

September 13, 2026

*Season of Creation – Living
Water – Water and
Freedom*



Living Water
Season of Creation 2026

PRELUDE

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

Water and Freedom

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.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,
the fountain of living water,
the rock who gave us birth,
our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,

for in the beginning, you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave us water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water, for the water in this font, and for all water everywhere, especially our local waters of the Speed and Eramosa Rivers, the Grand River Watershed, and all the springs, creeks, and tributaries that feed them.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honour and praise through Jesus Christ, our living water, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

GATHERING SONG

Song Over the Waters

Refrain



God, you have moved up - on the wa - ters,



you have sung in the rush of wind and flame;



and in your love you have called us sons and daugh-ters,



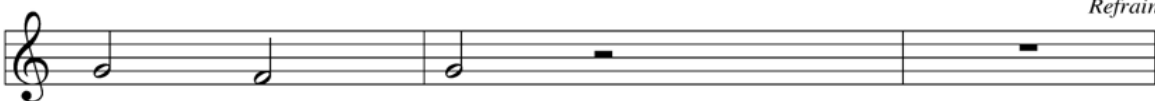
make us peo - ple of the wa - ter and your name.



1	Come fill our wait - ing hearts	with the
2	Give us a thirst for love,	give us a
3	You are the breath of life,	you are the
4	Come, o - pen ev - 'ry heart,	come now and



spir - it of Je - sus, let us shine with your
hun - ger for jus - tice, make us one with the
hope of the hope - less, come and fill us with
wake us to won - der, make us ves - sels of



light	and	peace.
mind	of	Christ.
light	and	peace.
light	and	peace.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE

BLUE 691

Congregation

Glo- ry to God in the high- est,
and peace to his peo- ple on earth. Lord God,
heaven ly king, al- migh- ty God and Fa- ther, we
wor- ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

glo- ry. Lord Je- sus Christ, on- ly Son of the
 Fa- ther Lord God, Lamb of God,
 you take a- way the sin of the world: have
 mer- cy on us; you are seat- ed at the
 right hand of the Fa- ther: re- ceive our prayer.
 For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a- lone are the Lord, you a- lone are the Most
 High, Je- sus Christ, with the Ho- ly Spir- it, in the
 glo- ry of God the Fa- ther. A-
 men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, in Christ you created the worlds, and your Spirit breathes life into the universe. We praise you for your wondrous creation. Bless us and all your handiwork with your infinite light, and direct our lives to the care of this good earth, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Exodus 14:19-31

Israel's liberation story through the waters of the Red Sea.

¹⁹The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them, and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. ²⁰It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

²¹Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night and turned the sea into dry land, and the waters were divided. ²²The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. ²³The Egyptians pursued and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. ²⁴At the morning watch the LORD, in the pillar of fire and cloud, looked down on the Egyptian army and threw the Egyptian army into a panic. ²⁵He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

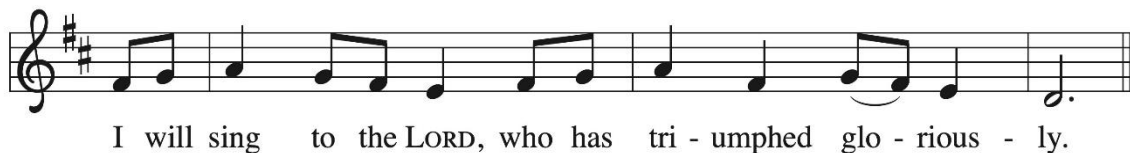
²⁶Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." ²⁷So Moses stretched out

his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. ²⁸ The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. ²⁹ But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

³⁰ Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians, and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. ³¹ Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

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

Psalm: Exodus 15:20-21 (*sung together in unison*)



²⁰ **Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine ¹ in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines ¹ and with dancing.**

²¹ **And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, who has ¹ triumphed gloriously; throwing horse and rider in- ¹ to the sea." R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. *Repeat alleluia*

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Matthew 18:21-35

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²¹ Peter came and said to [Jesus,] "Lord, if my brother or sister sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²² Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³ "For this reason, the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴ When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him, ²⁵ and, as he could not pay, the lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt.

²⁸ But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him by the throat he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt.

³¹ When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³² Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt.

³⁵ So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY How Firm a Foundation BLUE 527

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We join with Christians far and near to worship God the Creator, praying for the earth and for all in need, responding to each petition with the words "Your mercy is great."

A brief silence.

