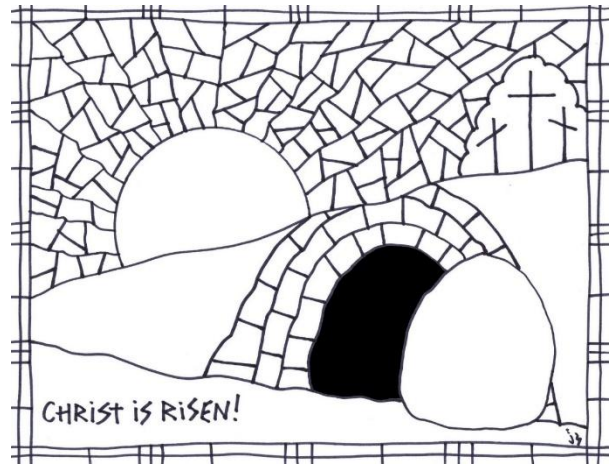


**April 20, 2025**  
*Easter Sunday*



## **PRELUDE**

## **WELCOME**

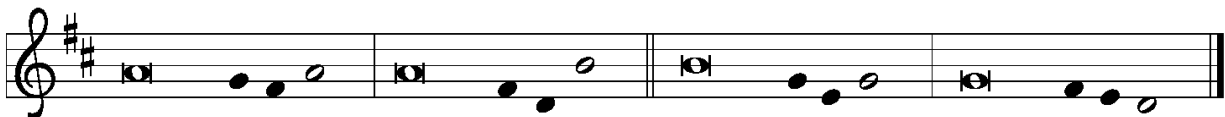
## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

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.**

## **EASTER PROCLAMATION**

*(The presiding minister sings the verses; the congregation sings the refrain.)*



**P:** Rejoice, O Heavenly Powers! Sing, | choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation a | -round God's throne!  
Jesus | Christ is risen!  
Sound the trumpet | of salvation!

## **Congregation:**



**P:** Rejoice, O Earth, in | shining splendour,  
radiant in the brightness | of your God!  
Christ has conquered! | Glory fills you!  
Darkness vani | -shes forever!

**C:** *(sung)* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**P:** Rejoice, O Mother Church! Ex | -ult in glory!  
The risen Saviour | shines upon you!  
Let this place re | -sound with joy,  
echoing the mighty song of | all God's people!

**C:** *(sung)* **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Christ is risen! Alleluia!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

## **GATHERING SONG      Jesus Christ is Risen Today BLUE 203**

### **GREETING**

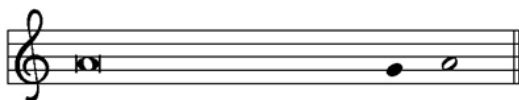
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

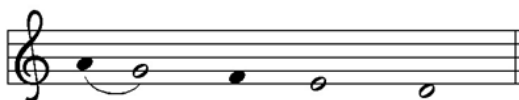
Almighty God,

**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.**

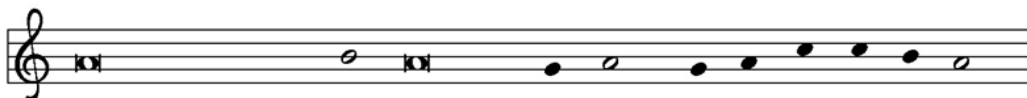
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



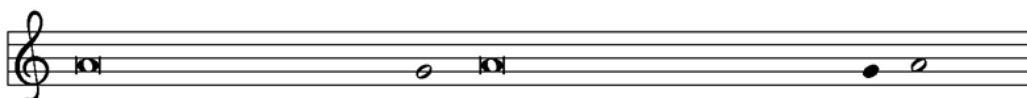
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

# HYMN OF PRAISE



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow - er and rich - es and wis - dom and



strength, and hon - or and bless-ing and glo - ry are his.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia.



2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the



hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and



might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain



has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

## CHOIR ANTHEM

### FIRST READING: Acts 10:34-43

*Peter's sermon, delivered at the home of Cornelius, a Roman army officer, is a summary of the essential message of Christianity.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to [the people]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**



This is the day that the LORD has made; let us re-joice and be glad in it.

