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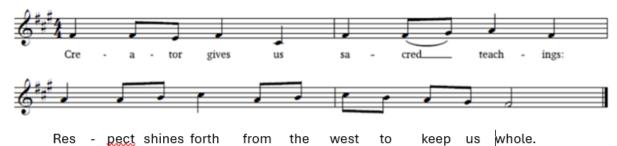
Seven Sacred Teachings - Respect

PRELUDE

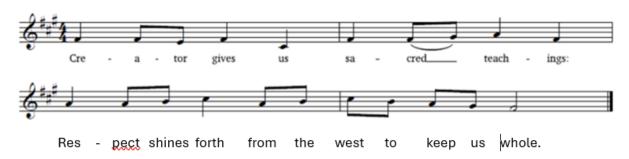
WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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 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 Respect - to honour all creation and to treat all creation as we would like to be treated.



GATHERING SONG What Is This Place RED 524

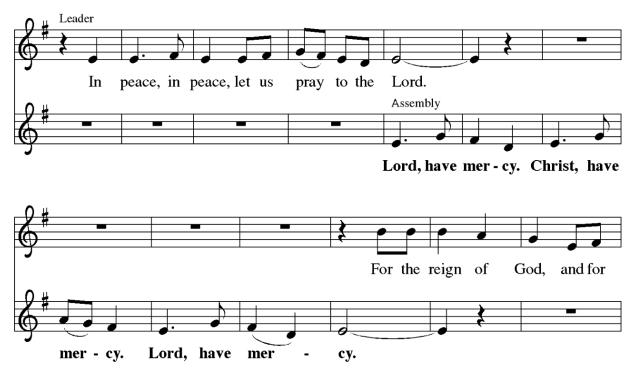
GREETING

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.



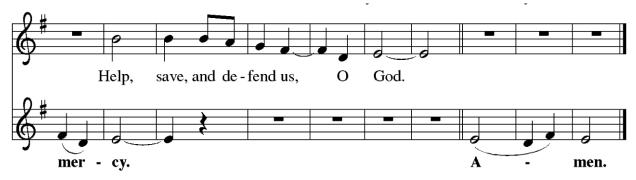
KYRIE

L: For the reign of God and peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the...

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.

L: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the...

C: Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY



Let us pray.

Life-giving God, you have spread your Reign of love the whole world round. Grant us eyes to see your fingerprints in all of creation. Grace us with an awareness of your presence so that we might live with respect for all, giving dignity where it is due, and serving as stewards of the mysteries you have entrusted to us, through Christ our healer. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how God will choose someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation.

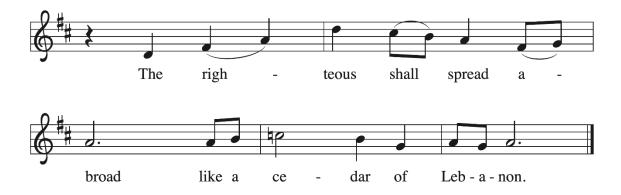
²²Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. ²³On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. ²⁴All the trees of the field shall know that I am the LORD. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree;

I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the LORD have spoken;

I will accomplish it.

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

PSALM: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15



¹It is a good thing to give thanks | to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, | O Most High;
²to herald your love | in the morning and your faithful- | ness at night;
³on the psaltery, and | on the lyre, and to the melody | of the harp.
⁴For you have made me glad by your | acts, O LORD; and I shout for joy because of the works | of your hands. R
¹²The righteous shall flourish | like a palm tree, and shall spread abroad like a ce- | dar of Lebanon.
¹³Those who are planted in the house | of the LORD shall flourish in the courts | of our God;
¹⁴they shall still bear fruit | in old age; they shall be | green and succulent;

¹⁵that they may show how up- | right the LORD is, my rock, in whom there is | no injustice. R

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

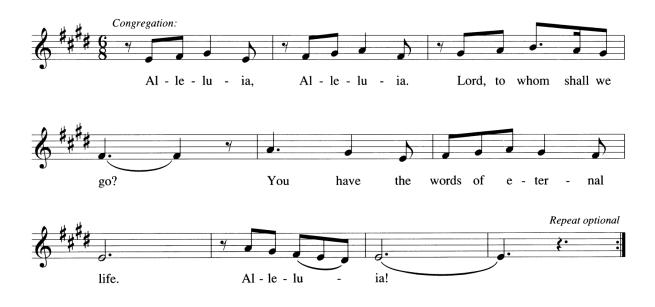
⁶So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—⁷for we walk by faith, not by sight. ⁸Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. ⁹So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. ¹⁰For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil...

