

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany
February 16, 2025 - 10:00 am
Holy Eucharist



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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 and Introduction (*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 496 Teach Me, My God and King
(tune: Festal Song)

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: In these politically-charged times,
we often question one another's values.
We assume we can identify our own,
but it is not always easy.
At some point, we all need to consider
where our faith is rooted
and what difference that makes in our life choices.
Today's readings address
these centuries-old questions quite directly.
They matter because who and what we believe in
undergirds every aspect of our lives.
What would our personal inventories reveal?
Coming together as God's family,
with confidence let us ask our God's forgiveness,
who is full of mercy and compassion.

Silence is kept.

Confession

All: Father eternal, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour,
in what we have thought,
in what we have said and done,
through ignorance, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We have wounded your love,
and marred your image in us.
We are sorry and ashamed,
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past;
and lead us out from darkness
to walk as children of light.
Amen.

Priest: May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

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.

God of blessing and woe,
disturbing the deadly order of the world:
give us faith tested in poverty,
hunger for what really satisfies,
eyes softened by tears and hearts ready to laugh
at all that is false and pompous,
so that we might be witnesses to the dignity of life:
through Jesus Christ,
who turns the world upside down.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: JEREMIAH 17: 5-10

Reader: A Reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

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. **(Response)**

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: 1 CORINTHIANS 15: 12-20

Reader: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul
to the Corinthians.

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 439 Blest Are the Pure in Heart
(tune: Franconia)

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 6: 17-26

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: *Blessed* by B.H. Herbolsheimer

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 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 and Local Cycle of Prayer

we pray today for: The Church of Bangladesh, The
Most Rev'd Samuel Sunil Mankhin, Primate. **Locally**
we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the parish of
Holy Trinity, Sooke, and their warden and parishioners.
We also pray for Lutheran Church of the Cross and
Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of New
Westminster and Archbishop John Stephens.

God of mystery and mercy,
we come before you today
carrying hopes and dreams,
the burdens and blessings of our lives.
We bring all that is on our hearts and minds to you,
seeking your comfort and strength,
listening for your guidance,
grateful that you hear us when we pray.

Faithful God,
All: Hear our prayer.

God of life and love,
we give you thanks that you engage us
whenever we need you,
in the midst of challenge and uncertainty.
We pray today for all those
who are fearful about their future,
and for all who wrestle with challenges
at work or at home.
Help us face our fears and our challenges,
sure of your steadfast love:

Faithful God,
All: Hear our prayer.

God of hope and healing,
in Jesus Christ you confronted demons
that trouble our minds
and the pain and illness that can weigh us down.
We pray today for all those
who are facing health concerns,
and for all who care for the suffering
and those in need of support.

Keep a time of silence.

Surround each one with your steadfast love.

Faithful God,
All: Hear our prayer.

God of peace and promise,
when we wrestle with any burden,
your Spirit prays within us
with sighs too deep for words.
Today we pray for all those
whose burdens seem too heavy to bear:
for the victims of violence or disaster,
for their friends and families...

Keep a brief silence.

For refugees at risk in so many places in the world,
and those making a new home in our community...

Keep a brief silence.

For those caught in despair and poverty
in our own neighbourhoods
and in the forgotten corners of your world...

Keep a brief silence.

We pray for those who have asked us
to pray for them... (*Names*)

Renew the strength of all facing realities
beyond their control with your steadfast love.

Faithful God,

All: Hear our prayer.

Receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken,
and equip us to do your will.

We pray through Christ Jesus.

All: Amen.

Invitation and Peace (*Please stand as you are able.*)

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 498 How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place

(tune: Brother James' Air)

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: Eucharistic Prayer 5, The Book of Alternative Services, ACC.]

Priest: May God 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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
for the gift of a world full of wonder,
and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.

In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.

Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing:

(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 give you thanks and praise, loving Father,
because in sending Jesus, your Son, to us
you showed us how much you love us.
He cares for the poor and the hungry.
He suffers with the sick and the rejected.

Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back
but overcame hatred with love.

On the cross

he defeated the power of sin and death.

By raising him from the dead

you show us the power of your love

to bring new life to all your people.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: On the night before he gave up his life for us,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave thanks to you,
broke it, and gave it to them,
saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
said the blessing, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is the cup of my blood,
the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many,
so that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in memory of me."

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Gracious God,
with this bread and wine
we celebrate the death and resurrection of Jesus,
and we offer ourselves to you in him.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts,
that we may know the presence of Jesus
in the breaking of bread,
and share in the life
of the family of your children.

All: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Priest: Father, you call us to be your servants;
fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that all the world may gather in joy
at the table of your kingdom.

We sing your praise, almighty Father,
through Jesus, our Lord,
in the power of the Holy Spirit,
now and for 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: 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 76 Thee We Adore, O Hidden Saviour, Thee
(tune: Adoro Te)

CP 514 Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring
(tune: Werde Munter)

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

Priest: O God, you spoke your word
and revealed your good news in Jesus the Christ.
Fill all creation with that word again,
so that by proclaiming your joyful promises
to all nations
and singing of your glorious hope to all peoples,
we may become one living body,
through Jesus Christ who with you
and the Holy Spirit live and reign,
God for ever and ever.

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.)*

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

Priest: You are called and loved by God the Father
and kept safe by Jesus Christ.
Mercy, peace and love be yours in abundance,
from God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: Christ, Be Our Light

(by B. Farrell)

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Refrain: **Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain***

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain***

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. *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 Anglican-Lutheran-Moravian Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Sam Rose, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Eastern Newfoundland and Labrador (Anglican); **for** the dean, council, and congregations of the Central Toronto Area and Greater Toronto Areas East and West of the Eastern Synod (Lutheran); **and for** the people and ministries of Rio Terrace Moravian Church in Edmonton (Moravian).

