

Welcome to
St. Luke Cedar Hill
Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025 – 10 am
Holy Eucharist



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Prelude (*Please be seated.*)

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

Please stand as you are able.

Opening Hymn: CP 511 Lord Jesus, Think On Me

(tune: Southwell)

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: Today's readings focus on reconciliation,
forgiveness, and moving forward.
Forgiveness is one-sided; one can choose to forgive,
but reconciliation requires two people
in the act of coming together.
God offers us both forgiveness and reconciliation,
and does not hold our sins against us
as we ask for forgiveness.
Are we able to do the same with one another?

As we prepare to enter into today's eucharist,
let us search our hearts and confess our failings
and challenges to our God who receives us,
arms wide open, first in silence.

Silence is kept.

Priest: Almighty God,

**All: long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you,
I confess with my whole heart my neglect
and forgetfulness of your commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution:

Priest: The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Collect of the Day

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Priest: Eternal Lover of our wayward race,
you open your arms to accept us
even before we turn to meet your welcome;
you invite us to forgiveness
even before our hearts are softened to repentance.
Hold before us the image of our humanity made new,
so that we may live in Jesus Christ, your new creation.

All: Amen.

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING: JOSHUA 5: 9-12

Reader: A reading from the Book of Joshua.

At the end of the reading:

Reader: Word of God, Word of Life.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

**Response: *You surround me with shouts of deliverance,
O Lord.***

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile! **(Response)**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up
as in the heat of summer. **(Response)**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. **(Response)**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **(Response)**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you." **(Response)**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **(Response)**

SECOND READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5: 16-21

Reader: A Reading from the Second 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 352 Amazing Grace
(tune: New Britain)

THE GOSPEL: LUKE 15: 1-3, 11b-32

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: *Consecration* by J.N. Beck

Please stand as you are able.

An Affirmation of Faith (*based on Ephesians 3*)

Leader: We affirm our faith in God as we say together:

**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 today for the Province de L'Eglise Anglicane
Du Congo, The Most Revd Georges Titre Ande,
Primate. **Locally we pray for** Anna, our Bishop, and
for the Parish of St. Barnabas, Victoria, and their
priest, the Rev. Dr Travis O'Brian. **We also pray for**
Lutheran Church of the Cross and Pastor Lyndon, **and
for** the Diocese of Territory of the People and Bishop
Clara Plamondon.**

Gracious God,
you have called us together as your people,
to be the church of Jesus Christ.
Make us one in faith and discipleship,
breaking bread together and telling the good news,
so that the world may believe you are love,
turn to your ways, and live in the light of your truth.

(Silence)

Faithful God,
All: Embrace us with your hope.

Creator God,
you made all things and called them good.
We pray for the earth in its vulnerability,
depleted by our lifestyle choices
and our economic expectations.
Inspire reverence for the earth in all people.
Guide us all to make wiser choices
for the sake of your creation.
Help us use resources wisely,
with future generations in mind,
guarding the fragile balances
you have set between many precious species.

(Silence)

Faithful God,
All: Embrace us with your hope.

Jesus Christ, Prince of peace,
you taught us of God's reconciling grace
speak to the hearts of all your people
in this time when so many neighbours and nations
sit in judgment on each other,
provoking conflict and resentment.
Teach us how to seek peace on earth together.
Call those in positions of power and influence
to work for the common good.

Turn us away from anger, fear, violence or vanity,
which can turn neighbour against neighbour
and nation against nation.

May all who claim your name
be known as makers of peace.

(Silence)

Faithful God,
All: Embrace us with your hope.

O Christ, healer of hearts and hopes,
you desire health and wholeness for each one of us.
We pray that those who have lost their livelihoods
may find true abundance.

Give rest and renewal
to those who are broken in body, mind or spirit,
and bring comfort and hope
to all who face loss and loneliness.

In silence we lift before you
the names of those on our hearts today:

(Names are added here...)

Faithful God,
All: Embrace us with your hope.

Spirit of power and promise,
embrace us with hope this day
so that we may live faithfully,
encouraging each other
by the commitment we see in Jesus Christ,
We offer all our prayers in 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: HB 751 I Cannot Tell, v. 1-2

(tune: Londonderry Air)

**I cannot tell, why he, whom angels worship
should set his love upon the sons of men
or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.**

**But this I know, that he was born of Mary,
when Bethlehem's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.**

**I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with the peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the Cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.**

**But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted,
and stays our sin, and calms our lurking fear,
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden,
for yet the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is here.**

The Preparation of the Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Priest: God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

[Source: The Book of Alternative Prayer, The Anglican Church of Canada, 1985. Eucharistic Prayer 1.]

