

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - Proper 11
June 16, 2024 - 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist



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*We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional
territories of the ɫəkwəŋən 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.

Opening Hymn: CP 364 Splendour and Honour

(tune: Iste Confessor)

Invitation to Confession

Priest: Every week, as we worship together,
we have the opportunity to admit to ourselves,
to each other,
and to God that we do not always live as we are called.
In this time of confession,
this time of opening our hearts,
let us remember that God is merciful and just,
eager to offer grace and love.
Let us pray, first in silence.

Silence is kept.

Confession

**All: Almighty God,
we have sinned against you,
through our own fault,
in thought, and word, and deed,
and in what we have left undone.
We are heartily sorry,
and repent of all our sins.
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
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 the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Priest: Glory to God in the highest,
**All: and peace to God's 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

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Creating God,
you make all things new.
Plant seeds of confidence and gladness in our hearts,
so that, trusting your word,
we may live no longer for ourselves
but for him who died and was raised for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive 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: 1 SAMUEL 15: 34 - 16: 13

Reader: A Reading from the First Book of Samuel.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 20

Response: *The Lord gives victory to his anointed.*

May the Lord answer you in the day of trouble,
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;
Send you help from his holy place
and strengthen you out of Zion. **(Response)**

Remember all your offerings
and accept your burnt sacrifice;
Grant you your heart's desire
and prosper all your plans. **(Response)**

We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the name of our God;
may the Lord grant all your requests. **(Response)**

Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his anointed;
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his right hand.
Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses,
but we will call upon the name of the Lord our God.

(Response)

They collapse and fall down,
but we will arise and stand upright.
O Lord, give victory to the king
and answer us when we call. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 6-10 (11-13), 14-17

Reader: A Reading from the Second Letter of Paul
to the Corinthians.

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 478 Almighty God, Thy Word Is Cast
(tune: Albano)

THE GOSPEL: MARK 4: 26-34

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

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

Anthem: *Bread of the World* by A. Lovelace

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith *(Based on Ephesians 3)*

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 Thanksgiving and Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

In response to the words,

“Plant seeds of your kingdom in our midst, O God.”

*the community prays, “**May we bear the fruits of new life.**”*

Let us pray with confidence as God’s holy people
for the needs of the Church, all families,
and for our world...

Gracious God, you hold all things in your hands.
We may plant seeds but it is your mysterious power
that brings forth growth.

We play our small parts but you awaken new life.
Thank you for our place in your purposes.
Guide our plans for ministry in the days ahead.

Keep silence

Plant seeds of your kingdom in our midst, O God.

All: May we bear the fruits of new life.

We pray for the work of our church
and our government
in pursuing Truth and Reconciliation
with Canada's Indigenous Peoples.
We pray for Indigenous communities
which lack clean water to drink
and health care close at hand,
and for all those mourning the loss
of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls.
Guide decision makers to act
with timely courage and compassion
for justice to be done.
Awaken understanding in those
who feel no empathy for the struggles of others.

Keep silence

Plant seeds of your kingdom in our midst, O God.

All: May we bear the fruits of new life.

On this day that celebrates fathers,
we pray for families in war-torn communities
where celebration is an impossible dream.
We pray for fathers and families
who face financial hardship
and worry for the well-being of their children.
And we pray for any who feel empty or lonely this day,
who fear the future or mourn the past.
As summer holidays draw closer,
guide families to find meaningful opportunities
to enjoy each other and the world on their doorsteps.

Keep silence

Plant seeds of your kingdom in our midst, O God.

All: May we bear the fruits of new life.

Gracious God,
you hold all things in your hand, including us.
Be with all those who carry on in spite of loss or grief,
and with those who face pain or uncertainty
about their future.
Keep us open to your Spirit's leading.

Keep silence

Plant seeds of your kingdom in our midst, O God.
All: May we bear the fruits of new life.

God of our hearts and our hopes,
we pray for those you have given us to love.
Hear us as we name them before you in silence.

Keep silence

Plant seeds of your kingdom in our midst, O God.
All: May we bear the fruits of new life.

In all that we do with and for each other,
help us embody the love of Christ Jesus,
in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

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 502 You Are Salt For the Earth

(tune: Bring Forth the Kingdom)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Almighty and patient Father,
we bring before you the fruits
grown from tiny seeds of wheat
and the small shoots of the vine.
By the power of your Spirit
they become Jesus, your Son among us.
Let the seed of his life and message
bear fruit among us, your people,
and make us the body of Christ to the world,
that trust and hope may grow among us.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 1 - Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayer Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services. 2001.]

