

September 6, 2026

*Season of Creation – Living
Water
Water and Creation*



Living Water

Season of Creation 2026

Water and Creation

Immersion in Living Water
EZEKIEL 47:9, 12

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.

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.

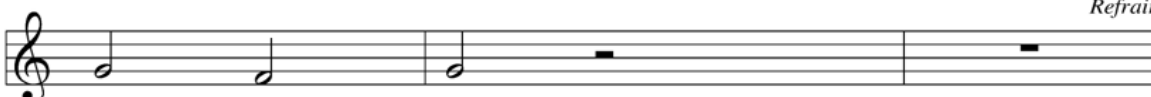
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1	Come fill our wait - ing hearts	with the
2	Give us a thirst for love,	give us a
3	You are the breath of life,	you are the
4	Come, o - pen ev - 'ry heart,	come now and



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.

Refrain

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**

FIRST READING: Genesis 1:1-10

¹ When God began to create the heavens and the earth, ² the earth was complete chaos, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. ³ Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. ⁴ And God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. ⁵ God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

⁶ And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." ⁷ So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. ⁸ God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day.

⁹ And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. ¹⁰ God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 149 *(sung together in unison)*



- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song,
God's praise in the assembly | of the faithful.**
- ² Let Israel rejoice | in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their ruler.**
- ³ Let them praise their maker's | name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambou- | rine and harp.**
- ⁴ For the LORD takes pleasure | in the people
and adorns the | poor with victory. R**
- ⁵ Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.**
- ⁶ Let the praises of God be | in their throat
and a two-edged sword | in their hand,**
- ⁷ to wreak vengeance | on the nations
and punishment | on the peoples,**
- ⁸ to bind their | kings in chains
and their nobles with | links of iron,**
- ⁹ to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;
this is glory for all God's faithful ones. | Hallelujah! R**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:8-14

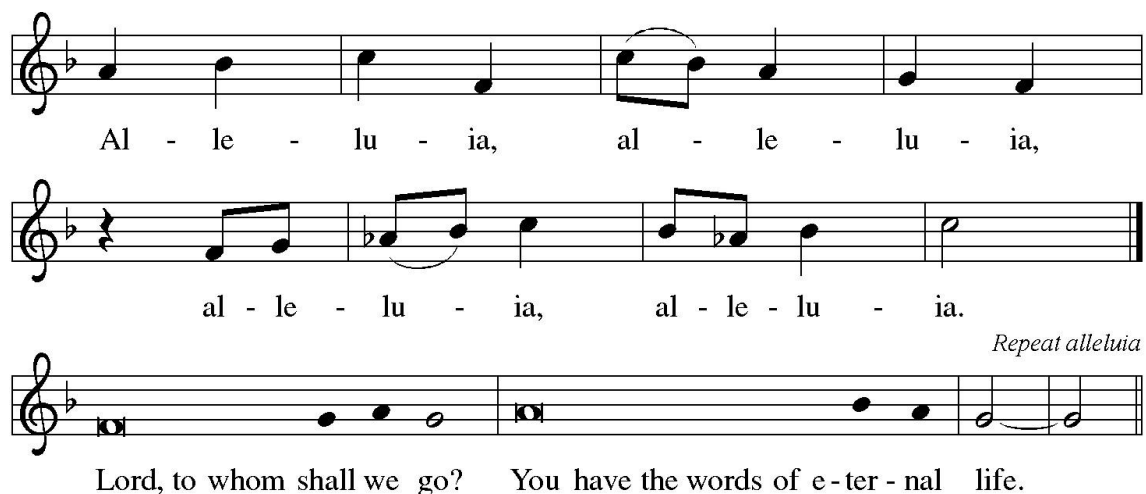
⁸ Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; you shall not murder; you shall not steal; you shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

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 18:15-20

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples:] ¹⁵ "If your brother or sister sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If you are listened to, you have regained that one. ¹⁶ But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

¹⁷ If that person refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church, and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a gentile and a tax collector.

¹⁸ Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY Wind Upon The Waters BLUE 408

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."

