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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.



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.

SEASON OF CREATION—WILDERNESS Sunday, September 17, 2023. GATHERING

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

Prelude – Cakewalk, Debussy All Creatures, Worship God Most High, arr. Timothy Shaw For the Beauty of the Earth, arr. Syvia Oines

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.

Introit Psalm 19:1-4

Low voices:

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of God's hands.

High voices:

Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

All:

Listen to creation declare the glory of God, listen to God's Word in scripture.

Low voices:

They have no speech; they use no words; they are not heard.

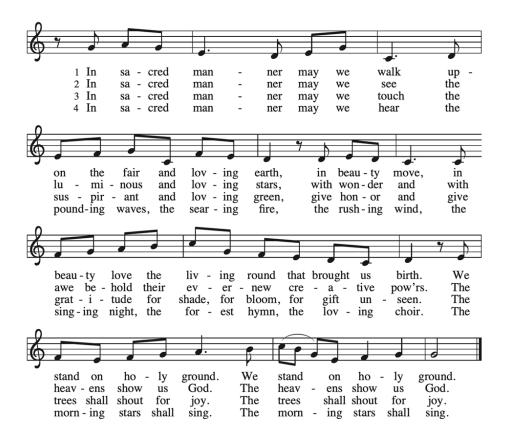
High voices:

Yet their voice goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world.

All:

Listen to creation declare the glory of God, listen to God's Word in scripture.

Gathering Song — In Sacred Manner



- 5 In sacred manner may we live among the wise and loving ones, sit humbly, as at sages' feet, by four-legged, finned, and feathered ones. The animals will teach.

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- 6 In sacred manner may we walk upon the fair and loving earth, in beauty move, in beauty love the living round that brought us birth. We stand on holy ground. We stand on holy ground.

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.**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God, our Creator, we celebrate your vibrant presence among us and our kin in creation, especially in the soil, the fields and the land. Help us to empathize with your creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the land, the flowers of the field and all the creatures of the countryside. In the name of Christ, who reconciles and renews all things in creation. **Amen**

Choir Anthem—Here on Jesus Christ I Will Stand

WORD

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

First Reading: *Joel 1:8-10, 17-20*

- ⁸ Lament like a virgin dressed in sackcloth for the husband of her youth.
- ⁹ The grain-offering and the drink-offering are cut off from the house of the LORD.

The priests mourn,

the ministers of the LORD.

The fields are devastated, the ground mourns; for the grain is destroyed, the wine dries up, the oil fails.

¹⁷ The seed shrivels under the clods, the storehouses are desolate; the granaries are ruined

because the grain has failed.

18 How the animals groan!

The herds of cattle wander about because there is no pasture for them; even the flocks of sheep are dazed.

¹⁹ To you, O LORD, I cry. For fire has devoured

the pastures of the wilderness,

and flames have burned

all the trees of the field.

²⁰ Even the wild animals cry to you because the watercourses are dried up, and fire has devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

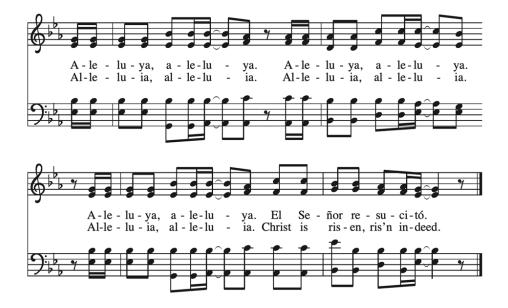
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God!**

Second Reading Romans 8:22–27

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading – *Mark 1:9–13*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁹ In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰ And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

¹² And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³ He was in the wilderness for forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day-Rooted in Faith

Chorus:

Rooted in faith. Grounded in love.

Growing together in this holy space, gathered as one.

Rooted in faith. Grounded in love.

Growing together exper'encing grace, sharing God's love.

In this place we offer thanks.

For God's word and the forms that it takes.

Thanks for the power and beauty of life.

Thanks for the God who bring passion alive.

Thanks for the gifts that are wond'rous expressions of love. *chorus*

In this place we practice faith.

Share our lives and the journeys we make.

Supporting each other in times that are tough.

Praying together when words aren't enough.

Christian community builds up the body of Christ. chorus

In our world we're offered grace, as we serve with hearts ablaze.

Working for justice 'til all people thrive.

Connecting our worship to the rest of our lives.

Led by the Spirit we boldly respond to God's call. *chorus*

Prayers

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:



- 1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
- 2 Shar-ing lav ish gifts and bless-ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
- 3 Gen-ders, rac es, tribes, and na tions, hear the Ho-ly One who calls,



Ta - bles set and doors wide o - pen wel-come an - gels un - a - ware. stretch out arms to friends and strang-ers: God has sheep of man - y folds. bid - ding all to work to - geth-er, bridg-ing lives and breach-ing walls.



Plead for the peace of all cre-a-tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.