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: It is indeed right that we should praise you,
gracious God,
for you created all things.
You formed us in your own image:
male and female you created us.
When we turned away from you in sin,
you did not cease to care for us,
but opened a path of salvation for all people.
You made a covenant with Israel,
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.
Through Moses you led your people
from bondage into freedom;
through the prophets
you renewed your promise of salvation.
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints
who have served you in every age,
we give thanks and 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 God, source of life and goodness,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
He healed the sick
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;
he opened the eyes of the blind
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom
to the poor and to those in need.
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread,
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, " Take, 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."

Gracious God,
his perfect sacrifice
destroys the power of sin and death;
by raising him to life
you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Priest: Recalling his death,
proclaiming his resurrection,
and looking for his coming again in glory,
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon these gifts,
that all who eat and drink at this table
may be one body and one holy people,
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, almighty Father,
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 558 God, When I Stand, No Path Before Me
(*tune: Morecambe*)

CP 611 Our Father, We Have Wandered
(*tune: Passion Chorale*)

CP 402 Come and Fill Our Hearts

(tune: Confitemini)

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

Priest: Giver of life,
you enlighten all who come into the world.
Fill our hearts with the splendour of your grace,
that we may perfectly love you
and worthily praise your holy name,
through Jesus Christ the 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.)*

A Blessing for Mothering Sunday

(Please stand as you are able.)

Priest: The the grace of the Word of life rest upon you;
the love of the Source of life embrace you;
and the transforming power of the Breath of life
help, strengthen and surprise you,
this day and all your days.

All: Amen.

Closing Hymn: CP 386 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

(tune: Rockingham)

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 theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan Theological, College, and Queen's College (Anglican); **for** the congregations of the Northwestern Ontario area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod (Lutheran); **and for** the Rt. Rev. M. Blair Couch, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province (Moravian).

March 30th – April 6th
(New Items, *Revised Items)**

***TODAY, we are invited to a Coffee Time at the Shelbourne Community Kitchen after the 10 am service** 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. **The entrance is off of Cedar Hill Rd. No coffee time at St. Luke's this Sunday.**

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.**

***The Deadline for the Easter issue of St. Luke's Prescription was Friday, March 28th** but there are always a few days grace. If you have an article, photo, poem, and other creative endeavour which you haven't sent yet, **please send it ASAP** to Neil in St. Luke's Office (admin@stlukecedarhill.ca) or to Barb Prescott (communications@stlukecedarhill.ca).

***Update and thanks from the Shelbourne Community Kitchen for the Mountain of Love donations** – The amount of food donated through the Mountain of Love was a whopping 310 lbs! Kim from the Kitchen comments, "Please share our thanks to all who gave so generously and helped to make the Mountain of Love so successful."

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.**

***Our Next Fantastic Friday will be THIS Friday, April 4th from 4:30 to 6:30 pm** – Invite your friends, neighbours, children, and grandchildren to join in the fun and find out why these Fridays are fantastic! Dinner is included. For more information or to offer to help (always greatly appreciated!), please talk to Tara Poilievre, Barb Prescott, Sharon Hallsor, or Claire White.

Registration will open April 1st for This Year's Amazing Journey Day Camp, which will be held **July 7th – 11th** in the mornings, **9 am to noon at St. Luke's**. St. Luke's joins with Church of the Cross each summer for a week-long day camp hosted at one of the churches. 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.

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.**

****A Weekly Lenten Series** – Lent is the season of 40 days leading up to Easter. This season is a time of intentional reflection when we make space in our lives for God to change our hearts in preparation for the new life that awaits us in the resurrection we celebrate at Easter. This year the Diocesan Office is sharing brief videos in a series called Staying Grounded in Times of Chaos. A new video is released every Wednesday between now and Holy Week. **The first three videos can be found at the News page of St. Luke's website.** In this week's video, Jenny Replogle (Canon for Laid Parishes and Parishes-in-Transition) speaks about the Daily Office, a core practice of the Anglican tradition.

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: Tomorrow, 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.

Parish Council Members for 2025

Parish Members were installed at the 10 am service
on Sunday, March 16th.

Our thanks to all who will serve on Parish Council this year.

Rector's Warden - Heather Simpson
Deputy Rector's Warden - Kathleen Patterson

People's Warden - Claire White
Deputy People's Warden - Joanne Jolson

Treasurer - Barb Prescott
Secretary - Maria Ross

Synod Delegates
Tara Poilievre and Sharon McMillan

Alternate Synod Delegates
Rick Saville and Carol Turnham

Members-at-Large
Linda Beltrano
Brian Dominique
Donna Dunning
Jane Grant
Brenda Morgan
Steve Ruttan

Youth Delegate - Shannon Stewart

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We hope you will visit again!

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READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY April 6th, 2025

Isaiah 43: 16-21

Psalm 126

Philippians 3: 4b-14

John 12: 1-8

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.*