O God of mystery, mercy, and might, for the church we pray: That churches around the globe collaborate in care for the earth, and that all the baptized nurture a zeal for the wellbeing of creation. Hear us, O God, source of life and ground of our being: **Your mercy is great.**

For the earth we pray: That this bounteous creation receive continued divine blessing, that the air be wholesome, that the waters be plenteous and clean, that the land be treasured, and that animals be protected. Grant that what on earth has been despoiled will be healed. Hear us, O God, our creator and fruitful garden: **Your mercy is great.**

For the nations we pray: That farmers, herders, foragers, fishers, and grocers provide the food humans need, that legislators strive in all things for the common good, and that science and technology lead us toward more responsible ways to live. Hear us, O God, our stronghold and sun of justice: **Your mercy is great.**

For our country we pray: That national parks, forests, and wildlife refuges be safeguarded, that all natural resources benefit the whole population, and that our children learn respect for nature. Hear us, O God, our guardian and rainbow of promise: **Your mercy is great.**

For those in need we pray: That humankind be sheltered from pandemic and from extreme weather, and that all who are sick or suffering receive medical attention and communal support. 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, Bazil, Ella, Christa and Ken, Bruce and Jean, Sharon, Deacon Chris, Barbara, John, Heather, and those we remember in our hearts... (*silence...*) 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. Grant that in your good time we join with all your creatures in your presence forever. 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 Savior and Lord.

Amen

Receive our prayers and answer, O God, as you have promised. All this we ask in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Let the Vinyards

RED 182

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.

The musical notation is written on four staves in a single system. Each staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across notes. The first staff has a double bar line after the first phrase. The second staff also has a double bar line after the first phrase. The third and fourth staves end with double bar lines.

PREFACE

... 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.

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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 Maori 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

The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three staves. The first staff begins with a whole rest, followed by a double bar line and a repeat sign. The melody starts on a half note G4, followed by a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, and a half note A4. The lyrics 'Lamb of God, you' are written below. The second staff continues the melody with a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, and a half note B3. The lyrics 'take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy' are written below. The third staff begins with a half note G3, a quarter note F#3, a quarter note E3, a quarter note D3, a quarter note C3, and a half note B2. The lyrics 'on us. world: grant us peace.' are written below. There are section markers 'A' and 'B' above the staves, and a '1-2' bracket above the second staff.

Lamb of God, you

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

on us. world: grant us peace.

God Welcomes All

The musical score for 'God Welcomes All' is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a half note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a half note F#4. The lyrics 'God wel - comes all, strang - ers and friends;' are written below. The second staff continues the melody with a half note G4, a quarter note F#4, a quarter note E4, a quarter note D4, a quarter note C4, a quarter note B3, a quarter note A3, and a half note G3. The lyrics 'God's love is strong and it nev - er ends.' are written below.

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

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

Crashing Waters at Creation

RED 455

We'll Sing in the Morning

BLUE 37

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**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE As the Wind Song



1 As the wind song through the trees, as the stir - ring of the
2 As the rain - bow af - ter rain, as the hope that's born a -



breeze, so it is with the Spir - it of God,
gain, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



as the heart made strange-ly warm, as the voice with - in the
as the green in the . . . spring, as a kite on a . . .



storm, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
string, so it is with the Spir - it of God,



Nev - er seen, ev - er known where this wind has
mak - ing worlds that are new, mak - ing peace come



blown bring-ing life, bring-ing pow'r to the world,
true, bring-ing gifts, bring-ing love to the world,



as the danc - ing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep de -
as the ris - ing of the yeast, as the wine at the . . .



sire, so it is with the Spir - it of God.
feast, so it is with the Spir - it of God.

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 All Things Now Living RED 881

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

We pray for:

ACC: The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Northern Lights: Arthur Turner Training School, the Centre for Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Saint John's College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College for Ministry

TOGETHER: For the Season of Creation which continues in the month ahead and a sense of renewed commitment to a healthy relationship with the Earth

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

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

Chi Rho Fellowship: Please join us for fun, inspiration and camaraderie on **Thursday, September 10 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parlour. Chi Rho, an adult fellowship group, has invited The Rev. Bradley Markus to speak on his experience in the Roman Catholic church. Refreshments follow. Learning about other faith communities is apropos for the ever changing and evolving times we currently live in.

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!

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

It's Back! ECM Scotch Tasting:

Whisky: because no great story ever started with someone eating a salad. — **Anonymous**



Join Canon Bill on Saturday September 26, 2026, from 2:00 –5:00 p.m. There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex. Help support Ecumenical Campus Ministry.

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.



Summer office hours: Next week the office will be open Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 am to 1 p.m. Regular office hours will resume after September 13.

LOOKING AHEAD: September 7 — 13

Wednesday 9	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	6:30 –8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Pastor's Office
Thursday 10	10:00 a.m.— 12:30 p.m.	GRMA Meeting Choir Room
	1:00.—3:00 p.m.	Chi Rho Fellowship Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Sunday 13	8:30 a.m.	Season of Creation 2 Holy Communion—Nave
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Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

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