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WELCOME

With God's grace, the faith community of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church in Guelph Ontario welcomes you. Our doors are open to people of any age, gender identity, race, colour and sexual orientation. We welcome people facing physical or mental challenges, those suffering under addictions, single people and those in any loving partnered relationship. Our doors are open to people of uncertain faith or deep faith, from any or no religious tradition. All are truly welcome.

Acknowledgement of Territory

We are on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinabe, 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 be here today.

We welcome all children to our worship. Children need to remain with their families during worship. There is no Sunday Church School at this time.

Communion: All are welcome. Please note that only wafers will be used during the pandemic.

Please let an usher know if you need to take Communion in your seat.

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

**THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST**

Sunday, September 26, 2021.

**Season of Creation 4 - PRAYING FOR OUR
HOME PLANET AND ITS PEOPLE**

GATHERING

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

Prelude - Tifa's Theme, Nobuo Uematsu arr. Shigeo Ida
Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun (Morning Hymn).
Arrangement: Timothy Shaw

*Two minutes of silence will be observed after the
Prelude*

Welcome

Acknowledgment of Territory

**Litany for National Day for Truth and
Reconciliation**

In gratitude to God who healed our broken relationship by reconciliation through Jesus Christ we receive a call to the Ministry of Reconciliation as a paradigm for healing broken relationships.

Today we acknowledge:

a dark side to the history of Canada. We settler peoples have reaped the benefits of the land by pushing aside Indigenous people in order to seize their land.

Today we lament:

the attempted erasure of Indigenous peoples by Canada through the Indian Act which criminalized the practice of traditions and cultures and mandated the seizure and indoctrination of children in residential schools.

Today we acknowledge we have no appropriate words, so we stand in respectful lament:

for the children who died while in custody of residential schools, died of active abuse, died of lonely hearts and separation from family.

Today we acknowledge we have no appropriate words, so we stand in respect:

for the families and communities who mourn, mourn their children who did not come home from residential schools, mourn the disruption of family and way of life, mourn the exploitation and desecration of their traditional lands.
(Pause in silence)

In gratitude to God who demonstrated the way of reconciliation with us,

we commit to walking together in a new way, acknowledging the true history and place of Indigenous Peoples on this land, living with respect, listening and learning as we move forward on the path of true reconciliation.

(by Ron Flaming Truth and Reconciliation Action Group
Waterloo North Mennonite Church)

Gathering Song – **Many and Great, O God**
837 (ELW)

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 of courage, you gave Esther the strength to speak out and everything she needed to save her people. Help us to believe that you are still present and active in this world and that your grace remains as an everlasting force in our lives, for we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen**

WORD

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

First Reading - *Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22*

A reading from Esther

¹[King Ahasuerus] and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther.²On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, “What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled.” ³Then Queen Esther answered, “If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. ⁴For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king.” ⁵Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” ⁶Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. ⁹Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, “Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman’s house, fifty cubits high.” And the king said, “Hang him on that.” ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

^{9:20}Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²²as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Word of God, word of life
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Your word, O Lord, is truth; sanctify us in the truth. Alleluia. (*John 17:7*)

Gospel Reading - *Mark 9:38-50*

The holy gospel according to Mark, the 9th chapter
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁸John said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” ³⁹But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. ⁴⁰Whoever is not against us is for us. ⁴¹For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

⁴²“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. ⁴³If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. ⁴⁵And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. ⁴⁷And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, ⁴⁸where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

⁴⁹“For everyone will be salted with fire. ⁵⁰Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves and be at peace with one another.”

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day - **Touch the Earth Lightly**
739 (ELW)

Prayers of Intercession

Made children and heirs of God's promise, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

We pray for the church and its ministry. Sustain us as members of the body of Christ in lives of prayer, service, and worship. Today especially we give thanks for the seventy-five years that Canadian Lutheran World Relief has faithfully followed your way of justice and peace serving countless people around the world in your name and on our behalf. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for natural wonders of your creation. Restore damaged forests, waterways and natural habitats and lead us to be good stewards of what you have provided. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those in authority. Give them wise minds and compassionate hearts. Strengthen in them a desire to protect the vulnerable and care for those under-served. We pray especially today for all the members of parliament elected this week, that we may be at peace among ourselves, and a blessing to other nations of the earth. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

As we prepare for National Indigenous People's Day, lead us to understand how Indigenous peoples have been, and continue to be, profoundly harmed by settler people and institutions. Lead us to repent when we as settlers deny Indigenous peoples respect, dignity, and fullness of life. Help us to listen compassionately, to speak humbly, and to act justly. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are struggling with cancer, dementia, or any other disease. Provide them with peace and resilience for the days ahead. Sustain caregivers with energy and patience. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Chris, Karen and Volney, Dale, Bill, Benito, Zoilita, Laura, and all the friends and family of Nancy Zadro who mourn her passing. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for our congregation of All Saints. Make us aware of all the ways we act as stumbling blocks to your love. On this, our fourth anniversary of our rebirth as a new congregation, help us to be salt, have salt in ourselves, and be at peace with one another. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give thanks for all your saints, those we have loved and known and those from every time and place. Continue to guide us by their example and reassure us of your promised salvation. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Receive these prayers, O God, and those in our hearts known only to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your reign, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen**

The 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.

Eucharistic Prayer

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 echoes 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 beloved community 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 forever. Amen.

Invitation to Communion

God invites you to this table of bounty.

Come, the banquet is ready.

Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymn

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

800 (ELW)

Table Blessing

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

Announcements

SENDING

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

Sending Song - **This Is My Father's World**
824 (ELW)

Benediction

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the good news!
Thanks be to God.

Postlude - Prelude in A major, J. S. Bach

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Announcements and Information

We pray for:

ACC The clergy and people of The Territory of the People
ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the North
Region of the British Columbia Synod

The flowers are given today to the glory of God by the
Frid family in celebration of September birthdays for Eve-
lyn, Tegan and Teige.

Altar Guild September: Thanks to Jan Nielsen, Penny
Richards and Carole Mozuraitis.

Deadline for Connections : Friday October 8. Please
submit items to Christine Morrison:
cjmorrison263@gmail.com.

Annual Meeting/Vestry Meeting today at 11:30 via
Zoom

LOOKING AHEAD: Sept. 27– Oct. 1

Tuesday 28	3: 00 pm	Greening Committee via Zoom
Wednesday 29	9:00 am	Announcements due to Office
Thursday 30	12:00 pm	Reservations for Sunday wor- ship due to the Office (email or phone call)
	7:00 pm	Church Choir Rehearsal Via Zoom
Sunday 3	8:30 am	Pentecost 18 Season of Creation 5 Holy Communion - Sanctuary
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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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