

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 24)
September 15, 2024 - 10:00 am
A Service of the Word



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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.

Art on the Front Page:

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Prelude (*please be seated*)

Welcome, Introduction, and Territorial Acknowledgement
(*Worship Leader: Tara Poillievre*)

Please stand as you are able.

Leader: Grace, mercy and peace from God our creator
and our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

We thank you, O God,
that you have again brought us together
on the Lord's Day to praise you for your goodness
and to ask your blessing.

Give us grace to see your hand in the week
that is past, and your purpose in the week to come,
through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Opening Hymn: CP 446 Word of God, Come Down to Earth

(*tune: Liebster Jesu*)

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Compassion and forgiveness belong
to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him.
Let us then renounce our wilfulness
and seek his mercy by confessing
our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

Absolution

Leader: May God, who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour,
forgive us our sins
and make us holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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

Leader: We are the body of Christ;
in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: We say together,

**All: Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his 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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Unite us, O God,
in acknowledging Jesus as the Christ.
Give us strength to take up his cross
and courage to lose our lives for his sake;
for we ask this in his name,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: Proverbs 1:20-33

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Proverbs.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul;
**the testimony of the Lord is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.**

The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart;
**the commandment of the Lord is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever;
**the judgements of the Lord are true
and righteous altogether.**

More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
**then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.**

**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

SECOND READING: James 3: 1-12

Reader: A Reading from the Letter of James

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 431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

(tune: Breslau)

THE GOSPEL: MARK 8: 27-38

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.

Reflection: Tara Poilievre

Anthem: *May Joyful Music Fill the Air*, arr. R. Robinson

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith (*Based on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians*)

Leader: Let us stand and 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 Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

*In response to the words, "Artist of our lives,"
the community prays, "Awaken our gifts to serve you."*

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

God of inspiration and imagination,
you are the artist of our lives.
You have filled your world with gifts,
expressed through the creativity
and dedication of so many.

We give you thanks for a new season of opportunity
to gather in worship and witness,
learning from you and from each other.

Artist of our lives,

All: Awaken our gifts to serve you.

Today we give you thanks for the artists among us,
offering their inspiring gifts.

Thank you for painters and poets,
for lines on a canvas and lines on a page,
which inspire us and leave us wondering.

Thank you for sculptors and storytellers
who fashion faces in stone and scenes in words
to outline the profile of your truth for us.

And thank you for the art on our fridge doors.

Artist of our lives,

All: Awaken our gifts to serve you.

God of grace and goodness,
we know your creativity
in the arts of fabric and foodstuff,
in hands that work with wood
and keep machinery humming.

We give you thanks
for those who stitch patterns with thread,
and those who set patterns on our plates,
mixing colours and flavours.
Thank you for those who build and repair,
refinish and restore
the things we need and the things we cherish.

Artist of our lives,
All: Awaken our gifts to serve you.

God of music and movement,
we know your beauty
in the gifts of keyboard and composer,
in the blending of voices and the bending of dancers.
We thank you for these sounds and sights
that can touch our hearts once more,
and open our souls to praise you.
We pray for artists of every kind,
that their work will find appreciation
and support throughout our community.

Artist of our lives,
All: Awaken our gifts to serve you.

God of hope and healing,
we thank you, too, for the healing arts,
for the care and relief
offered by professionals in our health care system
and for support given by friends and volunteers.
We pray for all who seek healing –
for body, mind or spirit.
And we pray for those
whom we have been given to pray for: (N)...

Artist of our lives,
All: Awaken our gifts to serve you.

Give each one your presence and peace
through our prayer and friendship.

Awaken us to all to our creative potential
to serve you in serving each other.
Hear our prayers, silent and spoken,
as we offer these prayer through Christ, our Lord.

All: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: CP 438 O Jesus, I Have Promised
(tune: CP 444 Thornbury)

Leader: Yours, Lord,

**All: is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendor, and the majesty;
for everything on earth and in heaven is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

Prayer of St. John Chrysostom

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us grace
at this time with one accord
to make our common supplications to you,
and you have promised through your well-beloved Son
that when two or three are gathered together
you will hear their requests.
Fulfill now our desires and petitions,
as may be best for us, granting us
in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the age to come eternal life;
for you, Father, are good and loving,
and we glorify you
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

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

Leader: Gathering our prayers and praises into one,
let us pray the words that our Saviour taught us:

**All: Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,**

on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever.
Amen.

Leader: With God all things are possible.
May we carry that confidence
into our daily life and work,
as we walk in Christ's footsteps,
guided by God's hand.
And may God bless us today and always.

All: Amen.