For the Church, we pray: As you led your people through the Red Sea to freedom, lead your church and all the baptized to be agents of liberation for all creation. Hear us, O God, source of life and ground of our being: **Your mercy is great.**

For the earth, we pray: As you parted the sea to make a way where there was no way, part barriers of greed and neglect that harm your waters and lands. Grant healing to what has been despoiled. Hear us, O God, our creator and fruitful garden: **Your mercy is great.**

For the nations, we pray: As you delivered your people from bondage through liberating waters, deliver communities from scarcity and injustice, that all may share creation's abundance. Hear us, O God, our stronghold and sun of justice: **Your mercy is great.**

For our country, we pray: As you taught Israel to trust your promise in the sea, teach us to trust your covenant with all living things, that we protect the waters and wild places you have given. Hear us, O God, our guardian and rainbow of promise: **Your mercy is great.**

For those in need, we pray: As you brought your people through the depths to new life, bring relief to those trapped in illness, displacement, and despair. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Ken and Matzi, Andrew and Vesna, Alice, Irene, Greg and Mary, Elaine and David, Ella, Christa and Ken, Bruce and Jean, Sharon, Deacon Chris, Barbara, Ros, John, Heather, and those we remember in our hearts... (*silence...*) We pray especially today for the family and friends of Bazil Miller who mourn his passing. Deal graciously with them that, casing all their sorrow on you, they may know the consolation of your love. Hear us, O God, our healer and heart of the universe: **Your mercy is great.**

We praise you for all believers who have lived and died in communion with the earth. As you sang victory with your people on the far shore, sing victory with all creation when your reign comes in fullness. Hear us, O God, the beginning and the end: **Your mercy is great.**

Into your hands, O God, our maker and keeper, we commend ourselves and your whole creation, trusting in your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

RED 182



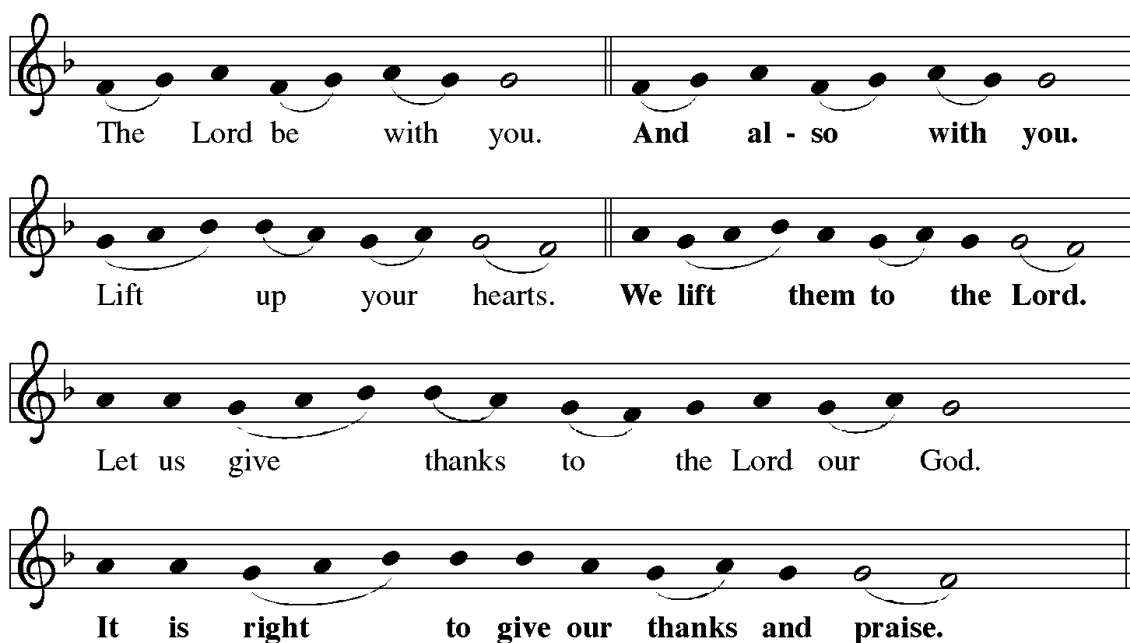
Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of Christ, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work, for we ask in Jesus' name. **Amen**

GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

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

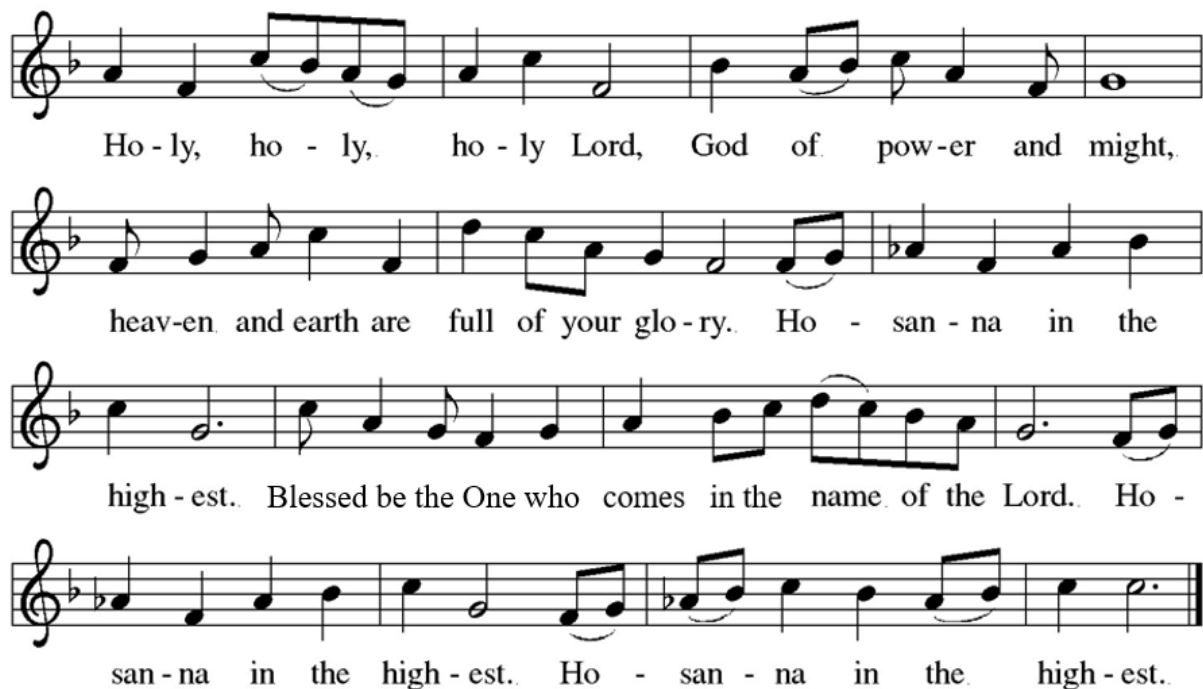
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

...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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Blessed be the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking
for his coming again and again to each of us and to all
creation, we offer you this bread and this cup.

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

*(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 Māori
theologians.)*

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of creation for God's beloved creatures.
Come and share.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God

Congregation

A

Lamb of God, you

1-2 B

take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy

3 B

on us. world: grant us peace.

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written for a congregation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three lines of music. The first line begins with a whole rest, followed by a repeat sign and a half note G4, then a half note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F#4. The second line starts with a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a half note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, and a half note E3. The third line begins with a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a half note G2, a quarter note F#2, a quarter note E2, and a half note D2. The score includes section markers A, B, and C, and a repeat sign with first and second endings.

God Welcomes All

God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;

God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.

The musical score for 'God Welcomes All' is written for a congregation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two lines of music. The first line begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note G4, a half note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a half note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a quarter note B2, a quarter note A2, a half note G2, a quarter note F#2, a quarter note E2, and a half note D2. The second line starts with a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, a quarter note G3, a half note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, a half note B2, a quarter note A2, a quarter note G2, a quarter note F#2, a quarter note E2, a quarter note D2, a quarter note C2, a half note B1, a quarter note A1, a quarter note G1, a half note F#1, a quarter note E1, a quarter note D1, and a half note C1. The score includes a repeat sign and a first ending.

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

RED 717

Crashing Waters

BLUE 42

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our salvation, we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls, reconciles us to you, and strengthens us for the journey. Through the body and blood of Jesus, may we become Christ's body in the world, bearing witness to your love for all creation, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

As the Wind Song

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May the creator God bless you and keep you.
the creating Christ shine through you with grace and mercy.
and the creative Spirit nourish you and give you peace.
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 HYMN Let Streams of Living Justice BLUE 575

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, caring for God's creation.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

We pray for:

ACC The Most Rev. John Stephens, Metropolitan, and the clergy
and people of the Ecclesiastical Province of British Columbia and
Yukon

ELCIC The Assistant to the Bishop and staff of the British
Columbia Synod

MOR Remembering September 16 – 1741 – at a synod
(legislative assembly) in London, the delegates determined that

no human being would be the head of the church; by Lot, Jesus Christ was named as "Chief Elder of the Unitas Fratrum." Today, this day is celebrated by ordained servants renewing their ordination vows in a Cup of Covenant service.

