October 29, 2023
Reformation / Confirmation 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 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.

GATHERING SONG A MIGHTY FORTRESS



- 1 A might y for tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -
- 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re-
- 3 Though hordes of dev ils fill the land all threat 'ning to de -
- 4 God's Word for ev er shall a bide, no thanks to foes, who



to - rious; ject - ed. vour us, fear it;

he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and But now a cham-pion comes to fight, whom we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they for God him - self fights by side with



wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. God him - self e - lect - ed. can - not o - ver - pow'r us. weap-ons of the Spir - it. The old sa - tan - ic foe You ask who this may be? Let this world's ty - rant rage; Were they to take our house,



has sworn to work us woe!
The Lord of hosts is he!
in bat - tle we'll en - gage!
goods, hon - or, child, or spouse,

With craft and dread - ful might Christ Je - sus, His might is doomed to fail; though life be wrenched a - way,



he arms him - self to fight. God's on - ly Son, a - dored. God's judg-ment must pre - vail! they can - not win the day. On earth he has no e - qual. He holds the field vic - to - rious. One lit - tle word sub - dues him. The king-dom's ours for - ev - er!

GREETING

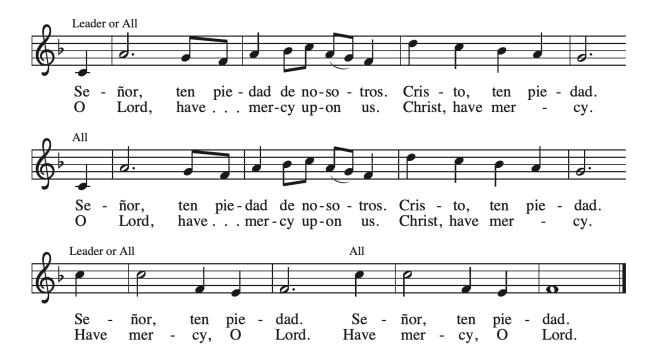
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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



HYMN OF PRAISE



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Gracious Father, we pray for your holy catholic church. Fill it with all truth and peace. Where it is corrupt, purify it; where it is in error, direct it; where in anything it is amiss, reform it; where it is right, strengthen it; where it is in need, provide for it; where it is divided, reunite it; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM "HOLD ON TO THE ROCK"

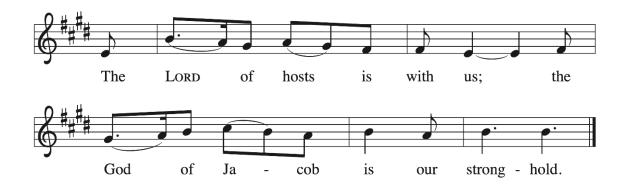
FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³²It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 46



- ¹God is our ref- | uge and strength, a very present | help in trouble.
- ²Therefore we will not fear, though the | earth be moved, and though the mountains shake in the depths | of the sea;
 - ³though its waters | rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble | with its tumult.
- ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the cit- | y of God,

the holy habitation of I the Most High.

- ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall ¹ not be shaken; God shall help it at the ¹ break of day.
- 6The nations rage, and the 1 kingdoms shake; God speaks, and the earth 1 melts away. R

⁷The LORD of I hosts is with us; the God of Jacob I is our stronghold.

- ⁸Come now, regard the works | of the LORD,
 what desolations God has brought up- | on the earth;
- "behold the one who makes war to cease in | all the world;
 who breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns
 the | shields with fire.
- ¹⁰"Be still, then, and know that | I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted | in the earth."

11The LORD of I hosts is with us;

SECOND READING: Romans 3:19-28

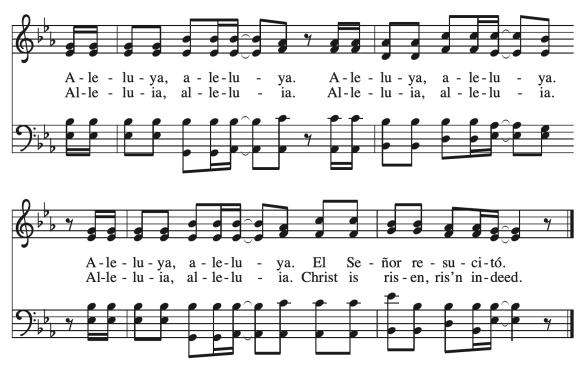
¹⁹Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. ²⁰For "no human being will be justified in his sight" by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin.

²¹But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, ²²the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, ²³since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; ²⁴they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; ²⁶it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus.

²⁷Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. ²⁸For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (2X)



GOSPEL: John 8:31-36

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³¹Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, "If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; ³²and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." ³³They answered him, "We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, 'You will be made free'?"

³⁴Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. ³⁶So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed."

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (1X)

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY



CONFIRMATION

Let us pray,

Merciful God, we thank you for Huxley and Grace whom you have made your own by water and the Word. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold all your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism and unite the hearts of everyone who that you bring to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ. **Amen**

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all the forces of evil that rebel against God? **I renounce them.**

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world that strive to corrupt and destroy God's creation?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce those desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

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.

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

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

If so, then please answer individually: *I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.*

People of God, do you promise to support these sisters and pray for them in their life in Christ?

We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit, you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life. **Amen**

HYMN O Holy Spirit, Enter In Red 786 (first verse only)

Father in heaven for Jesus' sake, stir up in Huxley/ Grace the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm their faith, guide their life, empower them in their serving, give them patience in suffering, and bring them to everlasting life.

Amen

Let us rejoice with this sister and brother in Christ.