**<sup>1</sup>Give thanks to the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
God's mercy en- dures forever.**

**<sup>2</sup>Let Israel now declare,  
"God's mercy en- dures forever."**

**<sup>14</sup>The LORD is my strength and my song,  
and has become my salvation.**

**<sup>15</sup>Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of  
the righteous:**

**"The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!**

**<sup>16</sup>The right hand of the LORD is exalted!  
The right hand of the LORD acts valiantly!"**

**<sup>17</sup>I shall not die, but live,  
and declare the works of the LORD. R**

**<sup>18</sup>The LORD indeed punished me sorely,  
but did not hand me over to death.**

**<sup>19</sup>Open for me the gates of righteousness;  
I will enter them and give thanks to the LORD.**

**<sup>20</sup>"This is the gate of the LORD;  
here the righteous may enter."**

**<sup>21</sup>I give thanks to you, for you have answered me  
and you have become my salvation. R**

**<sup>22</sup>The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the chief cornerstone.**

**<sup>23</sup>By the LORD has this been done;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.**

**<sup>24</sup>This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it. R**

## SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:19-26

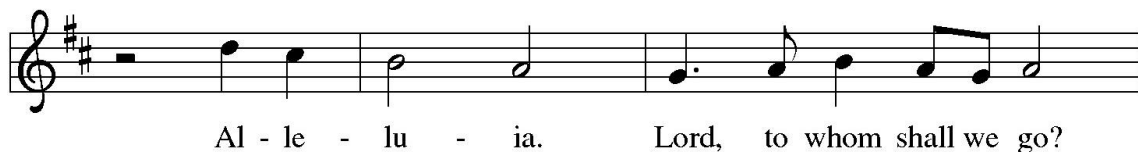
*Paul describes the consequences of the resurrection, including the promise of new life in Christ to a world that has been in bondage to death.*

<sup>19</sup> If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup> for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



## **GOSPEL: Luke 24:1-12**

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> On the first day of the week, at early dawn, the women came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup> They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup> but when they went in, they did not find the body.

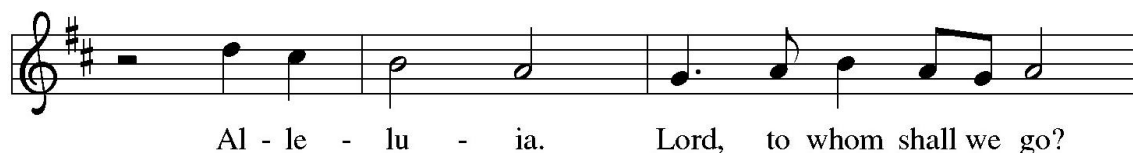
<sup>4</sup> While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup> The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup> Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup> that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again."

<sup>8</sup> Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup> and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest.

<sup>10</sup> Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup> But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup> But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

The gospel of Christ.

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



## **HOMILY**



## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

**Christ Is Risen, Alleluia! RED 382**

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, the faith in which we live:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

On this day of resurrection joy, let us offer our prayers for ourselves, our neighbours, and our world.

Renewing God, the good news of your resurrection changed the world. Give church leaders and all the baptized the same excitement as the women at the tomb, and inspire us to share your abundant life.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sustaining God, your creation abounds with signs of new life in budding trees and newborn creatures. Provide fertile soil, ample sunlight, and nourishing rain for the growth of plants, that the work of farmers might flourish with food for all.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sheltering God, strengthen and sustain all who support vulnerable people throughout the world. Empower government and non-government agencies that provide for refugees and migrants forced to leave their homelands. We pray especially for the people living in the shadows of war – people in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and unknown victims of violence and conflict wherever they may be.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Encouraging God, you are always doing new things among us. We pray for those gripped by fear and anxiety, or who suffer in any way. Send us as your healing presence to places of hunger, pain, illness, or overwhelming sorrow. We pray especially for: 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, Klaus and Margitta, Kathryn, Bill, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Guillermo, Joanne, Micah, and those we name before you in our hearts.  
(*silence...*)  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Surprising God, you offer endless ways for us to delight in your grace. Give us, the community of All Saints, a sense of joy and wonder in exploring new avenues of faith formation, worship, and discipleship.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, you make us alive in Christ. Thank you for blessing us with faithful witnesses who now rest in you.  
God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord.

**Amen.**

## PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY

**As the Grains of Wheat**

**RED 465**

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **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

...and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

*Sanctus Bells are rung three times during the 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

O God most high, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation: **hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.**

When the world was a formless void you formed order and beauty.

**When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child. When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom.**

Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing; **and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.**

You entered our sorrows in Jesus, our brother. He was born among the poor, lived under oppression, wept over the city.

**With infinite love, he granted the people your life.**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "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 death, we cry out Amen. **Amen**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen! **Amen!**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: **Send your Spirit on this meal.**

O God, you are Bread: **Feed us with yourself.**


O God, you are Wine: **Warm our hearts and make us one.**

O God, you are Fire: **Transform us with hope.**

O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song: **you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.**

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Saviour, life in you, now and forever. **Amen**

## 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.

## INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus says, 'I am the bread of life; whoever eats this bread will live forever.'

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.**

Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at this table. Come, receive the gift of new life.

**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.

**Now the Green Blade Rises**

**Blue 237**

**Jesus Is Risen from the Grave**

**Blue 232**

**From the Falter of Breath**

**Blue 489**

**Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing**

**Blue 211**

## TABLE BLESSING

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

## POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Life-giving God,  
In the mystery of Christ's resurrection, you send light to  
conquer darkness, water to give new life, and the bread of  
life to nourish your people. Send us forth as witnesses to  
Jesus' resurrection, that we may show your glory to all the  
world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. **Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BLESSING OF THE ALTAR LINEN**

Friends, today we give thanks to God, and we seek God's blessing as we set apart this altar linen to the glory of God.

Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift; you have invited us to show your splendor to our children; and you have called us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy. We thank you, especially today, O God, for Ann Sanders creativity and skill in making this altar linen for our use.

