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#### Dear Little Saints-Welcome from all the Big Saints

Before the service even starts, you will need to prepare

Upcoming is a longish sit and grownups want you there

Instead of wiggling, yawning, sighing You could be bright new markers trying 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

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.

#### THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST

# Seven Sacred Teachings—Honesty Sunday, June 9, 2024.

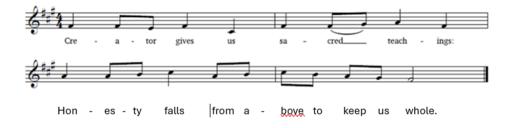
#### **GATHERING**

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

Prelude — He's Still the King of Kings, William J Gaither The Spirit of Jesus is In This Place, William J. Gaither

Welcome

Acknowledgment of Territory



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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 and friendship 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, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another. Today we acknowledge the Sacred Teaching of Honesty and the importance of living together with integrity and acceptance of all who share this land.

# Gathering Song — Lift Every Voice and Sing # 841 (Red)

# Greeting

In this PRIDE season, let us celebrate the grace of the Divine, who liberates us from limitations; the boundless love, mercy, and justice of the Creator, who crafted a kaleidoscope of identities; and the wisdom of the Holy One, who urges us to embrace this magnificent diversity. May these blessings 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.

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## Kyrie

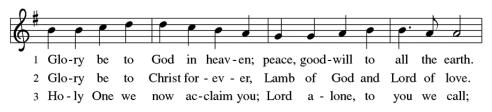


We come to hear your liv-ing word; it saves us from de-spair.

Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.

Re - new us with your sav-ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

# Hymn of Praise





Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth: Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove; Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise. on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand. Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa-ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise. Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand. For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Radiant One, who shatters into a million dazzling prisms, we gather with overflowing hearts, celebrating the vibrant tapestry of our identities, loves, and expressions. Thank you for weaving difference into love's tapestry. Your love persists, even through storms.

Grant us the courage to find our voice, sing our unwavering truths, and live authentically in every vibrant hue. Ignite our spirits with PRIDE's flame so that we may be unwavering champions for our 2SLGBTQIA+ siblings. Let our faith be a shield, protecting the knowledge that we are loved exactly as we are, in all our glorious selves.

May this day, and every day, be a vibrant testament to love, acceptance, and the radical joy of being exactly who we were created to be. Remind us that we are forever loved by you, that we are worthy, and that we are a dazzling reflection of your infinite love! For we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.** 

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

First Reading – Esther 4

As queen, Esther was able to use her influence with the king to protect the Jewish people from the genocidal plot of Haman, one of the king's advisors. Encouraged by her cousin Mordecai's words that "Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this," Esther revealed her Jewish identity to the king and convinced him to allow the Jews to defend themselves against their enemies. This is the origin of the Jewish festival of Purim.

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, Mordecai tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; <sup>2</sup> he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. <sup>3</sup> In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

<sup>4</sup> When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her. the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth; but he would not accept them. 5 Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs, who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. <sup>6</sup> Hathach went out to Mordecai in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, <sup>7</sup> and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him, and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. 8 Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and entreat him for her people.

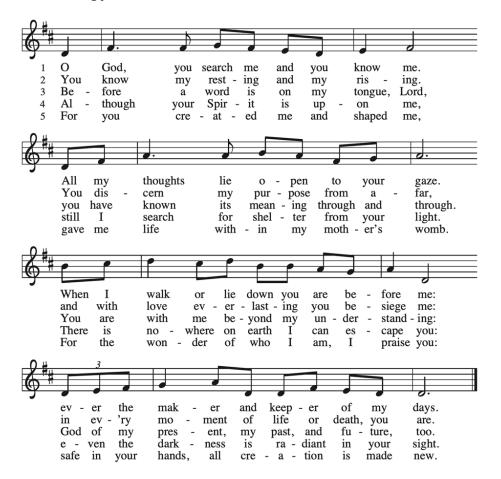
<sup>9</sup> Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. <sup>10</sup> Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai, saying, <sup>11</sup> 'All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law—all alike are to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden sceptre to someone, may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days.' <sup>12</sup> When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, <sup>13</sup> Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, 'Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. <sup>14</sup> For if you keep silence at such a time as this, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another quarter, but you and your father's family will

perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this. <sup>15</sup> Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, <sup>16</sup> 'Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish. <sup>17</sup> Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

Word of God. Word of life.

