

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

Proper 27

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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.

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Prelude (*please be seated*)

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

Please stand as you are able.

The hymns today are all taken from the red Voices United hymnal.

Opening Hymn: VU 341 Fairest Lord Jesus
(tune: Crusader's Hymn)

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: To come before God with the truth of our lives
is itself an act of faith:
we trust that the Holy One
is interested in us, interested in our minds
and hearts and souls.
We trust that God's mercy and grace
are intended for us, too.
With faith and in trust,
let us make our confession to God,
first in silent prayer.

Silence is kept.

Confession

**All: Merciful God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

**Priest: May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.**

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 living law,
whose will is to protect the weak
and to educate our desires:
may we learn from you
to give each other dignity
and to find in you our unity;
through Jesus Christ,
who makes us one household.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: JOB 1: 1, 2: 1-10

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Job.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 26

Response: Do not sweep me away with sinners.

Give judgement for me, O Lord, for I have lived with integrity;
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

Test me, O Lord, and try me;
examine my heart and my mind.

For your love is before my eyes;
I have walked faithfully with you. **(Response)**

I have not sat with the worthless,
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
I have hated the company of evildoers;
I will not sit down with the wicked. **(Response)**

I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord,
that I may go in procession round your altar,
Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
Lord, I love the house in which you dwell
and the place where your glory abides. **(Response)**

Do not sweep me away with sinners,
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
Whose hands are full of evil plots,
and their right hand full of bribes.
As for me, I will live with integrity;
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.
My foot stands on level ground;
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: HEBREWS 1: 1-4, 2: 5-12

Reader: A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews.

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: VU 395 Come In, Come In and Sit Down
(tune: Part of the Family)

THE GOSPEL: MARK 10: 2-16

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: *Jesus Loves Me*; arr. W.B. Bradbury

Please stand as you are able.

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, "God, in your mercy,"
the community prays, "**Hear our prayer.**"*

As we strive to walk in the the way of Christ,
we trust in his blessings as we bring our prayers before
to all mighty God.

For the Church:
that we may be witnesses to God's Law of Love
and be instruments of God's healing care
to all who are burdened in life.

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

For all in government and in positions of leadership
in the world, that they will have the courage
to come together to remedy injustices
and work for peace.

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

That the gift of nature,
as expressed through the animals
who serve our needs
may lead us closer to the Creator of all that lives.

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

For couples preparing for marriage,
particularly Aidan Andrews and Rebekah Smith
as 'they become one body'
in the Sacrament of Marriage,
may they be firmly grounded in love, rich in trust,
and unwavering in mutual respect.

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

For the gift that is human life
formed in the image and likeness of God:
may children, families affected by poverty and war,
people of different abilities, and those who are victims
of hatred and racism always recognise
their inherent dignity as God's beloved.

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

We pray for our community:
help us create a living and vibrant parish
where kindness and love of neighbour
are ever present in all our lives.

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

We pray for all who are struggling
with health physically, mentally or spiritually.
May they find healing and peace
through your compassionate love
manifested through the hands, hearts and actions
of those who journey with them.

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

For all who have died:
may they live forever in the fullness
of God's light and love.

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

Hear these prayers spoken
and the silent prayers of our hearts
as we offer all these through Christ, our Lord:

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: VU 602 Blest Be the Tie That Binds

(*tune: Dennis*)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of mercy and grace, the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.

Fill us with good things at your table,
so that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

[*Source: An Order for the Holy Communion (2009); The Great Thanksgiving – Anglican Church of Australia Trust Corporation.*]

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: With all our hearts we praise you, faithful God.
In the beginning, you called light to shine in darkness,
you made living things to grow and flourish
and you created human beings in your image.

You chose us in love,
guided us by your presence
and blessed us with your holy law.
Yet we chose our own sinful ways.

We broke your commandments,
persecuted your prophets,
forgot your wisdom
and, time after time,
refused to answer your call.

So you spoke an eternal word in a human voice
in Jesus of Nazareth, son of Mary, Son of God.
He called and people followed,
leaving every other loyalty.
He set us free to praise your holy name.

But hatred and violence shouted Jesus down.
Betrayed and abandoned and nailed to a cross,
he laid down his life for the world he loved,
and broke the chains of evil and death.
Then you turned our sorrow into joy.
On the third day you raised him up
to lead your people into life.

So we praise you, holy God,
with angels and archangels
and all your faithful people:

(From Common Praise # 719):

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
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: On the night before he died,
Jesus gathered with his friends
to share a meal and wash their feet,
teaching one more lesson of love.

He took bread
and blessed you
and broke it.
He gave it to them and said:
“Take this and eat it.
This is my body.”

He took a cup of wine
and blessed you
and gave it to them.
He said: “Take this and drink it.
This is my blood,
sealing God’s promise to forgive your sins.
Whenever you do this,
do it in memory of me.”
As we share these holy gifts,
we remember the Lord Jesus.

For the love you taught us,
the sacrifice you made for us
and the hope you give us,
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**All: Dying you destroyed our death.
Rising, you restored our life.
Christ Jesus, come in glory.**

Priest: And now, faithful God,
send us your Spirit
to feed us with the body and the blood
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Make us one body in Christ.
Send us as your messengers in the world
and fill us with energy, courage and love.
Now to you, most holy God,
through Christ your Son and in the Spirit’s power,
we bring our worship and our songs of praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever.