¹⁴For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore, all have died. ¹⁵And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung twice)



GOSPEL: Mark 4:26-34

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

²⁶[Jesus] said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground,²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

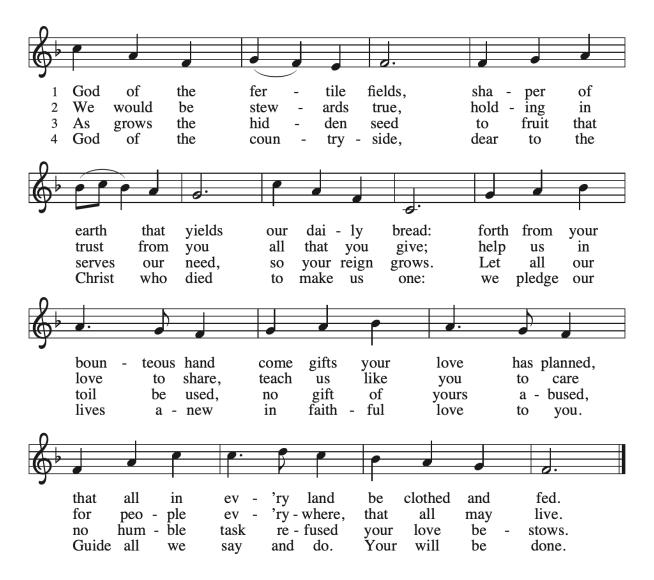
³³With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

God of the Fertile Fields



AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM AND RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

PRAYER

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The presiding minister addresses the assembly:

People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus.

Do you believe in God, the Source of all Being?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMITMENT

The presiding minister addresses those affirming their baptism:

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the Word and share in the Lord's supper,

to proclaim the good news of Christ in word and deed,

to serve all people following the example of Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds individually:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, will you support and encourage these new members in their life in our community; will you work with them in ministry for the building up of the body of Christ; and will you pray for them? **We will.**

It is with joy that I welcome you as members of All Saints!

PRAYER OF BLESSING

НумиBaptized and Set FreeRED 453(Verses 1 and 4 only)

- We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door. to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.
- 4. Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on we will be One in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

O Most High, your divine realm is like a noble tree whose boughs and branches give shade and rest to the peoples of the earth. Make your church a nesting place for all who need your peace and healing. We pray today for the Ecclesiastical Province of the North Lights. On this National Indigenous Day of Prayer, open our hearts and minds to respect the teachings and traditions of our First Nations, Métis, and Inuit neighbours and to recognize the wisdom and richness they offer our country and our churches. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All the world is a garden for your creativity. Refresh places of drought with abundant rains. Strengthen and keep safe those who fight forest fires. Help us tend your gifts of land, air, and water with respect for their inherent goodness. We pray today for our own project of Environmental Stewardship giving thanks for all who serve on this committee and for those who have contributed generously to the first phase of this project. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

You speak and your word is accomplished. Speak to the leaders of nations so they might end cycles of violence, giving people everywhere tranquility and peace. We pray especially for the people of Gaza, Ukraine, and Sudan. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

When anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation. Bring the abundant healing blessings of the new creation into the lives of those who suffer illness sending us to show them your love. 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...*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Your steadfast love and faithfulness sustain your people. Bless fathers and all father figures with such love and faithfulness that children flourish and grow in joy and peace. Bless those who long to be fathers, and those for whom this day is especially difficult. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

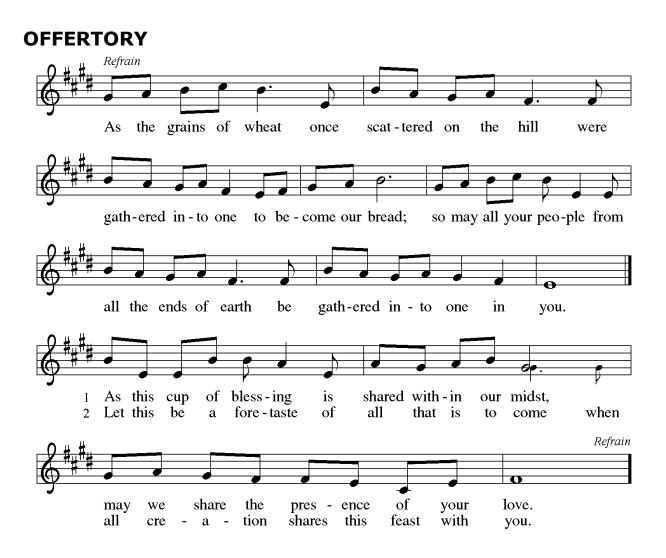
With gratitude, we remember the saints who are now at home with you. Plant seeds of their wisdom and witness in our hearts, that we grow in faith until we join them in your heavenly dwelling. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

