### 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 Analican 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.





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

need to prepare

want you there

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 will

Upcoming is a longish sit and grownups When you've been good as gold for ever and still the talking lasts forever Instead of wiggling, yawning, sighing just dig inside and have a treat You could be bright new markers trying Your Sunday sack is really "sweet"!!!!!! or putting stickers in your book (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-RIVERS

#### Sunday, September 24, 2023.

#### GATHERING

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

Prelude – Let All Things Now Living, arr. Aaron David Miller, Wayne Bisbee For the Beauty of the Earth, arr. Karl Osterland

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 — Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing # 354 (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.** 

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

God, our Creator, whose glory fills our planet, help us to discern your vibrant presence among us, especially in the riches of our rivers. Help us to stand in solidarity with your river creatures who are suffering. Lift our spirits to rejoice with the vibrant world of the rivers. We ask this in the name of Christ, who reconciles and renews all things in creation. **Amen** 

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

First Reading – Genesis 8:20–22; 9:12–17

<sup>20</sup> Then Noah built an altar to the LORD and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup> And when the LORD smelt the pleasing odour the LORD said in his heart, 'I will never again curse the ground because of humankind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

<sup>22</sup> As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.'

<sup>12</sup> God said, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup> I have set my rainbow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup> When I bring clouds over the earth and the rainbow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup> I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup> When the rainbow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.' <sup>17</sup> God said to Noah, 'This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.'

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

Psalm 104:24-31



- <sup>24</sup> How manifold are your | works, O LORD! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full | of your creatures.
  <sup>25</sup> Yonder is the sea, great and wide, with its swarms too man- | y to number, living things both | small and great.
  <sup>26</sup> There go the ships | to and fro, and Leviathan, which you made for the | sport of it.
  <sup>27</sup> All of them | look to you to give them their food | in due season. R
  <sup>28</sup> You give it to them; they | gather it; you open your hand, and they are filled | with good things.
  - <sup>29</sup> When you hide your face, | they are terrified;
     when you take away their breath, they die and return | to their dust.
  - <sup>30</sup> You send forth your Spirit, and they | are created;
    - and so you renew the face | of the earth.
  - <sup>31</sup> May the glory of the LORD en- | dure forever; O LORD, rejoice in | all your works. R

#### Second Reading – *Revelation 22:1–5*

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there anymore. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever.

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#### Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading – John 7:37-39

## The holy gospel according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>37</sup> On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, 'Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, <sup>38</sup> and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, "Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water." ' <sup>39</sup> Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

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

Homily

#### Hymn of the Day – O Healing River # 578 (Blue)

Credo

I believe in you, Holy One, Womb of creation, Mother and Father of us all. In you we live and move and have our being.

I trust in your compassionate love flowing through the universe, taking human form in Jesus and calling us to wholeness.

I believe in your renewing Spirit, who broods over chaos, brings forth life, and leads her dance in the wilderness. And I stand before your call to justice, I labour with you for the birth of compassion And I open my heart to enter the ocean of you.

*The Rev. Canon Lucy Reid, from <u>She Changes Everything: Seeking the</u> <i>Divine on a Feminist Path*, © 2005, Lucy Reid – reprinted with permission.

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:

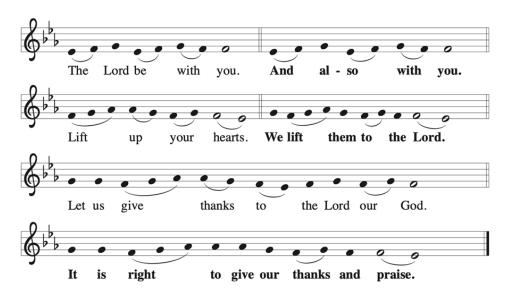
1 Com-mon-wealth is God's com-mand-ment; com-mon goods are meant to share.
2 Shar - ing lav - ish gifts and bless - ings, love that not one mite with-holds,
3 Gen - ders, rac - es, tribes, and na - tions, hear the Ho - ly One who calls,
Ta - bles set and doors wide o - pen wel-come an - gels un - a - 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.
Refrain
Plead for the peace of all cre - a - tion. Pray for a place where grace is found.
Shan-ti, pax, sha - lom, mas-la - ha: com-mon good is ho - ly ground.

#### **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

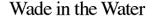
For those who may feel uncomfortable coming forward to receive communion at the altar, here is a prayer of "Spiritual Communion" that might work for you:

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**









#### 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 – O Blessed Spring # 447 (Red)

Dismissal

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

Postlude – All Creatures, Worship God Most High, arr. Jayne Southwick Cool

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#### **Announcements and Information**

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Anne Stuart	Laura F Mann
Servers	Sandra Christie	Debbie Sippel Eitzen & Werner Eitzen
Reader	Kate Stuttaford	John Szymanski
Ushers	Ron & Val Webb	Brenda Plater & Andrew Usjak
Altar Guild	Jan Nielsen, Penny Richards, Carole Mozuaritis	Brenda Plater, Joan McMillan & Ella Bubenik
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. **ECM visitors:** Andrew Hyde, the Ecumenical Campus Minister, will be bringing some students to worship with us on Sunday October 1st. There will be time after the service for the students to learn a bit about All Saints and the Lutheran and Anglican traditions, and we will also provide a lunch for them.

