

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025 – 10 am
Holy Eucharist



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We acknowledge that we gather with respect on the traditional territories of the ɫəkʷəŋən 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 Installation of Parish Council
(*The Rev. Daniel Fournier*)

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 456 He Comes to Us As One Unknown
(*tune: Lobt Gott*)

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: God promised descendants
as numerous as the stars
to old Abraham and barren Sarah.
God promises light and salvation
in the midst of darkness and despair,
and promises redemption to a world that will not listen.
We are called as children of God to live into God's
promise of a love as deep and wide as the universe.

As we have now gathered
for today's eucharistic celebration,
let us prepare our hearts, minds and souls,
as we confess our sins before our compassionate God.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God,
**All: 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.**

Absolution:

Priest: Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Brooding Spirit,
beneath your wings there is creation and life:
accompany us on the difficult path
with the disappeared, the broken and the fearful,
so that we find the way to the city of our peace
where we are all accepted as your beloved;
through the cross of Jesus Christ, our only Lord.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: GENESIS 15: 1-12, 17-18

Reader: A reading from the Book of Genesis.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

Response: *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?
When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,
it was they, my foes and my adversaries,
who stumbled and fell. **(Response)**

Though an army should encamp against me,
yet my heart shall not be afraid;
And though war should rise up against me,
yet will I put my trust in him. **(Response)**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;
To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple. **(Response)**

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.
Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me. **(Response)**

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling
an oblation with sounds of great gladness;
I will sing and make music to the Lord. **(Response)**

Hearken to my voice, O Lord,
when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.
You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
Your face, Lord, will I seek. **(Response)**

Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
Though my father and my mother forsake me,
the Lord will sustain me. **(Response)**

Show me your way, O Lord;
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen up against me,
and also those who speak malice. **(Response)**

What if I had not believed
that I should see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!
O tarry and await the Lord's pleasure;
be strong, and he shall comfort your heart;
wait patiently for the Lord. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: PHILIPPIANS 3: 17 - 4: 1

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

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 400 What Wondrous Love Is This
(tune: Wondrous Love)

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 13: 31-35

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: *Have Mercy Lord* by J. Arcadelt

Please stand as you are able

An Affirmation of Faith: *(New Zealand Prayer Book)*

Priest: Let us declare our faith in God:

**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.
God of strength and comfort,
in the quiet calm of your presence,
we pause in the whirlwind of concerns around us,
and set aside our own interests and distractions
to pray for the world you love.

Today we remember before you:
All people in their daily life and work—
our families, friends and neighbours,
those we work with,
and those whose faces we recognize regularly
but do not know.
Be with all who find these times
stressful or exhausting.

(Silence)

God, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

We remember your church here today,
The Parish of St. Luke Cedar Hill.

IN THE WORLDWIDE ANGLICAN PRAYER CYCLE,
we pray today for the Church of the Province of
Central Africa, The Most Revd Albert Chama, Primate.
Locally we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the
Parish of St. Andrew, Sidney, and their Priest Kelly
Duncan. **We also pray for** Lutheran Church of the
Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and for** the Diocese of
Yukon and Bishop Lesley Wheeler-Dame.

And churches of other traditions near us,
as well as those who serve in church leadership
and all who nurture faith in others.
Help us support each other
and look to the future with hope.

(Silence)

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

We pray for this community, our country,
and governments throughout the world,
as well as all those who work for justice,
freedom and peace.
Send your Spirit, the Advocate,
to speak for the voiceless and challenge injustice.

(Silence)

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

We pray for victims of hunger, fear,
injustice and oppression,
for all who struggle to rebuild their communities
after natural disasters or social upheaval,
and for all who are in danger, sorrow,
or any kind of trouble.
Bring them comfort and courage,
and the support of their neighbours.

(Silence)

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

And we pray for those people and situations on our
hearts and minds this day.

(Silence)

God, in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer.

We ask all these things 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 592 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

(tune: Fulda)

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Priest: Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
through your goodness
we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All: Blessed be God for ever.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: The Book of Alternative Prayer, The Anglican Church of Canada, 1985. Eucharistic Prayer 2.]

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,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

(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: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
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 hymn during communion.

Hymns during Communion:

CP 615 Just As I Am

(tune: Woodworth)

CP 360 Bless the Lord, My Soul

(tune: Bless the Lord)

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

Priest: Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage:
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts,
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.)*

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

Priest: Keep this your family, Lord,
with your never-failing mercy,
so that relying solely
on the help of your heavenly grace,
they may be upheld by your divine protection;
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: CP 179 Tree of Life and Awesome Mystery

(tune: Thomas)

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. Bruce Myers, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Quebec (Anglican); **for** Bishop Jason Zinko, the people and rostered ministers of the Manitoba-North-Western Ontario Synod (Lutheran); **for** the people and ministries of Good Shepherd Moravian Church in Calgary (Moravian).

March 16th – March 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.

***Sacred Frontiers** – A spiritual exploration/faith formation group 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. **The group is meeting weekly, each Sunday** and will end on **Pentecost Sunday, June 8th**, with a celebration of baptism and reaffirmation and welcome. The group will **meet in the church from 1:00 to 2:30 pm**. See more information at the **News page of St. Luke's website**.

Prescription Deadline – **Friday, March 28th** is the deadline for submissions for the Easter issue of St. Luke's Prescription. Please send along your articles, photos, poems, and other creative endeavours to Neil in St. Luke's Office (**admin@stlukecedarhill.ca**) or to Barb Prescott (**communications@stlukecedarhill.ca**).