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Laura B Mann	Christine Morrison
Servers	Anne Stuart John Szymanski	Marisela McDougall Michelle Normandin
Reader	Deborah Szymanski-Potts	Kate Stutafor
Greeters	Sheila Chappel	Bill & Jette Thomas
Ushers	Werner Eitzen Debbie Sippel Eitzen	Werner Eitzen Debbie Sippel Eitzen
AV booth	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen	
Altar Guild	Jan Neilsen, Penny Richards Carole Mozuraitis	Jan Neilsen, Penny Richards Carole Mozuraitis
Counters	Ann Sanders Chris Heaney	Jan Neilsen Deborah Szymanski-Potts
Flowers		
Coffee Hour		

Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact the church office. *Thank you.*

Parish Care Workshop: Join us on **Tuesday , September 15, 1:00 to 2:30 pm** in the Parlour. Gilbert MacIntyre and Son Funeral Home will be hosting a complimentary workshop titled "**Are your Affairs in Order?**" Guest speaker, Michael Labelle will show you how to properly prepare an estate and how to organize

your important documentation. You will learn the essential duties of an Executor and how to choose one, the importance of an up to date Will and Power of Attorney. Learn how advanced planning is key to protecting your loved ones by diminishing the emotional and financial stress placed on families at time of loss. Great information. Invite your friends!

Men's Fellowship meets again on **Tuesday September 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.** in Rose Head Hall. Join us for dinner, all men are welcome!

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **Sunday, September 20, 2026.** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

The Associates: This support group for the caregivers of those with memory loss or dementia meets next on **Tuesday, September 22 at 2:00 pm** in the Parlour. We will be sharing our experiences of the last few months since we met and focusing on what helps us carry on when the going gets tough.

Leader of the Iona Community at All Saints: Join us on **Saturday, Sept 26. at 7:00 pm** in the church to hear Ruth Harvey, the leader of the Iona Community in Scotland. Ruth is on a cross-Canada tour, speaking on the theme of *Hope and Resilience: Lived in Community*. We live in divisive and troubling times, and the Iona Community has long been an example of people coming together in faith and commitment to a just and peaceful world. Admission is free, and the event will also be livestreamed on our YouTube channel.

It's Back! ECM Scotch Tasting: Note the date has changed to Saturday, October 24, 2026.

Call 30 Activity: Please join us after the 10 am service on **Sunday, October 4, 2026,** in Rose Head Hall for a potluck lunch (sandwiches & desserts/finger foods) followed by the Activity from **12:30 -2:30 p.m.** This event is co hosted with Kairos Guelph and everyone is welcome to attend! There will be a free

will offering to help cover costs. Please sign up in the narthex so we know how many will be attending. Also, we are looking for help with set up and clean up. Thank you.

Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — for September we need: **coking oil and school snacks.** We are also very low on rice and lentils. We do not need any plastic bread tabs. **We need reuseable grocery bags again.** Thank you.



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

**Making our Spaces
Safer**

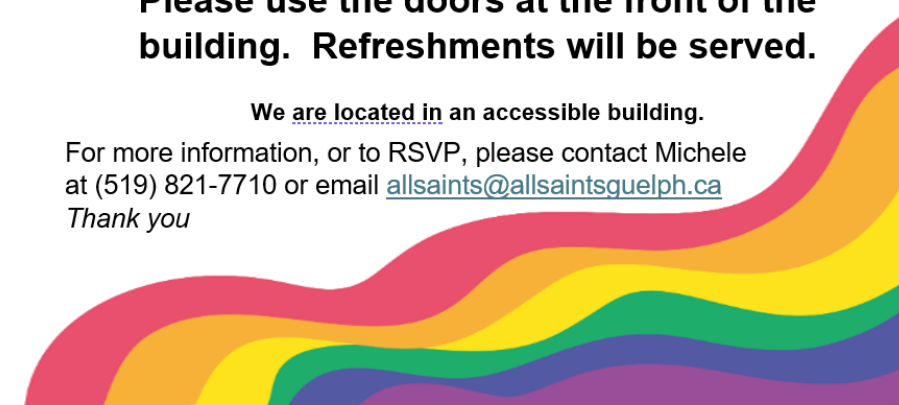
**Tuesday, September 22, 2026
from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

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**Please join us for a Caring Conversation.
Please use the doors at the front of the
building. Refreshments will be served.**

We are located in an accessible building.

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



LOOKING AHEAD: September 14 — 20

Monday 14	3:00 p.m.	All Saints Affirming People Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music, Parlour
Tuesday 15	1:00 p.m.	Parish Care Workshop Parlour
	5:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship, Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 16	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	1:00—2:30 p.m.	Women of Faith, Parlour
Thursday 17	9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market Rose Head Hall
	1:00 p.m.	SLYC meeting, Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, Nave
Saturday 19	1:00 –5:00 p.m.	Rental, Rose Head Hall
Sunday 20	8:30 a.m.	Season of Creation 3 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Season of Creation 3 Holy Communion—Nave

Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann, Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.