All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

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Please be aware that our Sunday service is video streamed to our You Tube channel for public viewing. If you feel sensitive to this thought and wish to remain out of the occasional line of view, consider sitting in the back two rows of pews. Thank you.

With God's grace, the faith community of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church in Guelph Ontario welcomes you.



We endeavour to be in right relationship with our Indigenous neighbours.

We strive for racial equity.

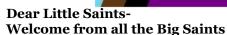
We welcome people of any age, gender identity and expression, race, colour and sexual orientation.

We welcome people facing physical or mental challenges, those suffering under addictions, single people and those in any relationship.

Our doors are open to people of uncertain faith or deep faith, from any or no religious tradition.



ReconcilingWorks



or putting stickers in your book

Or even ..take a little look Oh joy, cause somebody loves me true There's juice or sweets or cookies too

Before the service even starts, you willTneed to prepareTUpcoming is a longish sit and grownupsWwant you thereTInstead of wiggling, yawning, sighingJYou could be bright new markers tryingY

When you've been good as gold for ever and still the talking lasts forever just dig inside and have a treat Your Sunday sack is really "sweet"!!!!!! (and also is a take home treat!)

We welcome all children to our worship. There is no Sunday Church School at this time. Please ask the ushers for a children's bulletin and/or help them fill a bag with activities and treats from the basket in the narthex.

Communion: All are welcome. Please let an usher know if you need to take Communion in your seat.

Offerings can be left in the trays at the back until the Gathering Song is sung.

Please take this bulletin home for recycling. Thank you

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

TWELVTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Sunday, August 20, 2023.

GATHERING

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

Prelude – Lawrence of Arabia Theme, Maurice Jarre My Faith Looks Up to Thee, arr. Edwin T. Childs There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, arr. Valerie Sheilds

Welcome

Acknowledgment of Territory

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours. We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land.

Gathering Song – O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #306 (Blue)

Greeting

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

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn Of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God of all peoples, your arms reach out to embrace all those who call upon you. Teach us as disciples of Jesus to love the world with compassion and constancy, that your name may be known throughout the earth, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

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

First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

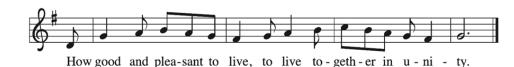
[After Judah offered himself in place of his brother Benjamin,] ¹Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. ²And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. ³Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶ For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. 8 So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh. and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰ You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your

flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹ I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' ¹² And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. ¹³ You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." ¹⁴ Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. ¹⁵ And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm 133



¹How good and how pleas- | ant it is, when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!
²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on the beard, upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the collar | of his robe.
³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon the | hills of Zion.

For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life for- | evermore. R [Paul writes:] ¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ^{2a}God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰ Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹ so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. ³² For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading – Matthew 15:21-28

The holy gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²¹ Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. ²² Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." ²³ But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." ²⁴He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." ²⁵ But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." ²⁶ He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." ²⁷ She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." ²⁸ Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

1 Build ta ble, high - er wall, long - er not а а saf - er jail; 2 Build а ref - uge, not a larg - er 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence. 4 When we lived as ex - iles. ref - u gees a broad. -feed - ing those who mak - ing room for all. hun - ger, where the weak find shel - ter, will not fail. mer - cy Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex pense. Christ be - came our door - way τ̄ο the reign of God. Feast - ing to er, friend. geth strang - er turns to For an - y place where jus - tice is de nied, When we em brace com - pas - sion more than fear, So must our ta bles wel - come those who roam. -Christ breaks walls to false di vi - sions end. piec - es: jail side. Christ will breach the wall, free - ing all in Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel-come here. clud - ed; all must find None can be ex а home. -

Build a Longer Table

Prayers

Confident that God receives our joys and concerns, let us offer our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of creation.