#### Thanks be to God.

### Psalm 139



# Gospel Acclamation (sung twice)



Gospel Reading – *Mark 3:20-27, 31-35* 

The holy gospel according to Mark. Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus went home;] <sup>20</sup> and the crowd came together again, so that [Jesus and the disciples] could not even eat. <sup>21</sup> When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, "He has gone out of his mind." <sup>22</sup> And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, "He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons." <sup>23</sup> And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, "How can Satan cast out Satan? <sup>24</sup> If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. <sup>26</sup> And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. <sup>27</sup> But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered...

<sup>31</sup>Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. <sup>32</sup>A crowd was

sitting around him; and they said to him, "Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you." <sup>33</sup> And he replied, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" <sup>34</sup> And looking at those who sat around him, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! <sup>35</sup> Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day — **My Life Flows On in Endless Song** # **763 (Red)** 

**Affirmation of Faith** 

- All: I believe in the Divine Mystery, the source of love, who is ever-speaking.
- **P:** This love whispers within each of us, urging us to find our voices and share them with the world.
- All: I believe in the radical love of Jesus Christ, who shattered norms and embraced the excluded.
- **P:** Christ used his voice to challenge injustice, and his actions empower us to find the courage to speak our truths, no matter how different they may sound.
- All: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the ever-present force that guides us towards inclusivity and compassion.

P: The Spirit speaks through the tapestry of diverse voices, urging us to listen and learn from each other, finding the melody within ourselves, and join the beautiful chorus of creation.

# All: I believe in the sacredness of all identities, created in the Divine Image.

**P:** In life's symphony, every voice, loud or soft, high or low, plays a unique note, weaving together a song of awe-inspiring beauty.

# All: I believe in the holy community, a tapestry woven from threads of chosen family and love.

**P:** In a chorus of open hearts, let's celebrate the unique song each voice brings and find our own melodies along the way.

# All: I believe in the ongoing work of justice and liberation.

**P:** Only by speaking our truths and challenging the norm can we dismantle oppression and create a just world.

# All: I believe in the promise of transformation, where fear gives way to love.

**P:** As we find and share our voices in community, the world becomes more vibrant and welcoming.

# All: In this polyphony of sound, all voices find their place, transformed by shared Divine truths. Amen.

#### **Prayers**

We remember the echoes of prayer in this time of PRIDE; we celebrate the beautiful diversity of your creation, O God. We lift our voices for people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, gender expressions, Black, Indigenous, and People of Colour, people of expansive abilities, and all those who still face discrimination, fear, and violence for who they are. Grant the courage to find their voices and live authentically. Empower us, your church, to be a beacon of inclusion and justice making. God of all, **help us sing of your love.** 

We lift our voices in thanks for our pastors, priests, deacons, bishops, and all those who strive to build a loving and welcoming community that reflects Jesus' love. May they continue to be bold champions of radical hospitality, inclusion, and justice for all of God's diverse creation. God of all, **help us sing of your love.** 

We raise our voices in grateful celebration for all reconciling and affirming organizations and communities of faith. May their work with members, communities, and the wider Church continue to be a powerful catalyst for justice. God of all, **help us sing of your love.** 

We lift our voices in prayer for all who are sick in mind, body, or spirit; for those who live with the fear of violence every day; for those who suffer in want of life's basic necessities of food, shelter, and supportive relationships. May we be agents of your love and compassion. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, Karen, Jim, Bill, Isa, Zoilita, Lisa, Barrie and Stella, Irene and Kelly, John and Julianna, Florence, Nicky and Dwayne, Sadie, Beth, and those we name in our hearts (*brief silence...*). God of all, **help us sing of your love.** 

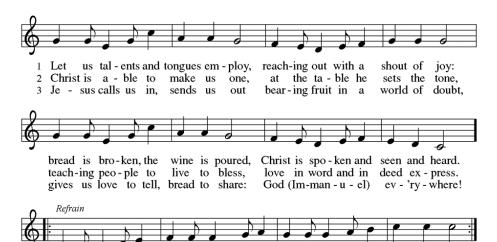
In faith and hope, we lift these and all our prayers to you, God, confident in your enduring love and grace. **Amen.** 

#### 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:



Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the Word a-round: loaves a - bound!

# Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen

# **Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** 

Lift up your hearts.

