

**June 22, 2025**

*Pride Sunday*

## **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.**



## **HYMN OF THE DAY      Sing a New World into Being**

1. Sing a new world into being.  
Sound a bold and hopeful theme.  
Find a tune for silent yearnings.  
Lend your voice and dare to dream;  
dream a church where all who worship  
find their lives and loves belong.  
Sing a new world into being.  
Sing as Christ inspires your song!
  
2. Sing a new world into being  
where each gender, class and race  
brings its rainbow gifts and colours  
to God's limitless embrace;  
where the lines that once divided  
form instead the ties that bind.  
Sing a new world into being:  
risk transforming heart and mind!

3. Sing a new world into being  
where the homeless find a home,  
where no children ever hunger  
but are filled in God's shalom;  
where all people work for justice,  
where all hate and vengeance cease.  
Sing a new world into being:  
raise the harmonies of peace.
4. Sing a new world into being.  
Join the ancient prophet's cry  
for a time of health and plenty  
when all tears have been wiped dry;  
when compassion flows like waters,  
pouring balm for all who grieve.  
Sing a new world into being:  
live the promise you believe!

## **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.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God, our God, how majestic is your name throughout the earth. Fill our senses with the presence of your unfailing love. Gather us together as your beloveds, so that we might be blessed by your Word, in Jesus Christ, to do justice in the world. **Amen**

### FIRST READING: Isaiah 65:1-9

*The prophet announces God's impatience. The people's self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel's exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

<sup>1</sup> I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
to a nation that did not call on my name.

<sup>2</sup> I held out my hands all day long  
to a rebellious people,  
who walk in a way that is not good,  
following their own devices;

<sup>3</sup> a people who provoke me  
to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
and offering incense on bricks;

<sup>4</sup> who sit inside tombs,  
and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
with broth of abominable things in their vessels;

<sup>5</sup> who say, "Keep to yourself,  
do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
a fire that burns all day long.

<sup>6</sup> See, it is written before me:  
I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps

<sup>7</sup> their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together,  
says the LORD;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
full payment for their actions.

<sup>8</sup> Thus says the LORD:

As the wine is found in the cluster,  
and they say, "Do not destroy it,  
for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
and not destroy them all.

<sup>9</sup> I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
and my servants shall settle there.

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PSALM: Psalm 22:19-28**

*(Read responsively, between right side and left side of the congregation)*

<sup>19</sup> But you, O LORD, be not I far away;  
O my help, hasten I to my aid.

<sup>20</sup> **Deliver me I from the sword,  
my life from the power I of the dog.**

<sup>21</sup> Save me from the I lion's mouth!  
From the horns of wild bulls you have I rescued me.

<sup>22</sup> **I will declare your name I to my people;  
in the midst of the assembly I I will praise you.**

<sup>23</sup> You who fear the LORD, give praise! All you of Jacob's I line,  
give glory.

Stand in awe of the LORD, all you off- I spring of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> **For the LORD does not despise nor abhor the poor in  
their poverty; neither is the LORD's face hid- I den from  
them;  
but when they cry out, I the LORD hears them.**

- <sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the | great assembly;  
I will perform my vows in the sight of those who | fear  
the LORD.
- <sup>26</sup> **The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,  
Let those who seek the LORD give praise! May your  
hearts | live forever!**
- <sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to  
the LORD;  
all the families of nations shall bow | before God.
- <sup>28</sup> **For dominion belongs | to the LORD,  
who rules o- | ver the nations.**

## **SECOND READING: Galatians 3:23-29**

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favour of true unity in Christ.*

<sup>23</sup> Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. <sup>24</sup> Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. <sup>25</sup> But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, <sup>26</sup> for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup> As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup> There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. <sup>29</sup> And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup>Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. <sup>27</sup>As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time, he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. <sup>28</sup>When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me"—<sup>29</sup>for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man.

For many times it had seized him. He was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.