O God, your Spirit gathers the church. Shepherd those who are newly baptized and newly ordained in the proclamation of the gospel, breathe life into ecumenical and interreligious endeavors, and support missionaries throughout the globe. We pray today for the clergy and people of the Diocese of Saskatchewan, and the dean, council, and congregations of the Southwest Ministry Area of the Alberta Synod. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You created the earth and all its inhabitants and declared it good. Clean polluted skies, seas, and soil, provide nourishment to plants and animals, and make us aware of our impact on the environment. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You call leaders to bridge differences and practice generosity. Inspire all in authority to protect people in harm's way, deliver those in bondage, support fair elections, provide care for military personnel and veterans, and show mercy to those for whom they have responsibility. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You provide for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Embrace people who have been rejected because of difference, heal trauma caused by racism or prejudice, shield any who are persecuted, console the dying, and heal the sick. We pray for those who desire our prayers: Barbara, Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Bill, Isa, Benito, Dale, and those remember before you in our hearts.... Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

O God, you journey with us in all of life's transitions. Guide those preparing for baptism, marriage, and retirement. As September approaches, guide our church council and committees in their visioning and ministry. Safeguard those who travel. We pray today for Aidan Gudmundson and Margitta Kessler as they mark their baptismal anniversaries, that they may be upheld in the gifts and promises of their baptism. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give you thanks for your people of faith who now rest from their labours. Motivate us by their lives of dedication to the gospel, until that day when we join with them in our eternal home. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, in the name of the one who reconciled all creation to himself, Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting us to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,

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 our will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy and abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ. **Thanks be to God!**

Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all! **And also with you.**





MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offertory: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful #183 (Red)

Offertory Prayer

Great Thanksgiving

Let us pray:

Generous God, in this meal you offer your very self. We give thanks for these gifts of the earth. In the breaking of this bread reveal to us the Risen One. In the pouring of this wine pour us out in service to the world; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

with you. The Lord be And al - so with you. Lift hearts. We lift them to the Lord. up your the Lord our God. Let us give thanks to is right to give our thanks and praise. It

Sanctus



Preface

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent Jesus to heal our ills and form us again into one.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again and again to each of us, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Send your Spirit upon us and this meal:

as grains scattered on the hillside become one bread, so let your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth, that all may be fed with the Bread of life, Jesus Christ, through whom all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, now and forever. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Heavenly Father, Heavenly Father, Heavenly Mother, Heavenly Mother, Holy and blessed is your true name. We pray for your reign of peace to come, we pray that your good will be done, let heaven and earth become one, let heaven and earth become one. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Give us this day the bread we need, give it to those who have none. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us from each one to each one. Let forgiveness flow like a river between us from each one to each one. Lead us to holy innocence beyond the evil of our days. Come swiftly, Mother, Father come; Come swiftly, Mother, Father come; For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy, For yours is the power and the glory and the mercy, Forever your name is All in One. Forever your name is All in One. Amen. Amen. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your reign.

Come and know Christ, broken and poured out for you. **Thanks be to God!**

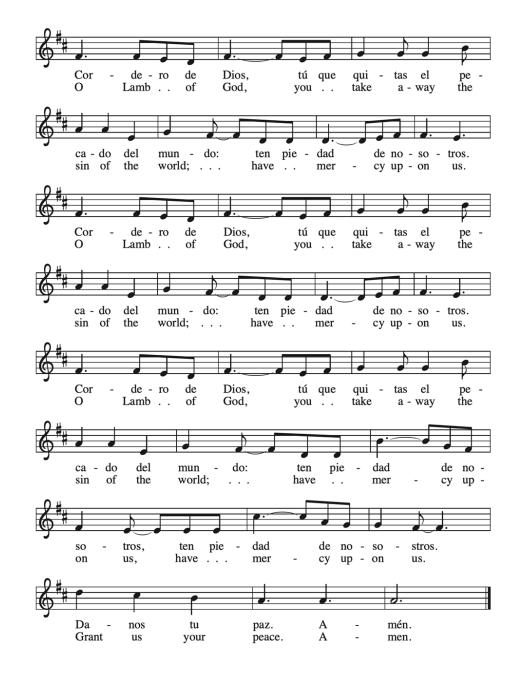
Spiritual Communion

For those who may feel uncomfortable coming forward to receive communion at the altar, here is a prayer of "Spiritual Communion" that might work for you:

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life. Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you. Amen.