By the sure guidance of your Holy Spirit, O God, we lift up our prayers in trust and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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



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

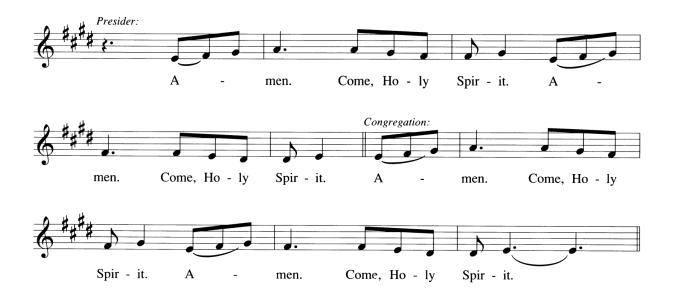
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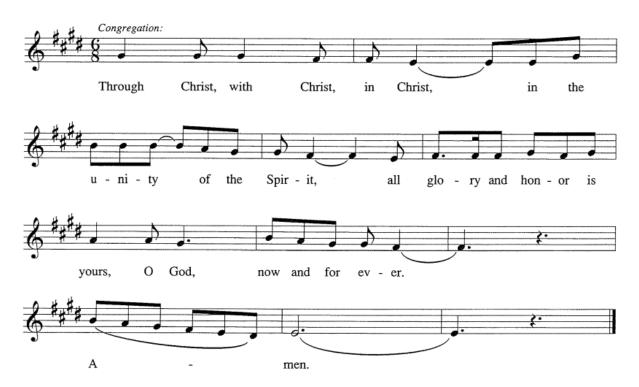
SANCTUS



Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that all your promises may come to us and your whole creation.



This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and our friend.



LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory 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

- 1. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
- 2. Lamb of God, you are the bread of life for us all: Have mercy on us...
- 3. Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace...
- 4. Lamb of God, you are way of mercy and love...
- 5. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Come and Fill Our Hearts	Red 528
O Laughing Light, O First-Born of Creation	Blue 18
We Hail Thee Now, O Jesus	Blue 80

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 give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you, and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

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 Sent Forth By God's Blessing RED 547

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. You are the body of Christ. Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Anne Stuart	Christine Morrison
Servers	John Szymanski Michelle Normandin	Laura B Mann Laura F Mann
Reader	Bill Clatworthy	Val Webb
Greeters	Bill & Jette Thomas	Sheila Chappel
Ushers	Joe & Merike Rutten	The Heaney Family
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	John Szymanski Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Laura F Mann Marisela McDougall	Laura F Mann Marisela McDougall
Counters	Laura F Mann Carole Mozuraitis	Jan Nielsen Ryan Nerbas
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	Deborah & John Szymanski	The Heaney Family

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

Silvercreek Community Market: We need RICE, red lentils, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce, canned meat and fish and cooking oil (1L size).

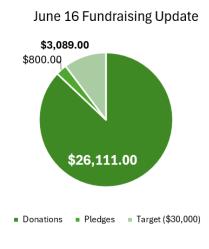
There is a special need for school snacks for children fruit cups and granola bars would be great to add to our supply—we never have enough of these items! Thank you.



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



We are getting *so* close! —just \$3,089.00 to go! Maybe we can get there before cottage season really gets underway?!

Please continue to consider donating to this project! If we meet our current target or pass it there is a chance reduce the cost of the next phase, for example, only bringing in large equipment once which is more cost effective and might let us jump start phase two!

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 generous support!*

The Seven Sacred Teachings — Respect

Respect is represented by the buffalo. The buffalo gives every part of its being to sustain the human way of living, not because it is of less value, but because it respects the balance and needs of others.



To honour all creation is to have respect. Live honourably in teachings and in your actions towards all things.

Do not waste and be mindful of the balance of all living things. Share and give away what you do not need.

Treat others the way you would like to be treated. Do not be hurtful to yourself or others.

LOOKING AHEAD: June 17 – 23

Tuesday 18	5:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 19	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to office
	3:00 p.m.	Executive meeting via Zoom
Thursday 20	9:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall
Saturday 22	All day	Rental Rose Head Hall
Sunday 23	8:30 a.m.	Pentecost 5 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Pentecost 5 and Installation of Church Council Holy Communion—Nave

