August 10, 2025

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

(Please help create a quiet space for reflection during the prelude. Thank you)

For where your treasure is, there your heart mill also be

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.

GATHERING HYMN Have No Fear, Little Flock RED 764

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Most Merciful God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

FIRST READING: Genesis 15:1-6

God promises childless and aging Abram that a child of his own will be his heir and that his descendants will number as many as the stars.

- ¹ After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."
- ²But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" ³And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."
- ⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." ⁵He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."
- ⁶ And he believed the LORD, and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 33:12-22

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! Happy the people chosen to be God's heritage!
- ¹³The LORD looks down from heaven, and sees all humankind.
- ¹⁴ God sits firmly enthroned and watches all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵ God fashions all their hearts and observes all their deeds.

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you.

- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size of the army, nor are warriors rescued by their great strength.
- ¹⁷The horse gives vain hope for victory; despite its great strength it cannot save.
- ¹⁸Truly, your eye is upon those who fear you, O LORD, upon those who wait for your steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ to deliver their lives from death, and to keep them alive in time of famine.

Let your lovingkindness be upon us, as we place our hope in you.

- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for you, O LORD, our helper and our shield.
- ²¹ Surely, our heart rejoices in you, for in your holy name we put our trust.
- ²² Let your lovingkindness, O LORD, be upon us, even as we place our hope in you.

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SECOND READING: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

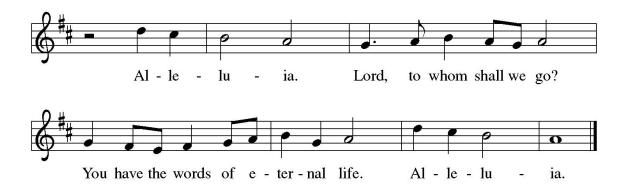
¹Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ²Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 12:32-40

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

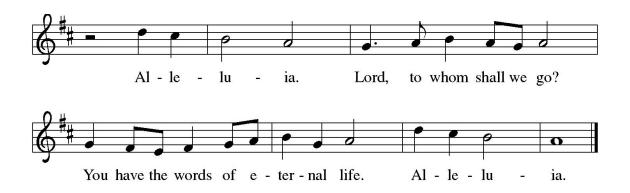
[Jesus said:] ³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

This is the gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY The God of Abraham Praise BLUE 347

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world.

Keep the heart of your church set firmly in you so that, with lamps lit and attentive to Christ's call at any time or place, your people are ready to respond with faithful action for the sake of the world. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Worlds were prepared by your word. Speak healing and protection upon the earth, especially where life and habitats are threatened. Guide the work of astronomers and all who teach us about the stars and galaxies. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

You know the actions and deeds of the nations. Turn humanity away from instruments of war and violence. Fashion the hearts of world leaders to work for peace. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Let your lovingkindness be on those in need. Assure all who are afraid or experiencing great uncertainty that your promises are sure. 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, Jeff, Karen, Mary, Kathryn, Bill, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary, and those we name before you in our hearts. (silence...). God of grace,

hear our prayer.

Calm the fears of migrants and refugees who set out, not knowing where they go. Provide shelter, sustenance, protection from harm, and welcome. Bless the work of Canadian Lutheran World Relief and Alongside Hope and other agencies of support and advocacy. God of grace,

hear our prayer.

We celebrate the ancestors in the faith who built their lives on your promises and died having seen them only from a distance. Sustain us in our hope of things not seen. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

I invite you to share a sign of peace with one another respecting the boundaries and honouring the consent of our neighbours.

OFFERTORY Goodness is Stronger Than Evil

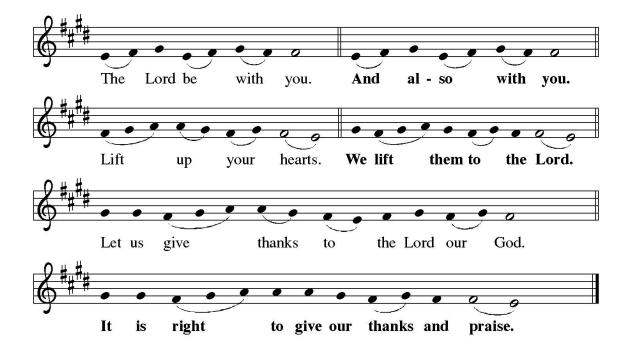


OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

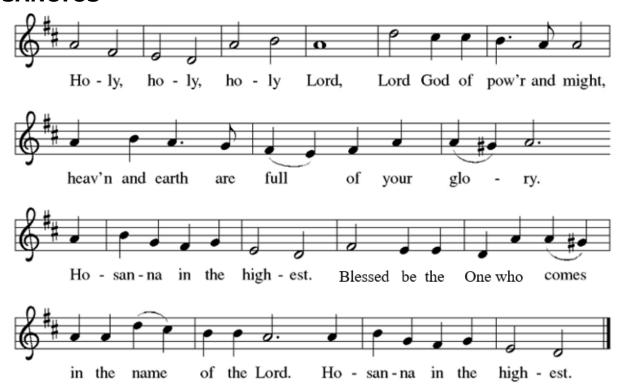
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

... and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our Maker, Redeemer, and Healer, in the harmonious world of your creation the plants and animals, the seas and stars were whole and well in your praise.

