

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
The Baptism of Our Lord
January 12, 2025 - 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.*

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Prelude (*please be seated*)

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

Please stand as you are able.

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.

Opening Hymn:

CP 628 O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High v. 1-4
(*tune: Puer Nobis Nascitur*)

Thanksgiving for Baptism

Priest: Today, on the feast of the Lord's baptism,
Jesus, though he was without sin,
made himself one with sinners, with outcasts,
with the poor in any way,
to bring them God's forgiveness and life.
He accepted that difficult mission.
At our baptism we have become one with him.
Do we too, like him, accept our mission
to be loving servants of God and people,
even when this is a difficult task?
After all, this is our call.
We are Jesus' disciples.

Silence is kept.

Priest: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God,
**All: the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. Amen.**

Priest: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
and by your Word you created the world,
calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood
you delivered Noah and his family.
Through the sea you led your people Israel
from slavery into freedom.
At the river your Son was baptized by John
and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
By water and your Word you claim us
as daughters and sons, making us heirs
of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
and above all we praise you
for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
Shower us with your Spirit, and
renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace and love.

To you be given honour and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

All: Amen.

Priest: Glory to God in the highest,
**All: 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

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Holy One of Israel,
you anointed Jesus at his baptism with the Holy Spirit
and revealed him as your beloved Son.
Keep all who are born of water and Spirit
faithful in your service,
so that we may rejoice to be called children of God,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 43: 1-7

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Isaiah.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 29

**Response: *The Lord shall give his people
the blessing of peace.***

Ascribe to the Lord, you gods,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. **(Response)**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice;
the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendour. **(Response)**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox. **(Response)**

The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare.
And in the temple of the Lord
all are crying, "Glory!" **(Response)**

The Lord sits enthroned above the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people
the blessing of peace. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: ACTS 8: 14-17

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Acts.

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 165 Mark How the Lamb of God's Self Offering

(tune: Renez a Dieu)

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 3: 15-17, 21-22

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.

Homily: The Rev. Daniel Fournier

Anthem: *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*
(Lyrics: F. Tucker)

Please stand as you are able.

The Baptismal Covenant (Renewal)

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

**All: I believe in God,
The Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**All: I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy
Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living
and the dead.**

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**All: I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread,
and in the prayers?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and,
whenever you fall into sin,
repent and return to the Lord?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace
among all people, and respect the dignity
of every human being?

All: I will, with God's help.

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

All: I will, with God's help.

Prayers of Intercession

Sitting, standing or kneeling, as is your custom.

Celebrating the coming of the One who brings the reign of God to all people, let us pray for the world God loves, the Church God calls, and all people according to their needs, saying, *God with us*, and responding, *Hear our prayer*.

God of light and darkness,
through water and Word
you shine your light into the darkness of our lives.
We give thanks for this incredible gift.

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

God of love,
your love comes in spite of our animosity;
you bring reconciliation to those who are divided.
We pray for better relations amongst all peoples,
Strengthen us to be peacemakers.

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

God of hope and fear,
you walk with us
through the challenges which surround us.
Wash away our anxiety by your promised presence,
and set us free from despair.

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

God of church and world,
in baptism you unify yourself with our world,
and bring your reign into being.
Keep us from seeing your love as a hiding place.
Motivate us to infuse the world with your justice.

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

God of health and illness,
there is nothing that separates us from your love.
Inspire us to bring your health to the sick,
your encouragement to the discouraged,
your promise to the dying,
especially those we name before you now.
(Names are added here.)

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

God of life and death,
all that exists is from you, and for you.
Enable us to trust your baptismal promise,
and serve this hurting world.

God with us,
Hear our prayer.

God who shines in the darkness,
receive these prayers and the prayers of our hearts,
in the name of the one who is your light,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Invitation and Peace

Priest: The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus
and with all those 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 faith
and you who would like to have more.
You who have been to this sacrament often,
and you who have not been for a long time.
You who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed.
Come.
It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

As we prepare to come to the table
let us exchange a sign of peace with one another.

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

All: And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP 57 Thou, Who at Thy First Eucharist

(tune: Song 1)

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: Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 3 - Eucharistic Prayers, Services of the Word, and Night Prayers Supplementary to The Book of Alternative Services, 2001.]

