full,
full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest,
hosanna in the highest.**

Congregation may sit or kneel at this time.

Priest: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

Amen. (*Sung 5 times - From Common Praise # 737*)

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

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 *(From Common Praise # 747)*

**All: Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace, give us your peace.**

The Giving of Communion

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus,
and all 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 much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a while;
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed;
Come.
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

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 hymn during communion.

Hymn during Communion:
CP 48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
(tune: Picardy)

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

Priest: God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
so that we may proclaim
your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever
in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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.**

Benediction

Priest: May God give you
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
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 401 My Life Flows On in Endless Song

(tune: How Can I Keep From Singing)

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui - The Most Revd Andrew Chan - Archbishop. In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Chris Harper, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon (Anglican); Bishop Kathy Martin, the people and rostered ministers of the British Columbia Synod (Lutheran). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. Michael & All Angels, Chemainus, and their priest, The Reverend Michael Wimmer. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Kootenay and Archbishop Lynne McNaughton.

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

****We welcome Neala St. Hilaire** to play for the 10 am service this morning and next Sunday, September 3rd, while Susanne is away.

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 Times in the Fall** – Thanks to everyone who has made coffee over the summer. We all enjoy the coffee times after the 10 am service! Now we need people to make coffee in the fall. Please look at your calendar and find several Sundays when you can make coffee for the coffee time. Please let Barb Felsing know when you can help out. If you haven't volunteered in this way yet, instructions and "on the job training" will be provided.

***Donations in your Special Purpose Envelopes** – Thank you for your donations to date towards three new appliances (two stoves and a fridge) for St. Luke's kitchen. **As of August 21st, we have received donations totalling \$2,468.75 in the Special Purpose Envelopes.** We need about \$3,000 to replace the three appliances. Let's see how quickly we can raise the remaining amount so we can replace all three appliances soon.

****Save the Date for a Crowd Pleasers Concert on Sunday, September 24th at 2 pm.** Audience favourites for all ages performed on trumpet, cello, voice, organ and piano presented by the St. Luke's music team and guests! Admission by donation (\$20 suggested; identifiable donations of \$20+ are eligible for a tax receipt). Watch for more info to come.

***A Vintage Fashion Show and Tea** will be held **Wednesday, September 27th from 2 – 4 pm.** Vintage Fashion Showcase will present Fall Fashions from 1860 to 1980. Tea, coffee, and sweets will be served. Tickets will be \$25 and will go on sale today during coffee time and via the **events@stlukecedarhill.ca** e-mail.

****Mark Your Calendars – This year's Celebration Sunday and Celebration of St. Luke's Patronal Festival will be on October 29th.** Watch for more information to come about this special event.

Discover Christ Church Cathedral – Tours are available in August and September. Tour the grand Gothic Christ Church Cathedral and hear the tales of how it was created and the history of the people involved. The tours explore the highlights of the nave and chapels, offering an insight into everything from flying buttresses to war history. The Cathedral has one of the best stained glass collections in the country. Tours take place regularly in August and September. Visit the **News page of St. Luke's website** to find out how to book tickets.

Do you like to search the internet? Parish Council is looking for a volunteer(s) to **help research and apply for grants that would assist in funding projects on our Church property.** For example, renovations on the Church washroom to make it more accessible for walkers and wheelchairs. Please contact the Church Wardens, Brenda, or Heather for more information.

Looking for a Room to Rent – Behnaz Barani, our visitor from Dubai, is looking for a room to rent while she is here visiting her daughter. If you have a room available, please let the wardens, Brenda and Heather (**wardens@stluke cedarhill.ca**), know and they will connect you with Nazi.

St. Luke's Vision, Mission, and Actions



St. Luke's Vision

St. Luke's is a beacon in the community, illuminating many ways to encounter God.

St. Luke's Mission

We are supportive people of faith who welcome all with compassion and embrace a culture of community, with outreach as our cornerstone.



St. Luke's Actions: To achieve our Mission, we

- Engage in a vibrant practice of praise but also seek God's peace through prayer and contemplation
- Respect and appreciate the heritage of the first peoples on whose lands we gather and worship
- Nurture a sense of community and promote a culture of inclusion and belonging
- Honour the history of our sacred spaces
- Pursue social and spiritual understanding
- Embrace the values of kindness, openness and hospitality
- Offer compassionate pastoral care
- Base outreach on an attitude of caring and acceptance



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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY September 3rd, 2023

Exodus 3: 1-15

Psalms 105: 1-6, 23-26, 45c

Romans 12: 9-21

Matthew 16: 21-28

FLOWERS

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

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