When sin had scarred the world, you sent Jesus to heal our ills and form us again into one.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his acts of healing, his body given up, and his victory over death, we await that day when all the peoples of the earth will come to the river to enjoy the tree of life.

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

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

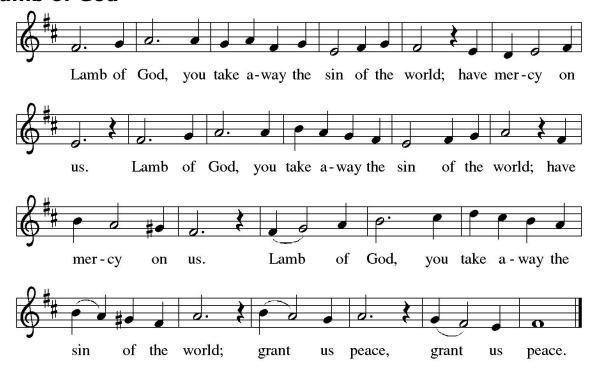
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Come, for Christ welcomes you with mercy and hope. The meal of grace is ready for all.

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God



In God Alone
The King of Love
Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

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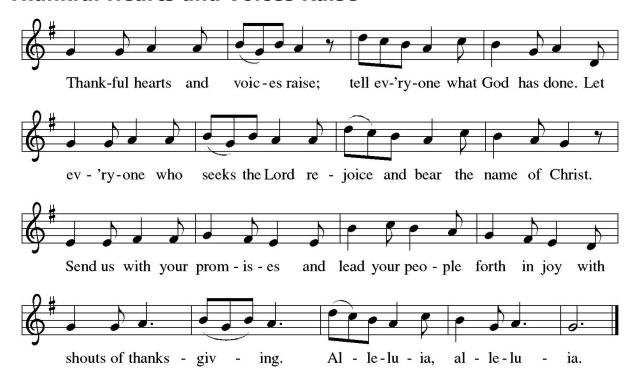
TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

We give you thanks, O God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Saviour Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit + bless 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 SONG Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer RED 618

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Love your neighbour as yourself! **Thanks be to God!**

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POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

Today		Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Dennis Kunze	Penny Richards
Servers	Jan Neilsen John Szymanski	Christine Morrison Marilyn Bleach Schranz
Reader	Deborah Szymanski Potts	Kate Stuttaford
Ushers	Steve Ricketts Marisela McDougall Steve Ricketts Marisela McDougall	
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Jan Neilsen Christine Morrison Volunteers Volunteers	
Counters	Sandra Christie Volunteer	Sandra Christie Volunteer

We pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Helen Kennedy, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Qu'Appelle.

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Synod of Alberta and the Territories.

MOR Remembering August 13 – in 1727, this was the day when the young community in Herrnhut, Germany, nearly torn apart by internal theological conflict, was bonded together by the power of the Holy Spirit. Some call it our Moravian "Pentecost."

Ribfest cleanup: Volunteers to help with Ribfest cleanup are still welcome to sign up. The date is Monday, **August 25, 2025 from 8 to 11 a.m.** There is a sign-up sheet posted in the narthex. Thank you.

Chi Rho Fellowship: The next event promises to be a fun summer outing. A Garden Party Luncheon at the "Briarwood Estate" on Speedvale Ave. Bring a brown bag lunch with you at **noon (12 pm) on Thursday August 14.** Refreshments will be provided. If inclement weather, we will move to All Saints Church on Silvercreek Pkwy. Please contact Marilyn Bleach Schranz if you are planning to attend.

Connections: The deadline for the *Summer Connections* issue is **August 24, 2025.** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com.

Rides found!: Ken and Matzi King would like to thank the people of All Saints for your prayers following Ken's surgery. They are also grateful for the terrific response of the congregation to their appeal for rides to Kitchener. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers as Ken continues to recover.

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 — we need 30 boxes of breakfast cereal for August 21.

We do not need any plastic bread tabs but are running low on reuseable grocery bags. Thank you.

Summer Reading: Valley of the Birdtail—the book we will be using for a book study on September 29th is available from the office or ask Michele for a copy. There are four copies available to share.

LOOKING AHEAD: August 11–17

Wednesday 13	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
Thursday 14	12:00 p.m.	Chi Rho Fellowship—contact Marilyn Bleach Schranz to RSVP
Sunday 17	8:30 a.m.	Pentecost 10 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Pentecost 10 Holy Communion—Nave

Thank you Merike, for all lovely wildflower arrangements you have been providing this summer



Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann, Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Wednesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Please note that summer hours will be in effect during July and August.