

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill

First Sunday after Christmas
December 29, 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.

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Prelude (*please be seated*)

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

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 125 Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
(*tune: Polish Carol*)

Invitation to Confession

Leader: Christ the light of the world has come
to dispel the darkness of our hearts.
In his light let us examine ourselves
and 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.**

Forgiveness of Our Sins

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: Unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given,
and his name shall be called the Prince of Peace.

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 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

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Shine into our hearts
the light of your wisdom, O God,
and open our minds to the knowledge of your word,
so that in all things we may think and act
according to your good will
and may live continually in the light
of your Son Jesus Christ,
who lives 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 2: 18-20, 26

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 148

Response: *Hallelujah!*

Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights.

Praise him, all you angels of his; praise him, all his host.

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars. **(Response)**

Praise him, heaven of heavens,
and you waters above the heavens.

Let them praise the name of the Lord;

for he commanded, and they were created.

He made them stand fast for ever and ever;

he gave them a law which shall not pass away. **(Response)**

Praise the Lord from the earth,
you sea-monsters and all deeps;

Fire and hail, snow and fog, tempestuous wind, doing his will;

Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars;

Wild beasts and all cattle,

creeping things and winged birds. **(Response)**

Kings of the earth and all peoples,

princes and all rulers of the world;

Young men and maidens, old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord,

for his name only is exalted,

his splendour is over earth and heaven. **(Response)**

He has raised up strength for his people

and praise for all his loyal servants,

the children of Israel, a people who are near him. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: COLOSSIANS 3: 12-17

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

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 146 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime

(tune: Une Jeune Pucelle)

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 2: 41-52

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

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: Sean Tiernay

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.

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

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,
we pray for The Episcopal Church - The Most Revd
Sean Rowe - Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran
Cycle of Prayer,** we pray for Henrieta Paukov,
Director, and the staff of General Synod
Communications and Information Resources; and
Amal Attia, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer and
the staff of Financial Management and Administration
(Anglican); **and for** Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the
National Bishop, Communications and Resource
Generation, and the staff of Communications
(Lutheran). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle,** we pray
for Anna, our Bishop, and for Christ Church Cathedral
School, Victoria, and their head of school, Crystal
Harvey. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the
Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of
Caledonia and Bishop David Lehmann.

Loving God, creator of heaven and earth,
we bring you our prayers with glad and grateful hearts
in this season of hope and joy.

For your image set within us all,
calling us to love one another
and to care for your creation,

All: We give you thanks.

For the gift of your Son who redeems us
and guides us to serve you in the world,

All: We give you thanks.

For the energy and inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
who equips us to meet the challenges we face,

All: We give you thanks.

By your Holy Spirit, empower us to show your love
to those for whom we pray this day:
For the Church and those who lead in it
in complex and difficult times. . .

Silence

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For the world that you have asked us to care for amid
the challenges the climate crisis creates...

Silence

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who rule in the nations of the world,
that they will attend to the needs
of the most vulnerable
and cries for justice in their lands . . .

Silence

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who serve as teachers, instructors,
and mentors, and for students
who face a world of constant change and challenge . . .

Silence

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who serve others as healers and caregivers,
especially those feeling exhausted
by the demands placed upon them . . .

Silence

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those struggling with poverty, homelessness,
and hunger, and the horror of war and occupation. . .

Silence

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who mourn the loss of someone dear
and those who feel alone or neglected...

Silence

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

For those imprisoned for defending truth and justice,
and all who experience exclusion, powerlessness
and oppression . . .

Silence

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

As the year draws to a close,
give us grateful hearts
for what has been loving and life-giving;

give us peace about things that have been painful;
and focus our attention on emerging opportunities
to grow closer to you and to each other.

Keep us faithful in all we do in the name of Jesus
Christ, our friend and saviour.

All: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: CP 148 See Amid the Winter's Snow

(tune: See Amid the Winter's Snow)

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: 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:

Birthdays and Anniversaries, other announcements

Closing Hymn: CP 143 Angels, from the Realms of Glory
(tune: Regent Square)

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.

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
December 29th – January 5th, 2025
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

****Thank you to Sean Tiernay** for leading the service this morning while Daniel is away and **to Dr. Steven Benson** for playing the organ this morning while Susanne is away from the organ bench.

****The Church Office will be closed Tuesday, December 31st, and Wednesday, January 1st.** The Church Office will be open on December 30th, and January 2nd and 3rd.

****A Big Thank You to Thrifty Foods Cloverdale** for the donation of the the oranges we used for the Christingle Service. In the past, they have often given them to us at cost, but this year, they provided them for free, which was very generous!

****The Next Fantastic Friday will be on January 3rd, 2025** – It will be an **Epiphany Party in the Hall starting at 4:30 pm.** The evening will include Fantastic Friday crafts and the Epiphany tradition of chalking the church door. Everyone welcome!

****On January 5th, we will celebrate the Feast of Epiphany.** The 10 am service will be an Epiphany Lessons and Carols Service **with special music.**

****Our January Reflections, our Sunday service at dusk, will be on Sunday, January 12th at 4:30 pm –** The January Reflections will feature **Flutist, Dr. Mary Byrne.** When paired with inspirational readings, we hope that this Reflections will bring a sense of light and peace to all who attend.

****St. Luke's Christmas 2024 Prescription** is now available and the link to the online version was sent out by e-mail. Copies are available at the back of the church and from the parish office. Please let the Parish Office know if there is someone you would like a copy of the Prescription delivered to.

****Save the Date of Sunday, February 23rd** for our **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**, also known as our Annual Vestry Meeting. **The meeting will be held after the 10 am service** and will include a review of reports from 2024, voting on the budget for 2025, and the election of Parish Council members, Synod delegates, and the Leadership Team members. **There will not be an 8 am service that morning.**

****Parish Council for 2025 –** If you would like to serve on Parish Council or know someone who would like to be on Parish Council, **please speak to one of the Nominations Committee members:** Rick Saville, Heather Simpson, or Carol Turnham.

"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 needed now are the **Sundays in January.**

***Pre-Authorized Remittance Program (PAR) –** A number of people noted on their givings cards that they would like to increase their PAR or start using PAR. To make a change or start using PAR, please send an e-mail to St. Luke’s Givings e-mail (**givings@stlukecedarhill.ca**) and include the following information as noted. **To make a change to PAR**, include your envelope #, the date you would like the change to happen (eg January 1, 2025 or February 1, 2025, etc.), and the amount of the change. The PAR comes out of one’s account on the 20th of the month but changes have to be sent in prior to the 10th of the month. **To start using PAR**, send an e-mail to St. Luke’s Givings e-mail (**givings@stlukecedarhill.ca**) and a form to enrol will be sent to you. The Treasurer will follow up with everyone who indicated that they would like to change their PAR amount or start PAR in case they have any questions.

***The Shelbourne Community Kitchen invites you to join their Donate & Double Your Impact Campaign!** There are **2 days left (til December 31st)**, when every dollar donated will be matched up to **\$15,000**. With inflation and rising food costs, the need for food security has never been greater. Every donation—big or small—will be doubled, amplifying the impact and helping The Kitchen meet the growing demand for support. See more information and a link to make a donation at the **News page of St. Luke’s website**.

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 seek 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



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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY January 5th, 2025

Isaiah 60: 1-6
Psalm 72: 1-7
Ephesians 3: 1-12
Matthew 2: 1-12

FLOWERS

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

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