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: Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.
When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
to confront our sin
and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe
we proclaim your glory singing:

(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: Gracious God,
in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
to share our fragile humanity.
Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
you open the path from brokenness to health,
from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks,
and said "Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Priest: Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever

All: 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 hymns during communion.

Hymns during Communion:

CP 62 Come, Let Us eEat

(tune: Chereponi)

CP 402 Confitemini Domino

(tune: Confitemini Domino)

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

Priest: Holy God,
with a generous hand you have sown
among us here in this Eucharist
the seed of all that is good and true,
your Son Jesus Christ.
Give us the hope and the courage
that he can unite us in a community
where justice, truth and freedom will prevail
until the crop is ready for reaping.
Grant us this through 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.**

Announcements *(Please be seated.)*

Benediction (*Please stand as you are able.*)

Priest: The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus
strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
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: This is God's Wondrous World

Music is in Voices United Hymn Book VU 296

(tune: Terra Beata)

**This is God's wondrous world
and to my listening ears
all nature sings, and round me rings
the music of the spheres.
This is God's wondrous world;
I rest me in the thought
of rocks and trees, of skies and seas,
God's hand the wonders wrought.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
the birds their carols raise;
the morning light, the lily white,
declare their Maker's praise.
This is God's wondrous world:
God shines in all that's fair;
in the rustling grass or mountain pass,
God's voice speaks everywhere.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the ruler yet.**

**This is God's wondrous world:
why should my heart be sad?
Let voices sing. Let the heavens ring:
God reigns, let earth be glad!**

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 Iglesia Anglicana de Chile - The Most Revd Hector Zavala – Primate. In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land (Anglican); The National Indigenous Day of Prayer: for healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Peoples (Together). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for St. John Gualbert, Port McNeill, and their parish and wardens. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Caledonia, and Bishop David Lehmann.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS

June 16th – June 23rd

(**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.

****We welcome Emma Robertson to role of videographer.**

Emma will be looking after the videography at the 10 am service three Sundays per month. Neil will continue to provide videography services one Sunday each month.

****The Church Office will be closed on Thursday, June 20th** as Neil will be attending a Parish Administrator's Day.

***The Deadline was last Friday, June 14th for the Summer issue of St. Luke's Prescription** but we always allow a few days grace. If you haven't already sent in your articles, photos,

poems, and other creative endeavours to Sharon McMillan or Barb Prescott, or to **communications@stlukecedarhill.ca**, please send them in the next few days.

***Looking for a Prescription Editor** – In the *Easter Prescription*, we mentioned that **Sharon McMillan would like to step down as *The Prescription* editor** in order to make time to pursue her own creative endeavours. This is a chance for someone else to take on the fun of helping to create *The Prescription*. This is not an “every week kind of a job” as some volunteer positions are. One just needs some time available **four times a year (during about a 2-3 week period leading up to publication)** to work on **pulling together the articles and pictures** sent in for the *Prescription*. Barb plans to continue as co-editor but we would like someone else to take on Sharon’s part of the process. Please talk to Sharon or Barb Prescott or one of the Wardens if you are interested.

***The Outsider – Presented by St. Luke’s Players.** A timely and hilarious comedy that skewers politics and celebrates democracy. Performances in **the evenings are at 7:30 pm Wednesday to Saturday, on June 19th – 22nd. Matinees are at 2:00 pm on Saturday and Sunday, June 16th, 21st, and 22nd.** Tickets are \$18, available through EventBrite or at the door. See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke’s website.**

****The May and June 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.**

****Recent Work in the Cemetery and Thank You for Your Donations** – Work in the cemetery this spring has included trimming of a Port Laurel bush and tree. **See pictures at the News page of St. Luke’s website.** Work earlier this year included repairing the dry stone wall, creating stairs to the area by the shed, and some miscellaneous repairs (totalling just over \$5,000). **Thank you for the donations we have received to**

date (\$2,289), which we have put towards the repairs and the tree pruning. **To make a tax receiptable donation towards the repairs and upkeep such as tree pruning, please visit the Donations for the Upkeep of St. Luke's Cemetery link** at the Cemetery page of St. Luke' website (www.stlukesvictoria.ca/our-community/st-lukes-historic-cemetery) to find out how to make a donation by cheque or cash, using a credit card, or by e-transfer. **Or make a donation in your envelope noting that your donation is for the cemetery.**