We rejoice with you in the Christian life as followers of Jesus. Together we will give thanks and praise to God and proclaim the good news to all the world.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in the transformative power of God's loving Spirit, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

You call us your children and have made us siblings through Jesus. Heal the church's many divisions, bring understanding and peace where there has been contention and strife, and unite us in one body through the love of Christ. With our Lutheran and Anglican brothers and sisters across the country today, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Leslie Wheeler-Dame, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Yukon and the president, faculty, students, and staff of Lutheran Theological Seminary, Saskatoon. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Your hands have made the heights of the mountains, the depths of the sea, and the life that animates all creation. Bring relief to areas harmed by wildfires, floods, storms, and human carelessness. Renew the face of the earth. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

The nations rage and the kingdoms shake, but your word stands fast forever. Let your justice and peace roll down like waters wherever there is strife, injustice, war, or religious conflict. We pray especially for an end to war in Israel, Gaza, and all places where it is brewing and bringing suffering in the Middle East. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You are our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble. Draw near to all who suffer. Be their rest and comfort. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Cathy, Orland, Bill, Isa, Benito, Zoilita, Lisa, Barrie and Stella, Irene and Kelly, John and Julianna, Deborah and Ron, and those we name before you in our hearts (silence...). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You make all things new. Free us from complacency, open us to unexpected ways, and kindle zeal in us for the future. We pray for Grace and Huxley today, and with Jan Nielsen, Bruce Dean, Marilyn Coleman, Robin Smart, Richard Zytner, and Tegan Frid as they mark their baptismal anniversaries this week. With them, stir in us a desire for your wisdom. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

God our savior, you made yourself known in the lives of all who have died in the hope of your grace. We give thanks for the witness of reformers like Martin Luther and Thomas Cranmer and for all whose example has brought us closer to you. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Gracious God, into your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your unending love and amazing grace; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen.

PEACE

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

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.



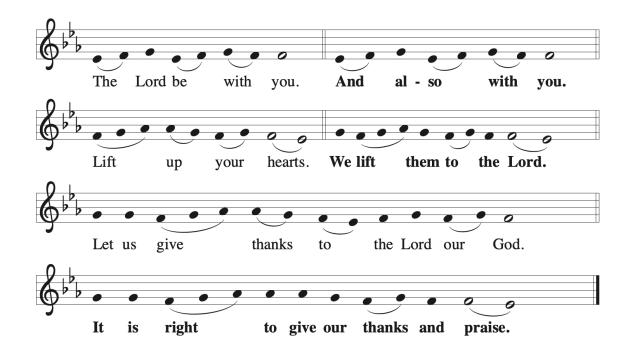
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of power, God of plenty, all things belong to you.
We bring your gifts to the table, that all might be fed.
Form us into the body of your Beloved, Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

... and join in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father: Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign. You have filled all creation with light and life; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age: the promise to Israel, the rescue from Egypt, the gift of the promised land, the words of the prophets; and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son, who proclaimed the good news in word and deed and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

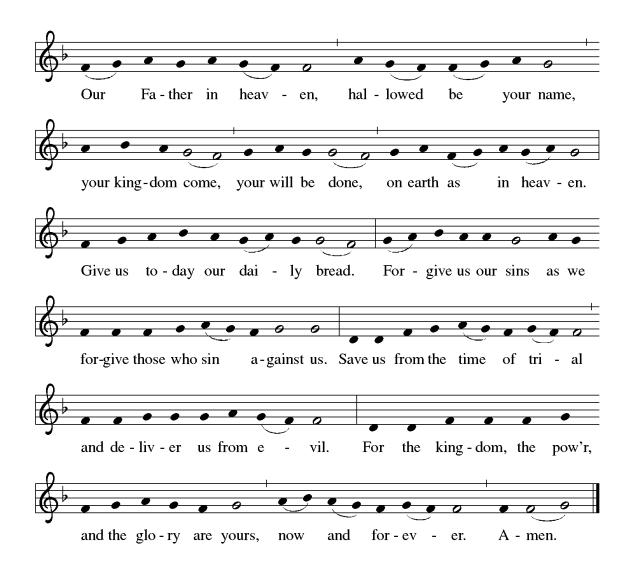
And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast. **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light. **Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and every place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER



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.

Jesus invites you to this table.

Come, eat and live!

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS



Let Us Praise Your Name (Adoremus)	Blue 338
That Priceless Grace	Red 591
How Lovely Is Thy Dwelling Place	Blue 498

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Blessed be your name, O God, for we have feasted on your Word, Christ Jesus, the joy and delight of our hearts. Strengthened by this food, send us to gather the world to your banquet, where none are left out and all are satisfied, for we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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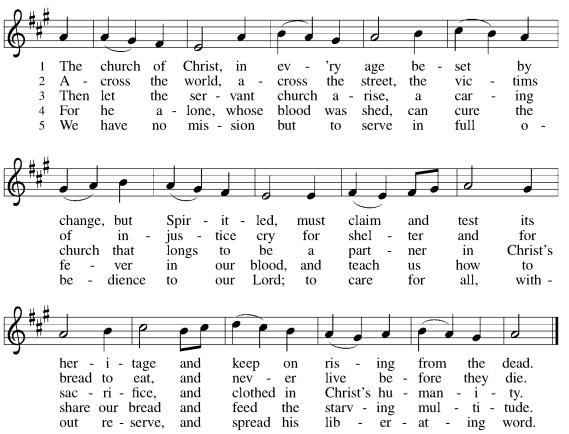
The God of glory,

+ Jesus Christ, name above all names,
and the Spirit who lives in you,
bless you 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.

SENDING SONG



DISMISSAL

Go in peace. God is at work in you! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENT

Large print calendars:

For the past two decades, the Lions Club of Guelph have been providing large print calendars at no cost to individuals with low vision. We are taking orders for the 2024 edition and delivering during the latter part of November and early December. To order—Email:

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