Communion Hymns



Take, Oh Take Me As I Am# 814 (Red)One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All# 73 (Blue)Creating God, Your Fingers Trace# 684 (Red)

Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

Post-Communion Prayer

We thank you, generous God, for the refreshment we have received at your banquet table. Send us now to spread your generosity into all the world, through the one who is our dearest treasure, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.** Post Communion Canticle



Announcements

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

Benediction

The God who calls across the cosmos and speaks in the smallest seed + bless, keep, and sustain you now and forever. **Amen.**

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.

Sending Song – **Rise, Shine, You People!** #665 (Red)

Dismissal

Go in peace! Thanks be to God!

Postlude – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy, arr. David Lasky

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Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Christine Morrison	Michelle Normandin
Server	John Szymanksi	Jan Nielsen
Reader	Deborah Szymanski Potts	David Maguire
Ushers	Bill & Judy Rogers	Bill & Judy Rogers
Altar Guild	Bonnie Evans –set up	Bonnie Evans –set up
Flowers		
Coffee Hour		

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **Sunday August 27, 2023.** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

Worship leaders workshop: Save the date—Saturday Sept. 16 at 9:00 am there will be a workshop for all worship leaders—for everyone returning and for anyone who would like to start! Altar Guild will be meeting after this at 10:30 a.m.

BBQ after church: Save the date—Sunday September 17 join us after church for a BBQ and potluck lunch. More information and sign up lists to follow.

Silvercreek Community Market: We have given out most of the food collected since the Spring Food Drive so please feel free to donate all non-perishable items again, except breakfast cereal. We are always in particular need of **rice**, **red lentils**, pasta sauce and **cooking oil**. Other needed items include canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, canned legumes, meat and fish. Thank you.

Global relief: There is still a need for support, please help: CLWR: <u>https://www.clwr.org/product/520E429GEN/where-needed-most</u> and PWRDF: <u>https://pwrdf.org/give-today/</u>

Other September dates:

Sept. 7 at 7:00 p.m.—Nave, Choir Practice starts again every Thursday

Sept. 11 at 7:00 p.m.—Parlour/Zoom, Worship and Music meeting

Sept. 12 at 10:30 a.m.—Parlour, Parish Care Workshop

Sept. 12 at 3:00 p.m.– Parlour, Hymn Selection

Sept. 14 at 1:30 p.m.— Rose Head Hall, Chi Rho Fellowship

Sept 16 at 9:00 a.m.–Nave, Worship Leaders Workshop

Sept. 16 at 10:30 a.m.-Nave, Altar Guild meeting

Sept. 17 after the 10:00 a.m. service—BBQ and potluck lunch

Sept. 18 at 7:00 p.m.-RIC via Zoom

Sept. 19 at 5:00 p.m.—Rose Head Hall, Men's Fellowship

Sept. 19 at 6:30 p.m.-Parlour, Confirmation

Sept. 20 at 9:00 a.m.–Executive via Zoom

Sept. 21 - Finance meeting via Zoom

Sept 24 after the 10:00 a.m. service—presentation on the Peace of Mind (POM) project

Sept. 26 at 7:00 p.m.-Parlour, Church Council

Sept. 27 at 12 p.m.–Parlour, Women of Faith

Sept. 27 at 7:00 p.m.—Faith Forum via Zoom

LOOKING AHEAD: Aug 21-Aug 27

Tuesday 22	9:45 a.m.	Creative Crafting Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 23	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
Saturday 26	9:30— 11:00 a.m.	RCCO-Narthex
Sunday 27	8:30 a.m.	Pentecost 13 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Pentecost 13 Holy Communion—Nave

Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann Administrative Assistant

Summer Church Office Hours Wednesday & Thursday

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.