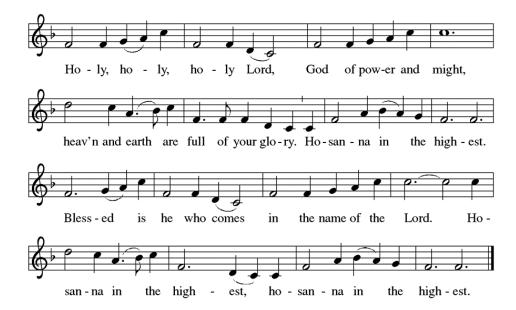
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

#### **Preface**

And so we sing with all the beings of boundless love, a chorus of voices that defy definition, crying out for justice to cascade like a cleansing rain. May it nourish the parched earth of inequality, washing away the walls that divide us. For the Divine, an essence woven from infinite possibilities, embraces all creation, yearning for unity. We become vessels of that yearning, building a world where love, fierce and tender, soaks every corner:

#### Sanctus



# **Eucharistic Prayer**

Holy, just, and merciful God, Great Love, beyond definition, overflowing with justice and compassion.

New creation, birthed from chaos, blossomed in Jesus.

He preached liberationnot just for the poor but for those ostracized, cast out, living on the margins.

He proclaimed freedom for those trapped by societal norms, those blinded by rigid expectations.

He shattered the chains of oppression, not just physical, but the ones that bind hearts and souls. He healed the ostracized, fed the hungry regardless of their labels, and shared meals with those deemed "unclean."

In these radical acts of love and justice, we see the blueprint for our church. We are called to be a torrent of justice, overflowing boundaries, challenging heteronormativity and embracing the full spectrum of human experience.

We are the liberated, not just from physical death, but from the death of spirit that comes from exclusion. We are bound by a covenant of radical love and the ever-present Spirit, birthing a new creation where all are welcome at the table.

Just as he said that last night with his disciples, Jesus says to us, "Come, gather around my friends." This common bread at our table is much more than it seems. This is the brokenness of the world. I am broken for you, and we are broken for each other.

This common cup is much more than it seems. The blood of innocent ones is too often shed at the hands of oppressors.

Whenever there is suffering, I suffer with you. I am poured out for you, and we are poured out for each other.

We proclaim this truth: Death is part of life.

Christ has died.

But death will not have the last word.

Christ has risen!

And suffering will end.

Christ will come again...

...and again and again, every time suffering is alleviated, comfort is given, food is offered, hope is restored.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this body gathered here, on our union with each other, and with these gifts of bread and wine.

May we become your body for the sake of a world where each has a voice. **Amen** 

Jesus' Prayer

(A Paraphrase by Bill Wallace, Aooteraroa/New Zealand)

O most Compassionate Life-giver, may we honour and praise you;
May we work with you to establish your new order of justice peace and love;
Give us what we need for growth,
And help us, through forgiving others, to accept forgiveness.
Strengthen us in the time of testing, that we may resist all evil,
For all tenderness, strength and love are yours, now and forever.
Amen.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me shall never be hungry. Whoever believes in me will never thirst."

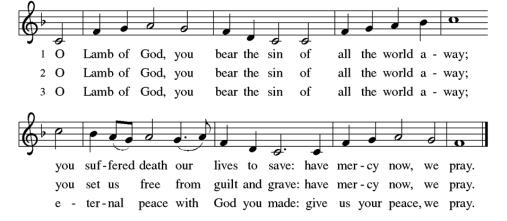
Taste and see that the Lord is good; Happy are they who trust in him!

Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

Thanks be to God!

# **Communion Hymns**

#### Lamb of God



Come and Fill Our Hearts # 528 (Red)

For the Beauty of the Earth # 429 (Blue)

Where Charity and Love Prevail # 487 (Blue)

## **Table Blessing**

May the divine spark, ever shifting and boundless like queer love, ignite within you. May this essence propel you forward, a radiant disruption in a world clinging to binaries. **Amen** 

# **Post-Communion Prayer**

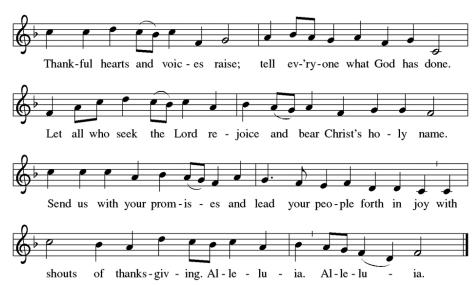
Loving God, we gathered at your table, a mosaic of identities woven together in your love.

In this sacred meal, we tasted the radical hospitality of your grace, a grace that transcends boundaries and celebrates the glorious diversity of your creation.

Grant us the courage to find our voices, voices that challenge the status quo, and advocate for the full inclusion of all your children.