****Thank You from the Shelbourne Community Kitchen for Your Donations to a Mountain of Love** – In a note to St.

Luke's, Clarice Dillman, Board Past Chair of the Shelbourne Community Kitchen, comments: "I was amazed by all the food that was collected at the St. Luke's food drive. A heartfelt thanks! This will really help stock our empty food shelves!" Thank you to everyone who contributed food items and monetary donations to the Mountain of Love. See pictures at the **News page of St. Luke's website.**

****An Invitation from the Shelbourne Community Kitchen to St. Luke's to visit on Sunday, March 30th after the 10 am service.** We are all invited to a Coffee Time (across the street) at the Shelbourne Community Kitchen for a "Sneak Peek/Tour" of their new commercial kitchen. The Shelbourne Community Kitchen is located at 101-3787 Cedar Hill Rd, on the ground level of Lutheran Church of the Cross. A sign up sheet is at the back of the church, so that we can let them know how many people to expect. No coffee time at St. Luke's that Sunday.

****Save the Date for St. Luke's Spring Fair – Saturday, April 26th, from 9 am – 2 pm.** 9 am to 10 am will be for Early Bird shoppers, with an entry fee of \$10. There will be no charge 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 major fundraiser and community event. If you have questions, please talk to Carol Turnham.

****Plants for the Spring Fair –** With the spring around the corner, if you are dividing plants or planting seeds, please consider doing a few extras for our plant stall at the Spring Fair. **We have extra pots if you need them, or if you need help with dividing, please call Noreen Saville.**

***St. Luke's Players Present "Out of Sight...Out of Murder",** written by Fred Carmichael and directed by Geoff Davidson. Peter Knight is grinding out a murder story in an old mansion where another author was murdered years before. A weird electrical storm causes a cosmic snafu, and his characters come to life. **Evenings at 7:30 pm, Wednesday-Saturday,**

March 20-22. Matinees at 2:00 pm, Saturday and Sunday, March 16, 22, and 23. 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.**

****Opioid Crisis and Naloxone Training – Thursday, April 3rd, 7 pm- 9 pm at Grace Lutheran Church, 1273 Fort St.** You are invited to a second, updated presentation on the Opioid Crisis and Naloxone Training. The first presentation in the fall was well received, but some people who were interested were unable to attend then. We hope you will consider helping to reach as many people as you can who may encounter other people in distress from opioid use, so we can help prevent unnecessary deaths due to an opioid overdose. **If you have any questions, or to register, please contact Barb Smart at barbsmart2@shaw.ca.**

New Livestream Delivery Partner – Since the beginning of February, we have been partnering with St. Paul, Nanaimo for our livestreaming because the Diocese is no longer hosting parish livestreams on their Vimeo licence. **The only difference from the way we were previously livestreaming is the name and logo on the account.** Currently the Vimeo channel itself shows as St. Paul's with the individual livestreams labeled as either St. Luke's or St. Paul's. The logo is their name and emblem next to ours. While the starting screen doesn't look the same as before, everything still works exactly as it did before - and partnering this way saves us money!

Partial Year Tax Receipts for 2025 – The government of Canada is allowing for charitable donations through February 28, 2025 to be counted for either 2024 or 2025. **If you wish to have a partial year tax receipt issued to cover this period so it can be filed with your 2024 taxes, please contact Neil in the church office or send an e-mail to givings@stlukecedarhill.ca.** Otherwise, you will receive a receipt for all of 2025, early in 2026!

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper March 4th Update –Thank you to everyone who worked in the kitchen to cook and serve the sausages and pancakes and helped with the setup and cleanup. It was good to be able to share this meal with our friends from Church of the Cross. Thanks as well to everyone who made donations at the Pancake Supper. We received \$273.50 in donations, which will be used to cover the cost of the food.

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.

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.

More "Speaking Anglican"

(From: <https://www.anglican.ca/faith/eir/esm/10-glossary/>)

Areas of the Church Building – The immediate altar area is the **sanctuary**; that and the choir area are the **chancel**; the **nave** is where the main body of the congregation sits, with additional seating in the **transepts**, the two wings of crossbar if the church is in the form of a cross; the **narthex** is the gathering area inside the main front doors; the **vestry** is where the clergy robe; the **sacristy** is where the vessels are kept.

Catholic – The Church universal. The Anglican Church of Canada (ACC), Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC), Presbyterian Church in Canada (PCC) and the United Church of Canada (UCC) all consider themselves part of the Church Catholic, though not of the Roman Catholic Church.

Lectionary – The listing of the appointed texts for the church year. Many congregations use the Revised Common Lectionary which offers texts in a three-year cycle.

Liturgy – Both the order of service and the event of worship.

PWRDF – Primate's World Relief and Development Fund. An Anglican fund and program for disaster relief, development work and education. Recently, the name has changed to **Alongside Hope**: Anglicans and partners working for change in Canada and around the world. **Alongside Hope** conveys the concept of partnership in a simple and uplifting way.

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY March 23rd, 2025

Isaiah 55: 1-9
Psalm 63: 1-8
1 Corinthians 10: 1-13
Luke 13:1-9

FLOWERS

*Flowers at St. Luke's are coordinated by Ann Séguin.
There are no flowers during Lent.*

*Please contact Ann if you would like to make
a donation towards flowers at the Easter services.*