<sup>30</sup>Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. <sup>31</sup>They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

<sup>32</sup>Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So, he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup>Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

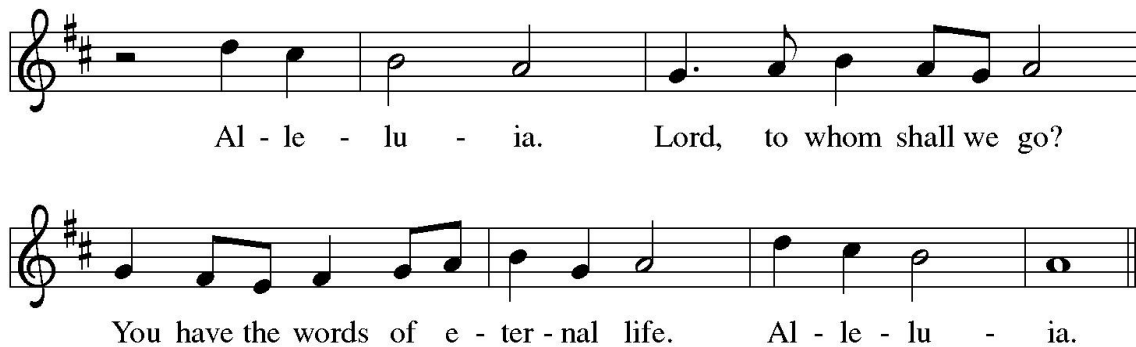
<sup>34</sup>When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country.

<sup>35</sup> Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed.

<sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So, he got into the boat and returned. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So, he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## HOMILY

## **HYMN OF THE DAY    QUIRKY, QUEER AND WONDERFUL**

*Refrain:*

*Quirky, queer, and wonderful, distinct, unique, and odd  
All of our humanity reveals the face of God.*

1. No "normal" can encompass or comprehend the range  
Of all the kinds of people that God created strange!
2. From Jesus we learn riddles; he said the last are first  
He tweaked received religion with roles that he reversed.
3. *To Peter, God presented untouchable cuisine  
And said, "Do not call dirty what I declare is clean."*
4. In Christ the false divisions of gender, class, and race,  
Can never separate us from God's abundant grace.
5. The many parts that form us, each serve a diff'rent role.  
In Christ, we are one body, made holy, good, and whole.

## **A CREED FOR PRIDE SUNDAY**

**We believe in one God, Creator of all,  
whose love knows no bounds,  
who formed each person in the divine image,  
celebrating the diversity of every body, story, and identity.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, God's beloved Child,  
who embodied divine welcome, healing, and justice,  
who talked and ate with people others turned away,  
who calls us to love one another as ourselves,  
and who, through his death and resurrection, affirms God's  
love for all, making us worthy of dignity and joy.**



**We believe in the Holy Spirit, Breath of Life and Source of Wisdom,  
moving among us to inspire hope,  
empowering us to speak truth and seek justice:  
to celebrate the God-given gifts of every person,  
especially those whose voices have been silenced.  
We believe in the holy catholic and apostolic Church,  
a community called to affirm, include, and cherish all  
people and peoples,  
and steward the beauty and diversity of creation.**

**We look for a day when justice and peace will embrace,  
when all are free to love and to be loved,  
and when God's reign of liberation and joy is fulfilled.  
Amen**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

God of welcome, you have called your people from every nation, tribe, and language, making us one in Christ Jesus. On this Pride Sunday, we give thanks for the diversity of your church and for all who proclaim your love without boundaries. Strengthen our witness, that we may boldly proclaim your justice, mercy, and inclusion for all. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You stretch out the heavens and nurture the earth. Teach us to honour and protect your creation, that all living things may flourish. Inspire us to live in harmony with the world you have made, and to care for the land, waters, and creatures entrusted to us. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You break the chains of oppression and set captives free. Bring healing to nations divided by hatred, violence, and fear – especially the people of Ukraine and Russia, and Palestine, Israel, and Iran. Guide leaders to act with wisdom and compassion, that all people may live in safety and dignity. As our nation marks Indigenous Peoples Day, we especially give thanks for the Indigenous people of this land, for their wisdom and the gifts of their many cultures. Help us to be ever more aware of the harms that colonization has done and continues to do, and guide us in the path of reconciliation, that together we may live on this land in peace and mutual understanding. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those in need. Draw near to all who are poor, hungry, or homeless; to those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit; and to any who are excluded or oppressed because of who they are. Bring your healing, justice, and hope. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Gwen and Nolan, Ken and Matzi, Irene, Jack and Sharon, Karen, Mary, Brian, Kathryn, Bill, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*) God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

