

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church
210 Silvercreek Parkway North, Guelph, ON N1H 7P8

LOOKING AHEAD: September 3 – September 9

Tues. 4	9:30 am	Hymn Selection Mtg. - Sanctuary
	6:00 pm	Women's Fellowship Dinner – Fellowship Hall
Wed. 5	9:00 am	Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline – Including Flower Announcements
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Thurs. 6	2:00 pm	Silvercreek Community Market – Fellowship Hall
Sat. 8	All Day	Funeral
Sun. 9	8:30 am	15 th Sunday after Trinity – Sanctuary – Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Pentecost 16 – Sanctuary – Holy Communion



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Wednesday - Friday
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

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WELCOME

We welcome you to our worship today.

Hymnbooks:

Our community uses two hymnbooks.

(ELW) Evangelical Lutheran Worship has a cranberry cover.

(CP) Common Praise has a blue cover.

You will find either **(ELW)** or **(CP)** beside each hymn number to indicate which book we are singing from.

Communion: All are welcome.

Our current practice is to distribute communion in a continuous fashion. We encourage you to take the time you need when receiving both the bread and the wine. For those who desire a time of kneeling, after receiving the bread and wine, you are invited to kneel at the rail (cushions have been provided), or return to your seats and use the kneeling rails in the pews.

Grape juice and gluten free bread are also available. Please inform the communion server that you wish to receive one or both of these elements during the distribution of communion.

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.

We welcome all children to our worship. We also have a child friendly space in the fellowship area at the back of the church. Drink boxes, activity bags and youth bulletins are in a basket near the entrance to the church. Please help yourself.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
Sunday, September 2, 2018



**SEASON OF
CREATION**
SEPTEMBER 1- OCTOBER 4

GATHERING

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

Introduction to the Day

Jesus protests against human customs being given the weight of divine law, while the essence of God's law is ignored. True uncleanness comes not from external things, but from the intentions of the human heart. Last week Jesus told us "the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life." Now James says God has given us birth by the word of truth. We, having been washed in the word when we were born in the font, return to it every Sunday to ask God to create in us clean hearts.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship

We gather in the image of the Creator
who is a community of love.

We gather in the name of the Redeemer
who reconciles all of creation.

We gather in the presence of the Life Giver
who inspires new life and renews it.

Prayers in the Four Directions

Prayers facing the East (*all turn toward the East*)

Holy One, God of many names,
we honour you through the Grandfathers and
Grandmothers of the East. We pray for all who
live to the East of us. We thank you for new

beginnings, new opportunities and for the new life you offer. We thank you for each new day to be with you. Thank you for children. Help us to respect and protect your children and to bring them up to love you. Thank you for Jesus who lived on Mother Earth as a child.

Awaken in us new dreams and hopes never before imagined. Thank you for the miracles that are born with each new dawn. Creator of hope, hear our prayers.

Prayers facing the South (*all turn toward the South*)

Holy One, creator of all, we honour you through the Grandfathers and Grandmothers to the South; the spirit of all who have gone before us, and those who are yet to come. We pray for all who live to the South of us. You give us deep feelings to share with each other. Thank you for women and for all who nurture youth. We pray for families and thank you for Jesus and for his mother Mary. He nurtured others and had a passion for justice and a respect for the gifts of women.

Warm our lives as roots deep in the soil of the earth, and stretch out our hearts as branches to be places of nurture and protection. Sower of life, hear our prayers.

Prayers facing the West (*all turn toward the West*)

Holy One, light in our darkness, we honour you through the Grandfathers and Grandmothers of

the West. We pray for all who live to the West of us. We pray for all of our ancestors. As the sun sets in the West, the darkness comes upon us. We thank you for all we have learned each day. We thank you for elders as they share the wisdom that comes through you. We thank you for Jesus who earned your wisdom within himself and who will meet us as earthly life darkens and lead us into the light of the Creator's presence forever.

Guide our steps through all ending-times. Fill us with your peace as you enfold us. Fill us with your peace as you enfold us with the great mystery of your grace and love. Creator of kindness, hear our prayers.

Prayers facing the North

(*all turn toward the North*)

Holy and Great Spirit, we honour you through the Grandfathers and Grandmothers of the North. We pray for all people who no live to the North of us. Thank you for snow which covers Mother Earth while she sleeps. We are reminded of the purity of the snow, the purity you expect in the lives of your people, the purity which comes when you forgive our mistakes. Thank you for spiritual elders and assisting them in their journey among us. Help those of us who are spiritual leaders to be conscious of the responsibility given to us by you and by our people. Help all your people to turn to you for forgiveness and purity of life. Thank you for Jesus, who life and spiritual wisdom leads us on our sacred path to wholeness.