May love flow outward, empowering voices for truth, justice, and a chorus of Christ's love. **Amen.** 

#### Post Communion Canticle — Thankful Hearts



### Announcements

#### **SENDING**

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

#### Benediction

May the boundless love of our Creator embrace us in all our complexities, urging us to find our voices and sing our truths.

May the embodied Word accompany us, empowering us to speak out against injustice and celebrate who we are, and celebrate our beloved siblings this PRIDE season.

May the ever-present, ever-changing Spirit guide us, as we risk vulnerability and share our unique melodies with the world knowing our gift of self is not to be hidden.

May the blessings of the **+** Divine flow through us, now and forevermore. **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 - Sing the Circle Wide # 418 (Blue)

## Dismissal

Go in peace. Break the silence. Love without limits! **Thanks be to God!** 

Postlude – Because He Lives, William J. Gaither

#### **Announcements and Information**

Today Next Sunday

Assisting Minister	Penny Richards	Anne Stuart	
Servers	Kishan Gunawardene Marilyn Bleach Schranz	John Szymanski Michelle Niormandin	
Reader	Sue Wakefield	Bill Clatworthy	
Greeters	Greg & Mary Elliott	Bill & Jetta Thomas	
Ushers	Sue Wakefield Marisela McDougall	Joe & Merike Rutten	
AV booth	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	
Altar Guild	Laura F Mann Marisela McDougall		
Counters	Carole Mozuraitis Laura F Mann	Jan Nielsen Carole Mozuraitis	
Flowers	RIC Team		
Coffee Hour	RIC Team	Deborah & John Szymanski	

**The flowers:** The flowers today are Proudly given in Joy and Celebration of everyone!

*Greeters:* We are looking to return to pre-Covid times with regularly scheduled Greeters again! If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact Elaine Maguire at (519) 658-0509 or let the office know. Thank you.



**Congregational Meeting:** There will be a brief meeting **today** after the service to vote on the Constitutional Amendment presented at the Annual Meeting. Please stay for the meeting so we can meet quorum. Also, we will be celebrating Pride Sunday that day so if you stay, there will be cake afterwards!

#### Fundraising Event for Central American Mission Trip:



**today** from 12:00—4:00 p.m. in Rose Head Hall there will be a Book Sale, Bake Sale and Plant Sale! This is in support of a Central American Mission Trip for Dawn Christie. There will also be a raffle for a lovely afghan.

**Connections:** The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **Sunday**, **June 16**, **2024**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at <a href="mailto:cjmorrison263@gmail.com">cjmorrison263@gmail.com</a>. Please note that this will be the **Summer** edition—the next deadline will be August 18, 2024 for the September issue. Many thanks Christine, for all the work you do as our editor. Enjoy your summer break!

### Environmental Stewardship Update: Almost there!

June 9 Fundraising Update



We are getting *so* close to our target—just \$3,089.00 to go!

We are close but ... as everyone heads to the cottage and vacations, other greening may be on your minds! If you were planning on making a donation please consider doing that before summer gets too distracting!

Donor & Pledge cards with envelopes are available in the narthex along with pictures of the plants we are hoping to put in the garden.

Thank you for your support!

Pledges = Target (\$30,000)

Silvercreek Community Market: For the next Market in June we need canned tomatoes or pasta sauce, and cooking oil (1L size).

There is a special need for school snacks for children—**fruit cups and granola bars** would be great to add to our supply—we never have enough of these items! Thank you

## The Seven Sacred Teachings — Honesty

Honesty is represented by either the raven or the sabe. They both understand who they are and how to walk in their life. "Sabe reminds us to be ourselves and not someone we are not. An honest person is said to walk tall like Kitchi-Sabe... Like Kitchi-Sabe, Raven accepts himself and knows how to use his gift. He does not seek the power, speed or beauty of others. He uses what he has been given to survive and thrive. So must you."



The Seven Sacred Teachings of White Buffalo Calf Woman, by David Bouchard & Dr. Joseph Martin.

To walk through life with integrity is to know honesty.

Be honest with yourself.

Recognize and accept who you are.

Accept and use the gifts you have been given.

Do not seek to deceive yourself or others.

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#### LOOKING AHEAD: June 10 - 16

Monday 10	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music via Zoom
Wednesday 12	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to office
Saturday 15	2:00-8:00 p.m.	Rental Nave
Sunday 16	8:30 a.m.	Pentecost 4 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Pentecost 4 Holy Communion—Nave



# Organist

Peter West

#### **Staff**

Michele Altermann Administrative Assistant

#### **Church Office Hours**

Tuesday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.