You gather us as one body in Christ. Bless this faith community with courage and joy as we seek to welcome all people, especially those who have been marginalized or wounded by the church. Strengthen our fellowship, deepen our faith, and send us out to serve our neighbours in love. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, in Christ there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for all are one in him. We remember with thanksgiving the saints who have gone before us, especially those who bore witness to your inclusive love. Keep us united with them in the hope of the resurrection. God of mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus' name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping. **Amen.**

## PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

**And also with you.**

I invite you to share a sign of peace with one another respecting the boundaries and honouring the consent of our neighbours.

## OFFERTORY

### Goodness is Stronger Than Evil



Good -ness is stron-ger than e - vil; love is stron-ger than hate;



light is stron-ger than dark - ness; life is stron-ger than death; vic-t'ry is



ours, vic-t'ry is ours, through God who loves us. Vic-t'ry is



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## OFFERTORY PRAYER

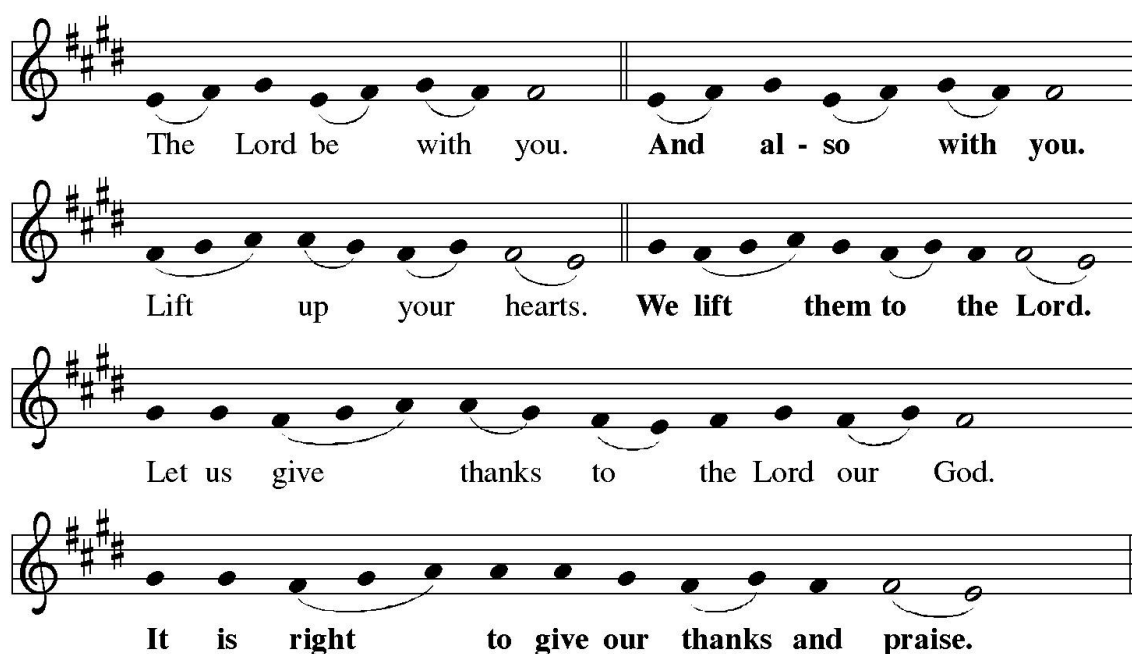
Let us pray:

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



The musical notation for the Great Thanksgiving is written on four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are connected by slurs, indicating a continuous melody. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

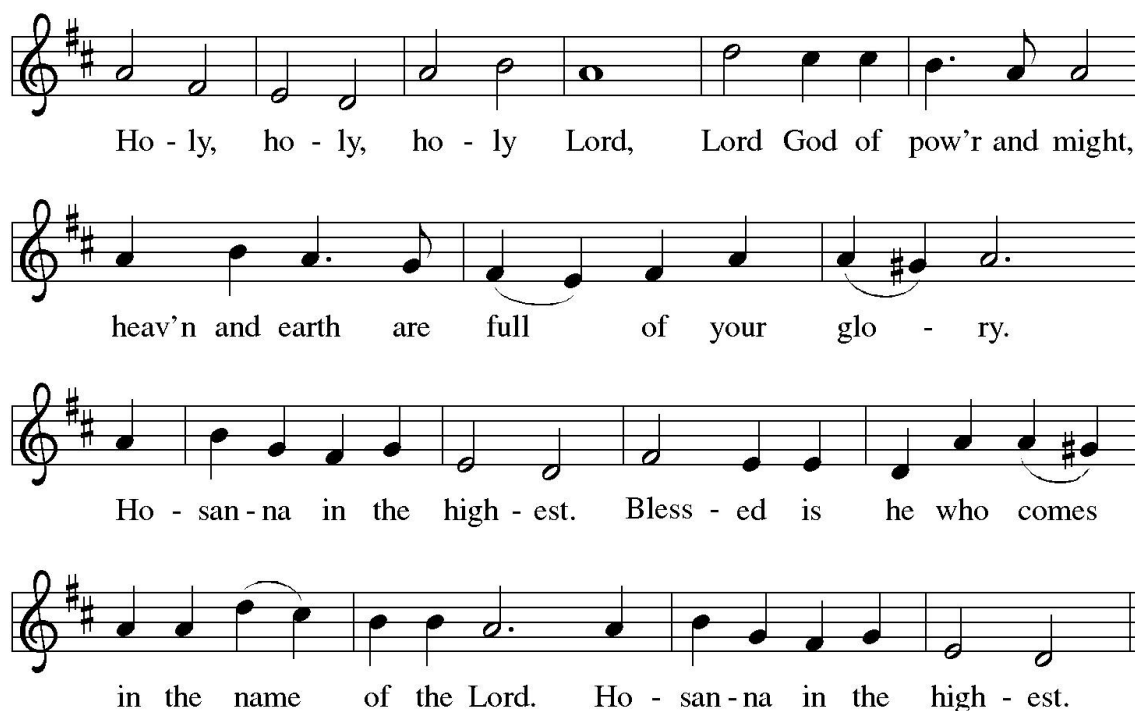
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

... and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:  
beyond the stars;  
beneath the sea;  
within each cell;  
with every breath.

**We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness:  
through the water;  
by night and day;  
across the wilderness;  
out of exile;  
into the future.

**We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son:  
at the heart of human life;  
near to those who suffer;  
beside the sinner;  
among the poor;  
with us now.

**We thank you, O God.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit:  
in our gathering;  
within this meal;  
among your people;  
throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks  
to you, holy God,  
through Christ Jesus,  
by your Spirit,  
in your church,  
without end.

**Amen.**

## **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**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the  
one bread.**  
The reign of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## COMMUNION HYMNS:

### Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on  
us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

**In God Alone**  
**I Come with Joy**  
**Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts**

**BLUE 563**  
**BLUE 60**  
**BLUE 70**

## TABLE BLESSING

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**



## Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

May the Creator of all embolden you to be fiercely and authentically yourself.

May the Holy Protector guide you as you continue to discover the fullness of who you are.