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: It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God,
creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name,
evermore praising you and singing:

(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: We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.
Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice,

and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith:

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

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: 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 647 Spirit of the Living God

(tune: Living God)

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

Priest: Gracious God, lover of all,
by this sacrament
you make us one family in Christ your Son,
one in the sharing of his body and blood,
one in the communion of his Spirit.
Help us to grow in love for one another
and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ.
We ask this in his name.

All: Amen.

Priest: All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you.

Priest: Gracious God,

**All: we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of Jesus your Beloved.
May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Announcements *(Please be seated.)*

Benediction *(Please stand as you are able.)*

Priest: May the Triune God, whose presence
surrounds you always and everywhere,
bless you with the deep assurance
that you are never alone.
In the waters, in the fires,
in the far corners of the world,
God is with us.
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:

WOV 721 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

(tune: Ar Hyd Nos)

**Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go my children, with my blessing, you are my own.**

**Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.**

**Go my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.**

**I the Lord will bless and keep you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will smile upon you, and give you peace.
I the Lord will be your Father,
Saviour, Comforter and Brother.
Go, my children, I will keep you, and give you peace.**

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 the Province of West Africa - The Most Revd Dr Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith – Primate. **In the Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for** Dr. Andrea Mann, Director, and the staff of Global Relations; Ryan Weston, Lead Animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice; Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund/Alongside Hope (Anglican); **for** Chief Executive Officer, Karin Achtelstetter, and staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief; and the Assistants to the Bishop and the staff of the Eastern Synod (Lutheran); **and for** the people and ministries of Edmonton Moravian Church in Edmonton (Moravian). **In our Diocesan Prayer Cycle, we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and for Christ Church, Gabriola, and their minister, Suzanna Bates. **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
January 12th – January 19th
(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. If you can help with the coffee set up in January or February, please let Barb Felsing know.

***Our first Reflections Service of 2025 will be today, January 12th at 4:30 pm** – Music for this Reflections will be provided by **flutist, Mary Byrne**. Enjoy beautiful flute music in the candlelit ambiance of St. Luke's at dusk. The readings, prayers, and music of this special Reflection Time will calm your spirit and soothe your soul. Please join us for a unique and uplifting service of beautiful music and inspirational words, conducive to meditative reflection and spirituality.

****The Men's Fellowship Group will meet on Wednesday, January 15th at 6 pm** at the Lakes Restaurant in the Howard

Johnson Hotel. If you plan to attend, please advise Harry Felsing.

****Thank you for your donations to the “Goats Project”, towards buying goats for families in Kenya. Donations in the Christmas stocking and directed donations totalled \$700.** We will send this to the PWRDF for their World of Gifts program. Our gift of \$700 will provide 7 Galla goats for families in need in Kenya.

****Chalking the door** – As you leave today, **take a look above the church entrance door.** At the Fantastic Friday earlier this month, we “chalked the door” and asked God’s blessing on the church building and all who enter this year. A piece of chalk and the information sheet with the blessing were handed out last week. If you didn’t receive your take-home package with chalk and the information sheet last week, more are available at the back of the church.

****The January 2025 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.

Mark Your Calendars – On Saturday, February 15th, we will hold our **2025 Attic Treasures Vintage Market from 10 am – 4 pm.** This will be a multi-vendor market with vendors renting tables as they did last year. St. Luke’s will also have a table with vintage items. To offer to help, please call Carol Turnham.

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.

***Reports for the Annual Meeting package are due in the Parish Office by Monday, January 27th.** If possible, please send your report by e-mail to admin@stlukecedarhill.ca.

Thank you from Sean Tiernay, Director of Worship – I would like to express my sincere THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered and assisted during the busy Advent and Christmas season. It takes many volunteers and much dedication for St. Luke's to offer the incredible services during this important time in the church calendar – and we couldn't have done it without you. Thank you for your ongoing support of St. Luke's and the important Worship Ministry.

A Note from Adrienne Lamothe – Grateful thanks to my church family at St. Luke's for your concern and prayers for me. Thank you to Rev. Daniel and Rev. Joan, to Ann and my dear sisters in the Altar Guild, and to all who prayed for me. May God bless you all.

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY January 19th, 2025

Isaiah 62: 1-5
Psalm 36: 5-10
1 Corinthians 12: 1-11
John 2: 1-11

FLOWERS

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

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