Announcements:

Birthdays and Anniversaries, other announcements

Closing Hymn:

CP 309 Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

(tune: Praise the Lord)

Dismissal

Leader: May the God of hope
fill us with all joy and peace in believing
through the power of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Postlude

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

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE, we pray for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) - The Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** The Most Rev. Lynne McNaughton, Metropolitan, and the clergy and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and Yukon (Anglican); The Assistant to the Bishop and staff of the British Columbia Synod (Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. Michael and All Angels, Royal Oak, and their priest, John Perris. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Yukon and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

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

****Thank you to Tara Poilievre for leading the service this morning.**

***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.

***Help Wanted” for Sunday Morning Coffee Times** including baking, set up, and clean up. Volunteers have a choice to just set up or clean up or both. Baking is always welcome and thoroughly enjoyed at Coffee Time. Our Coffee Times after the 10 am services have become very popular and we can only continue if we have enough volunteers. **If you can help, please email Heather Simpson, Rector’s Warden (hsimpson@stlukecedarhill.ca)** or chat with her on Sunday. Dates are now to the end of December.

***September Reflections Service – TODAY, Sunday, September 15th at 4:30 pm.** The September Reflections features Victoria-based **One Wheel Band, three seasoned**

musicians who bring a fresh acoustic approach to classic folk, roots, blues and jazz tunes along with original compositions. The three spokes of the One Wheel Band are: Burke Rosen (vocals and guitar), Diane Taylor (vocals and bass guitar), and Mike Sampson (vocals and guitar). Each month's Reflections will feature music along with poems and prayers. Enjoy music in the beautiful candlelit ambiance of St. Luke's at dusk.

****The St. Luke's Men's Fellowship Group** will meet **Wednesday, September 18th at 6 pm** at the White Spot, Quadra and McKenzie. Please advise Harry Felsing if you plan to attend.

***St. Luke's Craft Group – This Thursday, September 19th from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.** Joanne Jolson and Heather Simpson are hosting a craft night on the 3rd Thursday each month in the Sequoia Room (Lounge). Crafts included (but not limited to) knitting, crocheting, sewing, needlework, quilting, card making, woodworking, or other forms of crafts. Please talk to Joanne or Heather if you have any questions.

***Prescription Deadline – This Friday, September 20th** is the **deadline for submissions** for the Fall issue of St. Luke's Prescription. Please send along your articles, photos, poems, and other creative endeavours to Barb Prescott or to **communications@stlukecedarhill.ca**.

A Fall Cemetery Cleanup is planned for **Saturday, September 21st from 9:30 to 11:30 am**. Please come and help tidy the cemetery for the fall. Many hands make light work!

It's Time to Order Church Calendars for 2025 – Please phone (250-477-6741) or email the parish office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) to reserve your copy (or copies) of the 2025 church calendar. We will be ordering the Canadian Church calendar and the Anglican Church calendar. **Both types of calendars will be \$10 each.** Please pay for your calendar when you pick it up. The Canadian Church Calendar has the

glossy photos of churches and is produced by the Anglican Church of Canada. The Anglican Church calendar has the watercolours of Anglican churches, is produced by St. Peter Publications, and includes the calendar information in accordance with the BCP. When you phone or e-mail the office, please let Neil know which calendar you are ordering. **The deadline to place your order is Monday, September 23rd.**

Save The Date – A Farewell Gathering for Pastor Lyle will be held on **Tuesday, September 24th from 2:30 – 4:30 pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross.** This will be a time on honour Pastor Lyle McKenzie at Church of the Cross as he starts his time of retirement. St. Luke's parishioners are invited to this community gathering.

The September 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.**

***Donations in your Special Purpose Envelopes –** Unfortunately **2024 so far has been a very expensive year** for our buildings. To date we have spent around \$20,000 more on our buildings than we had budgeted for this part of the year. The expenses have been for safety reasons, not cosmetic repairs. Expenses have included replacing the rotten deck at South Island Centre (\$3,600), replacing the stage floor - asbestos tiles were breaking (\$4,100 less \$2,000 paid by the Players), repairing the cottage bathroom (\$5,000), putting windows in the Sunday School rooms in the church (\$800), repairing the dishwasher (\$1,800), new faucets for the kitchen and a new toilet for the preschool washroom (\$800), repairing the heat pump at South Island (\$4,900 less \$2,000 paid by South Island Centre), and repainting the kitchen – the paint was flaking off (\$3,200). If you are able to make an additional donation in your Special Purpose Envelope (above your regular donations) to help cover these unexpected expenses, your

donation would be greatly appreciated. **Thank you for your donations so far in September, which now total \$2,970.**

***Mark Your Calendars – This year’s Celebration Sunday and Celebration of St. Luke’s Patronal Festival will be on October 27th.** Watch for more information to come about this special event. **Note that there will not be an 8 am service that Sunday.**

Prayer in the Style of Taize resumes this fall on the 3rd Friday of the month: September 20th, October 18th, and November 15th at 6 pm **at St. Michael and All Angels Anglican Church**, 4733 West Saanich Rd. “A way of searching for God in silence and prayer in the midst of daily life.” www.taize.fr All are welcome.

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY September 22nd, 2024

Proverbs 31: 10-31
Psalm 1
James 3: 13-4: 3, 7-8a
Mark 9: 30-37

FLOWERS

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

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