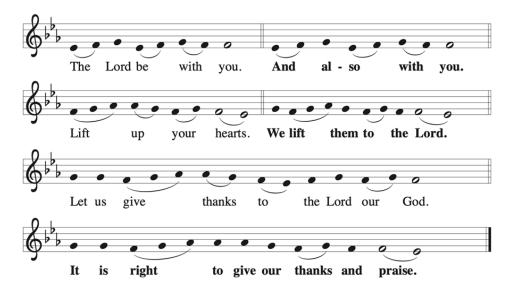


Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

God, our Creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and as signs of our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. **Amen**

Great Thanksgiving



Preface

...Therefore, with angels and archangels, ancient voices in the forest, high voices from the sky, deep voices from the sea and the whole company of creation, we proclaim your presence among us.

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

...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

Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:
The hallowing of your name echo through the universe!

The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world!

Your heavenly will be done by all created beings! Your commonwealth of peace and freedom sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us. In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.

In times of temptation and test, strengthen us. From trials too great to endure, spare us. From the grip of all that is evil, free us. For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen.

(Adapted from The New Zealand Book of Prayer | He Karakia Mihinare o Aotearoa for the 2022 Season of Creation Curriculum. This version of the Lord's prayer was influenced by Maori theologians.)

Invitation to Communion

Come, for all things are now ready. Come to the table with all your kin, and share with all in need: the gift of healing for those in pain, the gift of forgiveness for those in sin, the gift of assurance for those in doubt, and the gift of hope for those in tears.

May we who share these gifts share Christ with one another and all our kin.

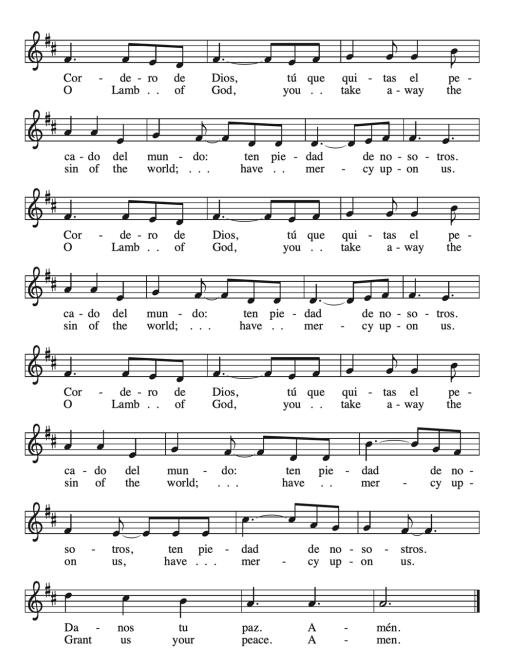
Spiritual Communion

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



Eat This Bread

I Feel the Winds of God



Here I Am, Lord



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

May the Spirit of God, who is above all and in all and through all, fill you with the knowledge of God's presence in the Earth and the impulse of

→ Christ within you.

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 - Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom



Dismissal

Go in peace, serving Christ and loving Earth! **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee, arr. Rachel Trelstad Porter

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Laura B Mann	Anne Stuart
Server	Julianna Stephens	Sandra Christie
Reader	Sue Wakefield	Kate Stuttaford
Ushers	Dennis Kunze, Jan Nielsen & Marisela McDougall	Ron & Val Webb
Altar Guild	Jan Nielsen, Penny Richards, Carole Mozuaritis	Jan Nielsen, Penny Richards, Carole Mozuaritis
Flowers		
Coffee Hour		Deborah Szymanski -Potts



From Bishop Susan Bell: In recent months, Bishop Susan and our diocesan leaders have been engaging in careful study and planning to strengthen our parishes and missions in a way that will position us well in the years ahead. On September 25, a planning study will begin across our entire diocese to gather feedback. Part of the study involves a survey, and you're invited to participate! The bishop wants to hear what you

believe are most important priorities for our ministries, where you see the Spirit leading this diocese, and to gauge support for a major parish-focused fundraising campaign. Your participation in the survey is essential for the success of this planning process. In the next few weeks, we will share more details about the study, the projects, and about the possibility of a major fundraising effort to support our parishes and missions responding missionally to the needs of God's world.

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **today.** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

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

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.

Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

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LOOKING AHEAD: Sept 18 - Sept 24

Monday 18	9:45 a.m.	Creative Crafting Choir Room
	7:00 p.m.	Reconciling in Christ meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 19	5:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Rose Head Hall
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Parlour
Wednesday 20	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to office
Thursday 21	11:00 a.m. -3:30 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Finance Committee meeting via Zoom
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice—Nave
Saturday 23	All day	Rentals—Rose Head Hall
Sunday 24	8:30 a.m.	Season of Creation 4 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Season of Creation 4 Holy Communion—Outdoors
	11:30? a.m.	POM Project—presentation after the 10 a.m. Service