And may the Spirit of Truth and Wisdom guide you to seek justice for all. **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 Sent Forth by God's Blessing

**RED 547**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Seek justice for all!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

### Announcements and Information

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Dennis Kunze	Christine Morrison
<b>Servers</b>	Laura F Mann Jan Neilsen	Laura B Mann Michelle Normandin
<b>Reader</b>	Judy Rogers	Deborah Szymanski-Potts
<b>Greeters</b>	Michele Altermann Norm Frid	Kate Stuttaford
<b>Ushers</b>	Stephen Ricketts Marisela McDougall	Lucy Reid David Howells
<b>AV booth</b>	John Szymanski Brian Janzen	Michele Altermann Brian Jazen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Marisela McDougall Joan McMillan	Marisela McDougall Joan McMillan
<b>Counters</b>	Ann Sanders Richard/Linda Zytner	Chris Heaney Richard/Linda Zytner
<b>Flowers</b>	Val Webb & family	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		

### ***We pray for:***

**ACC:** The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land.

**TOGETHER:** The National Indigenous Day of Prayer: for healing and reconciliation between Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Peoples.

**Flowers:** The flowers on the altar are given in loving memory of Ron Webb by Val and their family.

*I feel the winds of God today*

*Today my sails I lift*

The Ass♥ciates will meet again on **June 24, 2025 at 1 pm** in the Narthex for our usual time of sharing and caring. Anyone who finds themselves supporting or caring for a family member or neighbour is welcome.

**Connections:** The deadline for the *Summer Connections* issue is **today!** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at [cjmorrison263@gmail.com](mailto:cjmorrison263@gmail.com). The next deadline will be for the September issue on **August 17, 2025**. *Thank you* Christine, for all the work you do keeping us in touch! Enjoy a well-earned editorial holiday!



**Greeters:** *Thank you* Elaine, for organizing our greeters this year. Elaine will be taking a well-deserved break from this task until September. She'll be back to look for help for September so please keep this important hospitality ministry in mind when she calls in August!



**Strawberry Social:** On **Sunday, June 29**, after the 10:00 a.m. service, the congregation, family and friends are invited to come to the Strawberry Social, which will be held downstairs in Rose Hall. Some members of the Women of Faith will be serving strawberries, cake and vanilla ice cream, topped off with non-dairy whipped topping, if desired. We can leave out the cake or ice cream to manage some allergies, as required.



There will be a free-will offering accepted. Proceeds will be given to All Saints' general fund to help cover expenses. Come to support the ladies and enjoy a summer treat! To help us plan there is a sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Remember to put numbers beside your names. *Thank you!* Women of Faith

**Silvercreek Community Market:** We regularly need rice and red lentils! We currently have 270 families registered so please consider buying the specific items listed below — **pasta sauce,**

**cereal, cooking oil, and peanut butter. Rice and lentils are always needed.**

*We do not need any plastic bread tabs but are running low on reuseable grocery bags. Thank you.*

### **LOOKING AHEAD: June 23 — June 29**

Tuesday 24	1:00 p.m.	The Associates, Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council, Parlour
Wednesday 25	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
Sunday 29	8:30 a.m.	Peter and Paul, Apostles Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Peter and Paul, Apostles Holy Communion—Nave
	11:30 a.m.	Strawberry Social, Rose Head Hall



**All Saints Lutheran  
Anglican Church**  
210 Silvercreek Parkway N, Guelph

**Please join us for conversation  
and refreshments on  
Sunday, June 22, 2025  
from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.**

Let's discuss the affirming ministries at our  
places of worship. By sharing resources and  
stories we can become better allies to  
2SLGBTQIA+ individuals and communities.

For more information, or to RSVP, please contact Michele  
at (519) 821-7710 or email [allsaints@allsaintsguelph.ca](mailto:allsaints@allsaintsguelph.ca)  
Thank you

#### **Organist**

Peter West

#### **Staff**

Michele Altermann,  
Administrative Assistant

#### **Church Office Hours**

Tuesday—Friday,  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Please note that summer hours  
(Wednesdays and Thursdays  
only) will be in effect  
during July and August.