

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church
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LOOKING AHEAD: August 27 – September 2

Tues. 28	9:30 am	Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline
Thurs. 30	9:00 am	Scrapbooking – Fellowship Hall
Sun. 2	8:30 am	14 th Sunday after Trinity – Sanctuary – Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Pentecost 15 – Sanctuary – Holy Communion



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Tuesday & Thursday
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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WELCOME

We welcome you to our worship today.

Hymnbooks:

Our community uses two hymnbooks.

(ELW) Evangelical Lutheran Worship has a cranberry cover.

(CP) Common Praise has a blue cover.

You will find either **(ELW)** or **(CP)** beside each hymn number to indicate which book we are singing from.

Communion: All are welcome.

Our current practice is to distribute communion in a continuous fashion. We encourage you to take the time you need when receiving both the bread and the wine. For those who desire a time of kneeling, after receiving the bread and wine, you are invited to kneel at the rail (cushions have been provided), or return to your seats and use the kneeling rails in the pews.

Grape juice and gluten free bread are also available. Please inform the communion server that you wish to receive one or both of these elements during the distribution of communion.

No Scents Makes Good Sense. Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair spray, colognes and after-shave lotion. Please help us provide a scent-free environment.

We welcome all children to our worship. We also have a child friendly space in the fellowship area at the back of the church. Drink boxes, activity bags and youth bulletins are in a basket near the entrance to the church. Please help yourself.

SERVICE OF THE WORD
Sunday, August 26, 2018

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Introduction to the Day

In today's gospel many people take offense at Jesus' invitation to eat his flesh and drink his blood; even many of Jesus' disciples peel off. This is the backdrop in John's gospel for Peter's confession of faith. "To whom can we go?" asks Peter, in words we sometimes sing just before the gospel is read. "You have the words of eternal life." In order to take such a stand, as Peter and Joshua did, Paul tells us to arm ourselves with the word of God. We pray in the Spirit that we might be bold ambassadors of the gospel.

Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgement of Territory

Gathering Song – # 314 ELW

Call to Worship

The Lord redeems the life of his servants.

Thanks be to God!

No one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.

Praise the Lord!

Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, your word feeds your people with life that is eternal. Direct our choices and preserve us in your truth, that, renouncing what is false and evil, we may live in you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading – *Ephesians 6: 10 – 20*

Like a general giving a rousing speech to troops before battle, this letter closes by calling on Christians to be equipped for spiritual warfare against evil. The full armor of God includes truth, righteousness, peace, faith, the gift of salvation, and the word of God inspired by the Spirit.

A reading from Ephesians.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to

withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34: 15 – 22 (*spoken*)

Organ side odd verses

Ambo side even verses

¹⁵The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and God's ears are open to their cry.

¹⁶The face of the Lord is against those who do evil, to erase the remembrance of them from the earth.

¹⁷The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them and delivers them from all their troubles.

¹⁸The Lord is near to the brokenhearted and saves those whose spirits are crushed.

¹⁹Many are the troubles of the righteous, but the Lord delivers them from every one.

²⁰God will keep safe all their bones; not one of them shall be broken.

²¹Evil will bring death to the wicked and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

²²O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants, and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.

Psalm Prayer

Gospel Acclamation

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Gospel Reading – *John 6: 56 – 69*

The “hard saying” that offends Jesus’ disciples is his claim that his followers must eat his flesh and drink his blood. The followers who return to their old lives know something about

how odd this sounds. Simon Peter, on the other hand, knows something about the scarcity of living, gracious words. He asks the most important question: “To whom shall we go?”

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Or

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

[Jesus said,] “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum. When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You

have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Or

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon – Carlo De Castris

Hymn of the Day – # 635 ELW

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
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,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and
the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in our loving and almighty God who abundantly provides the bread of life to all who hunger, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

That God bless the church universal in every place, especially the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada and other faith communities throughout the world, inspiring strength and courage to boldly proclaim the mystery of the gospel, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That God the creator bless wild animals and family pets, prairies and kitchen gardens, beaches and sandboxes, mountains and hearths, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That God spread the gospel throughout the nations of the world, announcing the words of eternal life to peoples in every land and country, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That God remember the poor and the brokenhearted and rescue all those in trouble *especially....* let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That God protect members of this congregation along all our ways and empower us to serve Christ in sincerity and faithfulness, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

That God redeem the lives of those who have served in the faith and raise them up especially...., according to the promises of Jesus Christ, the bread that nourishes eternal life, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Almighty and loving God, we look to you in hope and trust, knowing that you will do far more than we can ask or imagine, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Offering Hymn – # **879** ELW

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it.

Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Thanksgiving for the Word

Let us pray.

Praise and thanks to you, holy God, for by your Word you made all things: you spoke light into darkness, called forth beauty from chaos, and brought life into being. For your Word of life, O God

we give you thanks and praise.

By your Word you called your people Israel to tell of your wonderful gifts: freedom from captivity, water on the desert journey, a pathway home from exile, wisdom for life with you. For your Word of life, O God,

we give you thanks and praise.

Through Jesus, your Word made flesh, you speak to us and call us to witness: forgiveness through the cross, life to those entombed by death, the way of your self-giving love. For your Word of life, O God.

we give you thanks and praise.

Send your Spirit of truth, O God, rekindle your gifts within us: renew our faith, increase our hope, and deepen our love, for the sake of a world in need. Faithful to your Word, O God, draw near to all who call on you; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory forever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a- gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

**The blessing of the God of life be ours.
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours to
cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

Benediction

Announcements

Sending Song - # 430 CP

Dismissal

Go in peace...

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements and Information

We pray for: Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada – The dean, council, and congregations of the South West Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories. ***Anglican Church Canada*** – Bishop Michael Hawkins and Adam, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan.

The flowers in the Chancel area are given by Eleanor Marriott and Brenda Pilon to the Glory of God and in loving memory of their sister Rosemary Hamilton.

Coffee hour today is hosted by Pearl Robinson. We offer her thanks for supporting this important ministry.

Thank you – We offer our thanks to Jane Cotter for leading the 8:30 a.m. service and Carlo De Castris for leading the 10:00 a.m. service today while Pastor Jeff is away at Confirmation Camp.

Last chance this year to support **Saturday Night Supper!** Our last meal of 2018 is September 8th. We are repeating the very popular meal of Casserole Italiano and pies. Please sign up after church on our clip board, or contact Robin Smart, robin.smart@rogers.com and Val Webb, rvwebb@rogers.com.

The **Silvercreek Community Market** is in need of peanut butter and pasta sauce. Thank you for your support.