

Welcome to St. Luke Cedar Hill

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – Proper 15
July 14, 2024 – 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist



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

Opening Hymn: CP 575 Let Streams of Living Justice
(*tune: Thaxted*)

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.

Invitation to Confession

Priest: In our full lives, it is often hard to find
even a few moments of quiet, but when we do,
they are often an invitation to look inward,
to the heart and soul.
What we see there may be beautiful
or not so pleasant.
In this time of quiet, may we look within,
and offer God the wholeness and truth of our lives
as we confess our sin to our forgiving God.

Silence is kept.

Confession

**All: Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;**

**that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
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.

God of the prophets,
whose word cuts through the webs of power
and holds the tyrant to account:
be with all who raise their voice
against oppression and misrule,
who are imprisoned and abused for freedom's sake;
help us to stand and speak with them
and witness to your kingdom now;
through Jesus Christ, the name above all others.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: 2 SAMUEL 6: 1-5, 12b-19

Reader: A Reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 24

Response: *The King of glory shall come in.*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and all who dwell therein.
For it is he who founded it upon the seas
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep. **(Response)**

"Who can ascend the hill of the Lord?
and who can stand in his holy place?"
"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart,
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud. **(Response)**

They shall receive a blessing from the Lord
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
Such is the generation of those who seek him,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob. **(Response)**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is this King of glory?"

"The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle." **(Response)**

Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors;
and the King of glory shall come in.

"Who is he, this King of glory?"

"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory." **(Response)**

SECOND READING: EPHESIANS 1: 3-14

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

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 529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded

(tune: Michael)

THE GOSPEL: MARK 6: 14-29

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

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 Thanksgiving and Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

*In response to the words, “Blessed are you, O God,”
the community prays, “for all your goodness to us.”*

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

Blessed are you, O God,
for all your goodness to us.
In Christ, we meet your love and wisdom, face to face.

Through the Holy Spirit,
we recognize the abilities and opportunities
you create in us and for us
to reach out to the world you love.
We thank you for all the ways friends and families,
neighbours and strangers,
reach out to us and to others,
offering support and kindness,
speaking up to confront wrongdoing,
celebrating when achievements
bring happiness and healing.

Silence is held.

All: Blessed are you, O God,
for all your goodness to us.

Today we pray for courageous leaders in cities,
countries and congregations
who strive to serve with integrity and honesty
in a world prone to self-interest.
We pray for those who struggle to create justice
where it has been compromised,
and to build understanding in divided communities.
We remember before you quiet and reliable leaders
who keep their word and meet their deadlines
so that we can depend on them
in these unsettled times.

Silence is held.

All: Blessed are you, O God,
for all your goodness to us.

We pray for patient church members
and community volunteers,
who work diligently to improve our life together.
And we pray for the creative, impatient change makers
who keep challenging us to be bolder
and more determined in righting wrongs
and trying new strategies.

We pray for those who are troubled in mind or spirit,
for those who feel angry and unhappy,
and for those who feel that every day is a struggle.
Soothe their concerns and open their hearts
to claim the hope and help you offer.

Silence is held.

All: Blessed are you, O God,
for all your goodness to us.

We remember before you those who are sick,
those who are dying,
and those who are bereaved
who must try to put their lives back together again.
We pray for those who are looking for better health,
a fresh start, more stability or a glimpse of hope.
Draw close to all these who suffer,
offering your comfort and courage
to face whatever comes next.

Silence is held.

All: Blessed are you, O God,
for all your goodness to us.

Receive our prayers, both spoken and unspoken,
and embrace us all in your love.
Give us hearts to understand
not only what you do on our behalf,
but also what you call us to do on your behalf,
for we are friends and followers of Jesus,
in whose name we pray.

All: Amen.

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn:

CP 592 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

(tune: Fulda)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time, and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

*[Source: Church of Ireland – Book of Common Prayer 2004;
Holy Communion 2 – Eucharistic Prayer 1]*

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: Father, almighty and everliving God,
at all times and in all places
it is right to give you thanks and praise:

And so with all your people,
with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and 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: Blessed are you, Father,
the creator and sustainer of all things;
you made us in your own image,
male and female you created us;
even when we turned away from you,
you never ceased to care for us,
but in your love and mercy
you freed us from the slavery of sin,
giving your only begotten Son to become man
and suffer death on the cross to redeem us.