We pray that you send your blessing on this altar linen, which we set apart today; may we make use of it in reverence and love, giving glory to your holy name.

To you, O God, be all glory and honor through Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

**BENEDICTION**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

The God of resurrection power,  
the Christ of unending joy,  
and the Spirit of Easter hope  
✠ bless you now and always.

**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****Thine Is the Glory****RED 376****DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**POSTLUDE****Announcements and Information**

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Laura B Mann	Christine Morrison
<b>Servers</b>	Michelle Normandin Julianna Stephens	Julianna Stephens Marilyn Bleach Schranz
<b>Reader</b>	Kate Stuttaford	Sue Wakefield
<b>Greeters</b>	The Heaney family	Marisela McDougall
<b>Ushers</b>	Ray Steinke Marilyn Coleman	Ray Steinke Marilyn Coleman
<b>AV booth</b>	John Szymanski Brian Janzen	Michele Altermann John Szymanski
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty
<b>Counters</b>	Christine Morrison Dennis Kunze	Christine Morrison Ena Sookraj
<b>Flowers</b>		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		

***We pray for:***

**ACC** The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Algoma.

**ELCIC** The congregations of the Southern Manitoba area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

**TOGETHER** Climate justice and healthy relationships with the earth.

***Greeters:*** If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact Elaine Maguire at (519) 658-0509 or let the office know. Thank you.

***Connections:*** The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **today**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at [cjmorrison263@gmail.com](mailto:cjmorrison263@gmail.com)

***Parish Care Workshop*** has been moved this month to the following week, **April 22 at 1:00 p.m.** Our speaker will be Julie, from Hospice Wellington discussing **"How to Access Health Care Supports"**. This is a relevant topic as our parishioners seek opportunities to continue living at home and also ponder moving to a health care facility.

***Formula Fund:*** Please consider donating to support this quiet but valuable outreach ministry! Just write Formula Fund on the Other line of your envelope or message line of an etransfer. *Thank you.*

***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 in advance of each month — **for May we need school snacks and cereal.** *We do not need any plastic bread tabs but are running low on reuseable grocery bags. Thank you.*

***Turn Debt into Hope:*** Please see Jan Nielsen with her clip board to sign the petition asking governments to address the need to help poor countries struggling under insurmountable debt. For

further information, see the April issue of *Connections*, eblasts or talk to Jan.

***Lesbian Day of Visibility, April 26th***, serves as a powerful platform to recognize, and celebrate the diverse experiences and contributions of lesbian individuals worldwide. This observance emerged as a response to the need for greater visibility and representation of lesbian identities within the broader gender, sexual, and relationship diverse (GSRD) community and society at large. It stands as a reminder of the unique struggles, triumphs, and rich cultural heritage of lesbians, highlighting their resilience and ongoing quest for equality and acceptance. By centring the experiences and voices of lesbians, this day contributes to a more inclusive and equitable world where all individuals are free to express their identities and love without fear of prejudice or discrimination. Ultimately, it serves as a powerful reminder of the importance of representation, visibility, and solidarity in the ongoing fight for GSRD rights and equality.

Dark orange symbolizes gender non-conformity, orange represents independence, light orange signifies community, white represents unique relationships to womanhood, pink represents serenity and peace, dusty pink signifies love and sex, and dark rose represents femininity.

***Grassy Narrows Relief:***

The Eastern Synod Circle for Reconciliation and Justice invites you to celebrate **International Water Day on March 22** by making a donation to Grassy Narrows First Nation. It could be \$22, \$2.22, or whatever works for you. All proceeds will be collected by the Eastern Synod until the end of April, and then donated directly to Grassy Narrows. Cheques can be mailed to the Eastern Synod Office at 74 Weber St W., Kitchener, N2H 3Z3. For e-transfers, please send those to [esdeposits@elcic.ca](mailto:esdeposits@elcic.ca). Please include your name and address on e-transfers so donation receipts can be issued. When sending donations, **designate the funds to "World Water Day - Grassy Narrows Relief."** Without the designation we will not be able to properly track funds, allocate them to this campaign, or issue receipts for donations. Together

we can make a real difference for the people of Grassy Narrows.  
Donate today! *Thank you.*

***Later is Too Late*** is a participatory climate documentary co-produced by Nancy Nicol and Seniors for Climate. Seniors for Climate organizers and videographers in communities across Canada shared documentation of their events with Nancy, from which she created, ***Later is Too Late***, a powerful documentary that tells a story of climate activism and hope for a better future.

A free event but you must register in advance:

[zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/after-is-too-late-a-powerful-documentary-of-climate-activism-and-hope](https://zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/after-is-too-late-a-powerful-documentary-of-climate-activism-and-hope)



### LOOKING AHEAD: April 21 — 27

Tuesday 22	1:00 p.m.	Parish Care Parlour
Wednesday 23	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	6:30—8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Pastor's Office
Thursday 24	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Sunday 27	8:30 a.m.	Climate Justice Sunday Easter 2 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Climate Justice Sunday Easter 2 Holy Communion—Nave