Teach us to use with care your gifts; to love with tenderness all our

**relations as gifts from your heart.
Creator of wisdom, hear our prayers.**

(All face the center)

Great Spirit, in Jesus we find healing and connectedness. In his death and resurrection we are given hope and life. We thank you for leading us in this relationship together and we ask that you continue to be with us and guide us as we walk together on this journey of life.

**Creator, source of all healing, you
hear the deepest prayers of our
hearts, touch our lives with the
healing only you can give. Amen.**

Gathering Song – # 836 ELW

Greeting

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

And also with you.

Hymn of Praise – *Sung by Cantor*

For the Beauty of the Earth

Musical score for the hymn "For the Beauty of the Earth". The score is written on five staves of music in a single system. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. A tempo marking of quarter note = 80 is indicated at the beginning. The lyrics are: "For the beau-ty__ of the_earth for the glo-ry__ of the_skies, for the love which from our birth__ o-ver_and a-round us_lies; Lord_of_all to you we_raise this our_hymn of_praise, this our hymn of grate-ful_praise." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, notes, rests, and bar lines.

Prayer of the Day

O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

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

Shine your light on us, God, as we gather around your word. By your Spirit, make our lives fertile ground in which your word takes root and grows, through Christ we pray.

Amen.

First Reading – James 1: 17 – 27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here, Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

A reading from James.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and

persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15



LORD, who may dwell in your tab - er - na - cle?

Psalm 15:1

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**¹Lord, who may dwell in your | tabernacle?
Who may abide upon your | holy hill?
²Those who lead a blameless life and do | what
is right,
who speak the truth | from their heart;
³they do not slander with the tongue, they do no
evil | to their friends;
they do not cast discredit up- | on a**

neighbour.

4In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who | fear the Lord.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

5They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a- | gainst the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be | overthrown. R

Psalm Prayer

O God our dwelling place, in Christ you made your home among us. Lead us in the paths of truth and integrity until you bring us to your holy mountain and we live forever in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

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

**God gave us birth by the | word of truth*
so that we would become a kind of first
fruits | of creation.**

Gospel Reading – *Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 – 23*

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a

substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Or

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander,

pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Or

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – # 793 ELW

Prayers of Intercession

For the good of all creation,

hear our prayer.

Confession and Absolution

All creation invites us to join our voices in praise to God. Trusting in God’s mercy and grace, let us confess our sin to God and one another.

Generous God, you created us and placed us here to care for all of creation. Forgive us for turning away from you and for neglecting the earth. Raise us up and make us again stewards of your creation that we may see your presence in all that surrounds us; through Christ we pray. Amen.

Hear and receive the good news to all who long to see and encounter Christ. Today, salvation comes to this house. Know that we are forgiven and live in peace with one another and with the earth.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offering Hymn

1..The Earth does not be-long to us, But we be-long to Earth,
2..The Web of Life con-nects us all, Each strand its vi-tal role,
This ra-diant Sphere of green and blue, Our home and place of birth.
For what af-fects a sin-gle one, Af-fects the Liv-ing Whole.

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Offering Prayer

Merciful God, you open wide your hand and satisfy the need of every living thing. You have set this feast before us. Open our hands to receive it. Open our hearts to embrace it. Open our lives to live it. We pray this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.

Thanksgiving at the Table The Lord's Prayer



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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.

Communion Hymns

512 ELW, # 439 CP, # 70 CP, # 402 CP

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Jesus Christ, host of this meal,
you have given us not only this bread and cup,
but your very self, that we may feast on your great
love. Filled again by these signs of your grace,
may we hunger for you reign of justice, may we
thirst for your way of peace, for you are Lord
forevermore. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

Blessing

**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.**

Benediction

The Blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and
Spirit of new life, be with us and all creation, now
and forever.

Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song - # **824 ELW**

Dismissal

Go in peace, give thanks and care for the earth.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Blessing and Dismissal: from “Where Two or Three Are Gathered: Worship for Small Assemblies”, Time of Creation in the Season after Pentecost, found at elcic.ca

Announcements and Information

***We pray for:* Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada** – Bishop Greg Mohr, people, and rostered ministers of the British Columbia Synod. **Anglican Church Canada** – Bishop David Irvine, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Saskatoon.

The flowers in the Chancel area are given to the Glory of God by Bill and Chris Clatworthy in celebration of their 52nd Wedding Anniversary.

Coffee hour today is hosted by Bill Clatworthy. We offer him thanks for supporting this important ministry.

The ***Silvercreek Community Market*** is in need of peanut butter and pasta sauce. Thank you for your support.

Happy Birthday All Saints! Please plan on attending our first birthday as All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church on **Sunday Sept 23** with a single

Worship Service at 10 a.m. to celebrate our community followed by a soup luncheon hosted by the Worship and Music Committee afterwards. There will be birthday cake!

Jennifer will resume ***regular office hours*** on Wednesday, September 5th at 9:00 a.m.