THIS WEEK'S PARISH NEWS
February 16th – February 23rd
(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 these first months of 2025, please let Barb Felsing know.

****The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday, February 17th for Family Day.** The office will reopen at 9 am on Tuesday, February 18th.

***This year's Annual General Meeting (AGM), also known as our Annual Vestry Meeting, will be next Sunday, February 23rd.** The in-person meeting will be held in the hall after the 10 am service. **Please bring a bagged lunch. Tea, coffee, cookies, and sweets will be available.** The meeting 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.**

2025 Parish Council – If you would like to be on Parish Council for 2025, or would like to suggest a name of someone for a position on Council, please talk to Rick Saville, Carol Turnham, or Heather Simpson.

****Please pick up a copy of the AGM Reports Package available in the church, from the parish office, or online.** Please read the reports before the Vestry meeting, **then bring**

the reports package with you to the meeting on February 23rd.

****2024 Tax Receipts are available in the church** – Receipts not collected from the church today will be mailed to your home address. If you would prefer to have your receipt sent by e-mail, please e-mail givings@stlukecedarhill.ca. Thank you for your continuing support of our work together as the community of St. Luke Cedar Hill.

***Building a Mountain of Love for the Shelbourne Community Kitchen** – The youth of St. Luke's are hosting a special fundraising event **during the month of February** in support of our local Shelbourne Community Kitchen. The youth want to build a mountain of non-perishable food in St. Luke's Church, by the font, and call this a "Mountain of Love". **Please bring your non-perishable donations of food to the church or the hall.** Also please invite your friends and neighbours to contribute. Handouts to pass out to friends and neighbours are available on the table at the back of the church.

****Palm Crosses from Last Year** – A basket to collect your palm crosses from last year is **on the table at the back of the church.** The palm crosses from last year will be burned after the Shrove Tuesday Pancake dinner (March 4th) to be used as ashes for Ash Wednesday.

****Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper –Tuesday, March 4th in the hall at St. Luke's – Doors will open at 5 pm. Grace will be at 5:30 pm.** We have invited our friends at Church of the Cross to celebrate Shrove Tuesday with us this year. **A sign up sheet is at the back of the church.** Please sign the sheet to let us know you are planning to attend so that we know how many people to expect. Everyone welcome!

Save the Dates for this Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp – July 7th – 11th in the mornings, 9 am to noon. St. Luke's joins with Church of the Cross each summer for a week-long day camp hosted at one of the churches. **This year's camp will be at St. Luke's.** If you have children, grandchildren, or

friends with children ages 4 through 11, please consider reserving this week for them to participate in the day camp. **Children born January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2021 are eligible to be campers.** We will also be looking for **Middle School students to be Leaders in Training and High School students to be Small Group Leaders.** Questions? Please talk to Tara Poilievre, Sharon Hallsor, or Barb Prescott.

The February 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.

An Update from the Compassionate Resource Warehouse is included on the **News page of St. Luke's website.** Donations from St. Luke's were included in the container to Burundi and the sewing, knitting and craft supplies will be included in containers to other countries.

St. Luke's Is On Instagram – Did you know that St. Luke's is now on Instagram? Thanks to Sahar Saeidbakhsh for setting up Instagram for us. You'll find the Instagram link in the top right corner of the home page of our website or at this link: https://www.instagram.com/saint_lukechurch/ Please follow St. Luke's on Instagram.

Karren Stinson Bursary for Lutherans and Anglicans based in Western Canada – Application Deadline: March 31st, 2025 – The Karren Stinson Bursary Fund celebrates the life of a parish worker at Lutheran Church of the Cross, the late Karren Louise Stinson. The purpose of this Bursary Fund is to give financial assistance to Lutherans and Anglicans based in Western Canada who are currently involved in post-secondary education leading to a vocation of service. We invite applications for this year's bursary of \$1000. **To apply for the 2025 Karren Stinson Bursary, please visit the News page of St. Luke's website and carefully follow the instructions given.** The Bursary is scheduled to be awarded in the late spring of 2025.

ALERT! ALERT!!!

IT'S TIME FOR SOME SPIRITUAL ENRICHMENT!

We are excited to announce the launch of a spiritual exploration/faith formation group, which we are calling **SACRED FRONTIERS**. It will be led by Revs. Daniel and Joan and Sharon Hallsor, as well other contributors from time to time.

WHO IS IT FOR?

It is for teens and their parents; adults considering baptism and/or confirmation; anyone who wants to be welcomed into St. Luke's from another denomination; anyone who would like to formally renew their baptismal commitment; anyone who has faith questions; anyone who wants to deepen their faith outside of Sunday morning.

WHAT IS IT ABOUT?

This is an opportunity to explore some essential faith questions around (but not limited to) baptism, confirmation, eucharist, ministry; the why's and how's of what we do as Anglicans.

WHEN WILL THIS HAPPEN?

The group will meet weekly starting **SUNDAY, MARCH 9** (the first Sunday in Lent). It will end on **PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUNE 8**, with a celebration of baptism and reaffirmation and welcome. There will not be a session on long weekends in April (Easter) and May (Victoria Day).

WHERE WILL THIS BE HELD?

We will meet in the church from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.

WHY?

To grow and deepen our faith in the company of other explorers.

CONTACT Rev. Daniel, Rev. Joan, or Sharon Hallsor, or phone the church office at 250-477-6741 to indicate your interest in being part of this exciting learning opportunity.

FURTHER QUESTIONS? Don't hesitate to talk to Revs. Daniel or Joan, or Sharon Hallsor.

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY February 23rd, 2025

Genesis 45: 3-11, 15

Psalm 37: 1-12, 41-42

1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50

Luke 6: 27-38

FLOWERS

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

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