If you would like to stay for the lunch and can contribute some food, please sign up on the sheet taped to the easel in the narthex. Thank you.

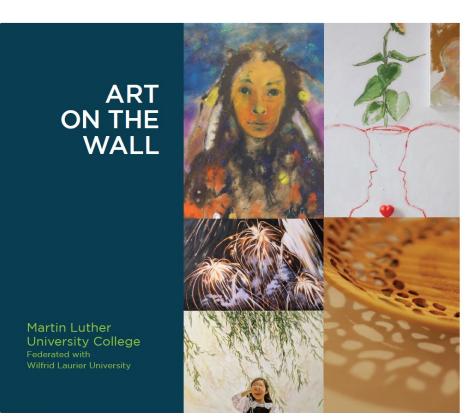


*Global relief:* There is still a need for support, please help: CLWR: <u>https://www.clwr.org/product/520E429GEN/where-needed-most</u> and PWRDF: <u>https://pwrdf.org/give-today/</u>

*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.

**Blessing of the Animals:** On Sunday Oct. 1, 2023 at the 10:00 a.m. service a Blessing of the Animals will take place near the beginning of the service. Please bring your furry, feathery, scaly and other friends with you for this special service. Dog and cat treats will be provided by Deborah Szymanski-Potts.





Images from exhibitions, clockwise from top left: Dazaunggee (Paul Shilling) - Respect; Ted Fullerton - Love; Xavier Fernandes- Wisdom ; Julie Tian - Humility

# Exploring spirituality and justice through visual art

#### fibre art • painting • photography mixed-media • poetry

Hours: weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and some weekday evenings, excluding statutory holidays.

Digital Gallery: avisualreconciliation.blogspot.com

Free admission

#### Art on the Wall: A Visual Reconciliation: Crosscultural Reflections on the Seven Sacred Teachings.

In our ongoing journey towards Truth and Reconciliation, Martin Luther University College is hosting an art exhibition featuring the work of four artists from diverse cultures. 29 Artworks are displayed in Keffer Chapel and on the walls of the corridor overlooking the courtyard.

The **Official Opening** will take place at Luther on September 30<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm. As this is **National Truth and Reconciliation Day**, we will begin with smudging and Indigenous drumming and song, followed by time to view the art and some words from the artists. Your presence would be welcome. Booklets will be on sale for \$10 at the opening.

In addition to the physical gallery, we are creating a **digital gallery**, also launching on September 30<sup>th</sup>, you can find at this link: <u>avisualreconciliation.com</u>

One of the resources you will find on the digital gallery is a series of reflections to do at home, called **"An Invitation for All Ages to Rethink Christian Practice through the Seven Sacred Teachings."** 

This is an invitation to home practices that are meant to help you carve out time and space to engage with the exhibit prayerfully over the course of seven weeks.

Each week, a longer home ritual and art activity is provided as well as a prompt for shorter daily contemplation. These rituals are meant to provide some hands-on options, especially for kids, as well as prompts to help adults and older children engage with the online exhibit.

Another activity being planned is an **art talk** on Zoom, called a Lounge, on an evening in October TBA, hosted by the Centre for Spirituality and Media, in partnership with the Circle for Reconciliation and Justice.

An **art workshop** is being offered in Keffer Chapel on November 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m., led by Lana Moses of Feather and Cross. The art workshop will feature reflections on the Seven Sacred Teachings, using the medium of printmaking. Register here: <u>http://bit.ly/3EDqGjY</u>

The exhibit will run until December 8th and we would love to hear how you or your congregations were able to participate and reflect - feel free to leave responses on the digital gallery.

Beverly McNabb, Art on the Wall, Martin Luther University College

#### LOOKING AHEAD: Sept 25- Oct 1

Tuesday 26	7:00 p.m.	Church Council
		Parlour
Wednesday 27	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to office
	12:00 p.m.	Women Of Faith Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Forum via Zoom
Thursday 28	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice—Nave
Saturday 30	12:-00— 10:00 p.m.	Rental—Rose Head Hall
Oct 1	8:30 a.m.	Season of Creation 5 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Season of Creation 5 & Blessing of the Animals Holy Communion—Nave
	11:30? a.m.	Potluck for ECM visitors after the Service in Rose Head Hall

#### Organist

Peter West

#### Staff

Michele Altermann Administrative Assistant

#### **Church Office Hours**

Tuesday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.