All: Amen. (*Sung 3 times - From Common Praise # 721*)

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 (*Setting: Land of Rest*)

**All: O Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world;
Have mercy on us, Lamb of God,
and grant 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:

VU 218 We Praise You, O God

(tune: Kremser)

VU 297 All Praise To you

(tune: Finlandia)

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: Go in peace,
love and care for one another in Christ's name.
Go in the confidence of people
who have found mercy through him,
keeping the commandments
and letting go of all that binds you
to the ways of this world.

And may God come close to you and keep you safe;
may Christ Jesus
reward your faithfulness a hundredfold;
and may the Holy Spirit be your help in time of need,
both now and forevermore.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: VU 242 Let All Things Now Living
(tune: The Ashgrove)

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 Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea - The Most Revd Nathan Ingen – Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran Cycle of Prayer, we pray** for The Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Caledonia (Anglican); The dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod (Lutheran); For people and ministries working to address issues of poverty, homelessness, and affordable housing (Together). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray** for Anna, our Bishop, and for St. Peter, Comox, and their rector, Sulin Milne. **We also pray** for Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon and for the Diocese of Caledonia, and Bishop David Lehmann.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
October 6th – October 13th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

***New sung Communion liturgy at the 10:00 am service.**

Today marks our third Sunday using a new sung setting of the Communion liturgy that we traditionally sing during Communion, based on a familiar tune called "Land of Rest". The music for the Holy-Holy-Holy, Amen and Lamb of God is in the pews, or you can follow along in the CP (719, 721).

****Special Meeting during Coffee Time Today after the 10 am service** – Daniel is inviting you to a Parish Meeting today during the Coffee Time after the 10 am service. He and the Executive Team have some ideas about how we could make Coffee Time more accessible for our parishioners and we also look forward to hearing your suggestions and ideas.

***Blessing of the Animals Service Today, 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.

****The Men's Social Group will meet on Wednesday, October 11th at 6 pm at the White Spot on Quadra.** Please advise Harry Felsing if you plan to attend.

St. Luke's Players Present "Jury Room", a drama by C.B. Gilford, directed by Jacquolynne Keith. Twelve jurors gather to decide the fate of a lovely, young girl. Did she stab her uncle in cold blood? Eleven jurors say yes. Evenings at 7:30 pm, Wednesday-Saturday, October 9-12, 16-19. Matinees at 2:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday, October 12, 13, 19, 20. Tickets can be purchased from: Eventbrite; The Papery at 734 Fort St.; or at the door. They are \$18 each (plus their service fee if purchased through Eventbrite). See more information at the **Events page of St. Luke's website.**

****Complimentary Tickets for St. Luke's Players upcoming play, Jury Room, for Friday, October 11th at 7:30 pm –** Please enter your name (with your phone number) in the basket at the back of the church for a draw for tickets for the Friday, October 11th performance of Jury Room.

****Thanksgiving is NEXT SUNDAY, October 13th.** We are inviting parishioners to bring food items to decorate the church with vegetables, produce, fruit, and canned goods to spread God's generosity. **The food will be donated to Shelbourne Community Kitchen afterwards.** The Altar Guild will be decorating the church for Thanksgiving on Friday, October 11th from 10 am to noon. **The Altar Guild will be happy to accept produce and other food items on Friday morning or on Sunday before the 10 am service.** Some suggestions for food donations include: 5 or 10 lb bags of potatoes or carrots, onions, yams, squash, apples, tins of peas, corn, beans, and pumpkin.

****Special Music for Thanksgiving Sunday, October 13th –** The 10 am service will feature special music including a trumpeter and St. Luke's Hand Bell Choir as well as choral music by St. Luke's choir.

****The Compassionate Resource Warehouse Needs:** Sewing notions (buttons, measuring tape, pins, needles, thread, trims, elastic, sewing scissors, Velcro, needle threaders, thimbles, small tins), crochet cotton, knitting wool, and embroidery supplies (embroidery kits, cloth, floss, hoops, large embroidery needles). If you have extras of these items, please bring them to the church or the church office. **A basket for these items is at the back of the church.** Their bins are empty of these items and they have requests for these supplies for their next couple of loads. Thank you for helping!

****The October 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.**

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.

Thank You from Pastor Lyle to Daniel and the People of St. Luke – Thank you for your presence and gracious words at my retirement celebration this week and for the big beautiful card! It was amazing to see so many of you from the St. Luke community at this gathering. Thank you! And thank you for ministry together over all these years. All God's blessings in continuing ministry together wherever God's Spirit leads us. In grace and peace, Lyle (Rev. Lyle McKenzie, Retired)

October Reflections Service – Sunday, October 20th at 4:30 pm. The October Reflections will feature **organist, Nicholas Kilhoffer**. Born in 2002 in Eastern France, Nicolas (www.nicolaskilhoffer.com) first studied piano at the age of 7. He started playing the pipe organ at age 10 and graduated with highest honours from the Strasbourg Conservatory in 2024. He has performed pipe organ concerts in France, USA, Australia and Kenya as is currently an exchange student at UVic in the business program. The each month's Reflections will features music along with poems and prayers. Enjoy music in the beautiful candlelit ambiance of St. Luke's in the late afternoon.

***This year's Celebration Sunday and Celebration of St. Luke's Patronal Festival will be on Sunday, October 27th.** A special service at 10 am will be followed by a catered lunch. This is our opportunity to gather for a time of joyful celebration. **Please note that there will not be an 8 am service that Sunday.**

***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 in September, which now total \$3,725.**

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 October 13th, 2024

Job 23: 1-9, 16-17
Psalm 22: 1-15
Hebrews 4: 12-16
Mark 10: 17-31

FLOWERS

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