He made there the one complete
and all-sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world:
he instituted, and in his holy Gospel
commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he gave it to them, saying,
Drink this, all of you,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we do as Christ your Son commanded:

**All: we remember his passion and death,
we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,
and we look for the coming of his kingdom.**

Priest: Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts,
grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit
that we may be made one in your holy Church
and partakers of the body and blood of your Son,
that he may dwell in us and we in him.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father,
for ever and 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 48 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

(tune: Picardy)

CP 342 We Praise You, O God

(tune: Kremser)

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

Priest: Gracious God,
in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,
and nourished us at your table with food and drink,
the body and blood of Christ.
Now send us forth to be your people in the world,
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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: May God, who gives patience and encouragement,
give you a spirit of unity
to live in harmony as you follow Jesus Christ,

so that with one voice
you may glorify the God
and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
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 309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

(tune: Praise the Lord)

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 The Church of Ireland, The Most Revd John McDowell - Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Most Rev. Greg Kerr-Wilson, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Calgary (Anglican); the assistant to the bishop and the staff of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Mark, Qualicum Beach, and their priest, the Venerable Elizabeth Northcott. **We also pray for** Pastor Lyle and Pastor Lyndon, and for Lutheran Church of the Cross in their time of transition, and for the Diocese of Kootenay, and Bishop Lynne McNaughton.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
July 14th – July 21st
(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.

***The Church Office will be closed on Friday, July 19th** when Neil takes one of his vacation days and **will reopen on Monday, July 22nd at 9 am.**

***The Church Office will be closed some other Fridays over the summer** (as well as Friday, July 19th), when Neil takes some of his vacation days. **The office will be closed: July 26th, August 16th, 23rd, and 30th.**

***Tour of the Cedar Hill Garden at St. Luke's** – The Shelbourne Community Kitchen invites you to **a tour of the Cedar Hill Garden (the garden behind South Island Counselling Centre) at 3 pm on Thursday, July 18th.** Come to see what they have in store for summer gardening. Over the past three years, the partnership between St. Luke's and The Kitchen has flourished in the form of fresh vegetables and herbs that have greatly impacted the way The Kitchen operates. Enjoy a refreshment as you hear about what is growing and what The Kitchen has planned for the coming months! **A sign up sheet is at the back of the church.** The tour is limited to 20 spaces. **Please sign up to let us know that you are planning to come.**

***Mark Your Calendars** – **Next Sunday, July 21st** we will welcome our friends from **Lutheran Church of the Cross for a combined worship service** at 10 am at St. Luke's. There will be an 8 am service at St. Luke's as well next Sunday.

***Baking Needed for this year's Day Camp** – Calling all bakers, we would love some baking for the Day Camp to serve during the daily snack time. **Contributions of muffins, loaves**

such as banana bread or pound cake, or cookies would be appreciated. We are looking for snacks which aren't too sweet. And we ask that you not include any chocolate, which melts, and avoid nuts, due to allergies. This does not need to be homemade baking. Items can be baked or bought ahead of time and put in the freezer at the church, **labelled "For Day Camp"**, or dropped off closer to the day camp. Please let **Barb Prescott know if you have baking to be put in the freezer or will be dropping off baking so that she can let the kitchen crew know what will be available.**

****Shelbourne Community Kitchen Summer Stock Up Food Drive Campaign** – Every summer, the Shelbourne Community Kitchen sees an increase in families accessing their food support services, but this is also a time when supplies of non-perishable food donations are at an all time low. With the current cost of food and inflation, we are registering an average of 50 new people each month. **The Shelbourne Community Kitchen team invites you to participate in our 2024 Summer Stock Up Food Drive Campaign!** The Kitchen's most needed items are:

- Canned Fish and Meat
- Peanut Butter
- Canned Beans
- Canned Fruit and Vegetables
- Instant Meals
- Pasta and Pasta Sauce
- Granola Bars and Cereal
- Juice and Herbal Tea
- Rice, Oats, and Grains

Please continue to put these needed items in the basket in the church or the basket beside the office and we'll deliver them to the Shelbourne Community Kitchen. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

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.

- 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.

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 seeks 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

St. Luke's Mandate

To be a Christian community that seeks to serve by discerning new initiatives that present opportunities to support the community and to **BE AS ONE** as we express our faith through our actions*

- **Build** on partnerships with other churches, non-profits, and community groups
- **Ensure** that existing community programs are monitored, reviewed, and sustained, as appropriate
- **Actively pursue** ways and means to improve the fiscal health of St. Luke's church
- **Share** the inspirational beauty of the church building by opening it to the community
- **Optimise** the use of our physical plant to become a centre for the community (a Community Hub)
- **Nurture** diversity within the parish to reflect that of the broader community
- **Embrace** change as a path to the community connection that will enable us to grow our ministry and develop our faith

***BE AS ONE - Philippians 2:1-3, New Life Version:** Are you strong because you belong to Christ? Does His love comfort you? **Do you have joy by being as one in sharing the Holy Spirit?** Do you have loving-kindness and pity for each other? Then give me true joy by thinking the same thoughts. Keep having the same love. **Be as one in thoughts and actions.** Nothing should be done because of pride or thinking about yourself. **Think of other people as more important than yourself.**



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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY JULY 21st, 2024

2 Samuel 7: 1-14a
Psalm 89: 20-37
Ephesians 2: 11-22
Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

FLOWERS

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