

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
(Proper 25)
September 22, 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.*

Prelude (*please be seated*)

Welcome, Introduction, and Territorial Acknowledgement
(*Worship Leader: Sean Tiernay*)

Please stand as you are able.

Leader: 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.

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 576 For the Healing of the Nations
(*tune: Westminster Abbey*)

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Dear friends in Christ,
as we turn our hearts and minds
to worship almighty God,
let us confess our sins.

**All: Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Absolution

Leader: Merciful God,
grant to us, your faithful people, pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

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

Leader 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: Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you have created the heavens and the earth,
and ourselves in your image.
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;
through 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: PROVERBS 31: 10-31

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 1

Response: *Happy are they who trust in the Lord.*

Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel
of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
Their delight is in the law of the Lord,
and they meditate on his law day and night. **(Response)**

They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.
It is not so with the wicked;
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgement comes,
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
For the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked is doomed. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: JAMES 3: 13 - 4: 3, 7-8a

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 532 What a Friend We Have in Jesus
(tune: Friendship)

THE GOSPEL: MARK 9: 30-37

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: *I Love to Tell the Story*; tune: W. Fisher

Please stand as you are able.

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

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 Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

*In response to the words, "Lord, in your mercy,"
the community prays, "Hear our prayer."*

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

God of all people and places,
we come to you in prayer,
giving thanks that you are with us in all situations.
You bring us strength and courage
when we are anxious or afraid.
You provide wisdom and direction
when we face choices and challenges.
Thank you for your faithfulness to us.
In our prayers, enlarge our love and sharpen our vision
so that we may serve the world you love
more faithfully.

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

We pray for those
who dwell on the margins of the economy,
facing the challenges of unemployment,
financial insecurity and rising costs.
Give leaders in government, business and labour
a mutual vision
that reflects the values of your kingdom,
so that everyone has enough resources
and respect to live well and wisely.

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

We pray for all those
facing famine and drought this year,
and for those who have lost everything
through fire, storm or conflict.
Bring support to those people and agencies
who work to alleviate suffering
and help them rebuild lives and communities.

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

We give you thanks
for those who work for peace and mercy
in a world divided by bitter conflicts,
and for those who keep peace
and lead negotiations in international disputes.
Give them wisdom and perseverance.
We remember those
who face violence, persecution, or discrimination daily.
Send your Spirit to protect the vulnerable
and shame the vicious
so that justice and wellbeing will prevail.

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

We pray for teachers, students,
educational administrators and support staff
as another school year begins.
Thank you for the gifts of education,
for deepening insight into this ever-changing world
and the ability to distinguish truth from error.
Grant all those in education this year
mutual respect and commitment
to the shared venture of learning.
Help each of us
bring the benefits of our education to our life of faith
and give us all a teachable spirit.

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

We pray for all those struggling with pain or illness,
disability or daunting diagnosis.
Stay by their side.
We pray especially for (N).

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

Be with those who face death this day,
and those who weep for loved ones who have died.
Unite us in love, whatever we are facing,
and grant us the peace and hope
you have promised us in Christ Jesus
through whom our prayers we offer...

All: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: CP 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord
(tune: St. Thomas)

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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: 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.**

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 (*Please be seated.*)

Birthdays and Anniversaries, other announcements

Please stand as you are able.

Closing Hymn: All the Ends of the Earth

(by B. Dunford)

Refrain: **All the ends of the earth,
all the creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.**

**Break into song at the deeds of the Lord,
the wonders He has done in every age. *Refrain***

Refrain: **All the ends of the earth,
all the creatures of the sea,
lift up your eyes to the wonders of the Lord.
For the Lord of the earth, the Master of the sea,
has come with justice for the world.**

**Heaven and earth shall rejoice in his might.
Every heart, every nation call him Lord. *Refrain***

**The Lord has made his salvation known,
faithful to his promises of old.
Let the ends of the earth, let the sea and all it holds
make music before our King! *Refrain***

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 North India (United) - The Most Revd Bijay Nayak - Primate. In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop, and the clergy, and people of The Territory of the People (Anglican); Every child matters! Remember the Indigenous children who did not return home from residential school; for survivors and their families; for truth, healing, and reconciliation (Lutheran). In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of St. Peter & St. Paul, and their rector, Gail Rodger. We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, and for the Diocese of Kootenay and Bishop Lynne McNaughton.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
September 22nd – September 29th, 2024
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Thank you to Sean Tiernay for leading the service and Tara Poilievre for reading the sermon this morning while Daniel takes some well-deserved holiday time.**

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 from the beginning of October to the end of December.

***The Deadline was last Friday, September 20th**, for the **Fall 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 Barb Prescott, or to **communications@stlukecedarhill.ca**, please send them in the next few days.

***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 tomorrow, Monday, September 23rd.**

***Save The Date – A Farewell Gathering for Pastor Lyle** will be held **this 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.

***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 \$3,000.**

****Country Grocer Save A Tape Program Update** – We have now collected another set of receipts, totalling \$5,000, and will receive another \$50 gift card, **bringing our total to date to \$650 in gift cards**, which have been sold to parishioners. Well done, everyone! **Please continue to collect your Country Grocer receipts and turn them in to Neil in the Church Office, put them in an envelope in the mail slot, or in the Country Grocer box in the narthex.**

****Our first Fantastic Friday this fall will be Friday, October 4th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in St. Luke's Hall.** Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! Dinner is included. Fantastic Fridays are usually on the first Friday of the month. However, the November Fantastic Friday will be on November 8th. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poilievre, Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Claire White.

****Blessing of the Animals Service Sunday, October 6th at 2:30 pm** – This will be a short service (about 30 minutes long) in the church with a blessing of the animals at the end. You may also bring a picture of a pet (living or deceased) so that the pet can be blessed or remembered. Please invite your friends and their pets to come to this service with you.

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.**

****Save the Date for St. Luke’s Christmas Bazaar, Saturday November 23rd from 10 am – 2 pm.** Now is the time to think of items you could make for the sale, such as craft items, jams and jellies, or baking which could be frozen. Thank you in advance for your help with this exciting fundraiser and community event.

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY September 29th, 2024

Genesis 28: 10-17

Psalm 103: 19-22

Revelation 12: 7-12

John 1: 47-51

FLOWERS

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

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