***Still Spaces Available for this year's Amazing Journey Day Camp,** which will be held in the mornings, **July 22nd to July 26th.** Children born January 1, 2013 to June 30, 2020 are eligible to be campers. The Registration Form is available at the **News page of St. Luke's website.** **Registration fees are \$55 for the first child, \$50 for the 2nd child, and \$45 for the 3rd child.** St. Luke's joins with Church of the Cross each summer for a week-long day camp hosted at one of the churches. **This year's camp will be held at Church of the Cross and the theme will be "Mending God's World."** We are also looking for Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group Leaders. **Registration final deadline is July 10th.**

****Level Ground Fundraising Will End This Month –** On June 30th, **Level Ground will wrap up their fundraising program. Please make any orders for coffee, tea, or dried fruit before the end of the month** to take advantage of this fundraising opportunity for St. Luke's. Level Ground will make the final payout to St. Luke's once Quarter 2 (April 1-June 30) has closed. See more information at the **Fundraising page of St. Luke's website.**

****Estate Planning and Legacy Giving Seminar at St. John the Divine –** The Church of St John the Divine is presenting an **Estate Planning and Legacy Giving seminar on Saturday, June 22nd at 10:00 am at the Bauman Centre, 925 Balmoral Road.** In this seminar, they will look at wills, tax saving implications, and the importance of legacy giving. Doors open

9:30 am. Refreshments will be served. The seminar will begin at 10 am; there will be a question-and-answer period before the 12:00 pm end. The event is provided free of charge to the community but registration is requested in advance. Please email givings@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca with your name and contact information to register. Please visit the **Events page of St. Luke's website** for more information.

****An Invitation from St. Michael's Church** – On Wednesday, June 26th, at 5 pm, St. Michael's Anglican Church (4733 West Saanich Road) **invites you to a 30-minute service of Evening Prayer in its outdoor worship space (rain location: the church)**. This service will include a couple of brief readings, three varied pieces of music, and time for quiet reflection and prayer. All who wish to bring a picnic supper are invited to remain after the service to enjoy additional time together. For further information, please speak with Sara Baker at 250-479-0540.

****Pride Parade July 7th** – Church of the Cross has invited St. Luke's to take part in the **Pride Parade** with Church of the Cross and Inclusive Christians. If you are interested in marching in the parade, **please contact Pr. Lyndon at pastorlyndon@shaw.ca. Those marching will meet around 10 am. The parade begins at 11 am.** If you are arriving late, you'll have better chance of catching the parade near the end of the route leading into James Bay. There is a Pride Festival immediately after the parade at MacDonald Park in James Bay, where the parade ends.

Calling All Photographers Themes for the Upcoming Weeks

A Note from Daniel: Friends, I am calling on your skills and talents in photography. We would love to use your photos for our bulletin covers. Photos will be chosen in relation to the theme of the Sunday readings. (See below.) I invite you to be imaginative with these words and themes.

- June 23** Boat and windstorm at sea – stormy sea
- June 30** Jesus healing a woman and a child. What could that look like as a photo? Use your imagination.
- July 7** From Paul, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” or Jesus sends disciples – two by two... Entering a house – welcome...
- July 14** King David dancing in celebration. Celebration with a big meal. Sharing food.
- July 21** Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while. Crowds of people – Jesus preaching from boat (a man in a boat?)
- July 28** Jesus feeds the multitudes – Jesus Walks on water. People in a boat on a stormy sea.
- Aug. 4** Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty." (Image of Bread).
- Aug. 11** Therefore be imitators of God, live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us (Eph)/Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. John 6
- Aug. 18** More on John 6 (I am the bread of Life – Unless you eat of this bread)

Remember that most of these pictures will appear as greyscale (B/W) on the bulletin cover so please consider how they will appear if they were printed in black-and-white.

Please send your photos to admin@stlukecedarhill.ca and include your name and the Sunday the picture is for in the file name. Pictures should be a small to medium file size (eg 800 or 1200 px on the long side).

Please send your pictures by the Wednesday of the week preceding the particular Sunday. I look forward to receiving your pictures in the weeks ahead.

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY June 23rd, 2024

1 Samuel 17: 32-49
Psalm 9: 9-20
2 Corinthians 6: 1-13
Mark 4: 35-41

FLOWERS

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