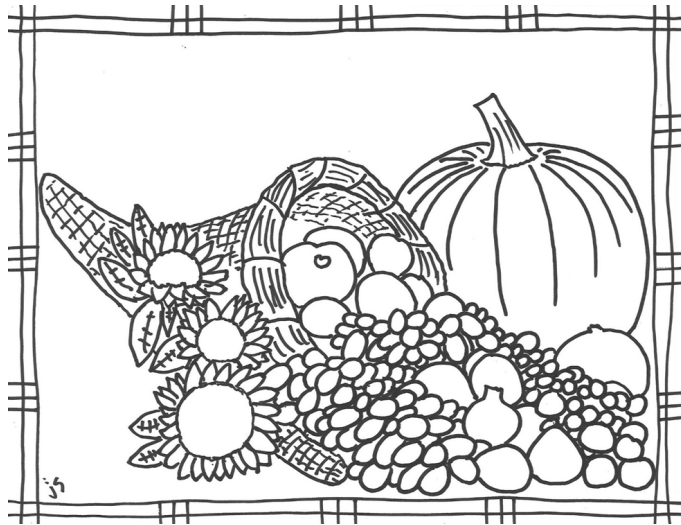


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Please be aware that our Sunday service is video streamed to our YouTube channel for public viewing. If you feel sensitive to this thought and wish to remain out of the occasional line of view, consider sitting in the back left two rows of pews. Thank you.

*Please remember to wear your nametag.*

With God's grace, the faith community of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church in Guelph Ontario welcomes you.



We endeavour to be in right relationship with our Indigenous neighbours.

We strive for racial equity.

We welcome people of any age, gender identity and expression, race, colour and sexual orientation.

We welcome people facing physical or mental challenges, those suffering under addictions, single people and those in any relationship.

Our doors are open to people of uncertain faith or deep faith, from any or no religious tradition.



**All are truly welcome.**



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**Dear Little Saints-  
Welcome from all the Big Saints**

*Before the service even starts, you will  
need to prepare*

*Upcoming is a longish sit and grownups  
want you there*

*Instead of wiggling, yawning, sighing  
You could be bright new markers trying  
or putting stickers in your book*

*Or even ..take a little look  
Oh joy, cause somebody loves me true  
There's juice or sweets or cookies too*

*When you've been good as gold for ever  
and still the talking lasts forever  
just dig inside and have a treat  
Your Sunday sack is really "sweet"!!!!!!  
(and also is a take home treat!)*

**We welcome all children** to our worship. There is no Sunday Church School at this time. Please ask the ushers for a children's bulletin and/or help them fill a bag with activities and treats from the basket in the narthex.

**Communion: All are welcome.** Please let an usher know if you need to take Communion in your seat.

**Offerings can be left in the trays at the back until the Gathering Song is sung.**

**Please take this bulletin home for recycling. Thank you**

**No Scents Makes Good Sense.** Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair sprays, colognes, and after-shave lotions. Please help us provide a scent-free environment.

# THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

**Sunday, October 12, 2025.**

Prelude — Sarabande #2, Johannes Brahms  
Come Ye Thankful People Come,  
arr. Colin Hand

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

Welcome

Acknowledgment 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

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the maker of earth and sky, the giver of every good gift, our source of life and joy. **Amen.**

As we gather in thanksgiving and praise, we remember that by water and the Spirit God has claimed us, renewed us, and called us to live as people of gratitude and grace. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism and for all the gifts of God's creation.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the deep, and by your Word you brought forth a world rich in beauty and bounty. Seasons change, harvests ripen, and all creation sings your praise.

**Through the waters of the flood, you brought new life to the earth. Through the sea you led your people from hunger and oppression into freedom. At the river Jesus was baptized by John and anointed with the Spirit to bring good news to the poor and abundance to all who hunger and thirst.**

By water and your Word, you claim us as your people, nourishing us in mercy, showering us with grace, and calling us to share your gifts with the world.

**We praise you, O God, for water that refreshes, for food that sustains, and for Christ our living bread, who renews our lives with forgiveness and love.**

Send your Spirit upon us and upon this creation. Bless the fruits of the earth and the work of human hands, that all people may be fed, all hearts made thankful, and all the world filled with your abundance.

**To you be glory and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.**

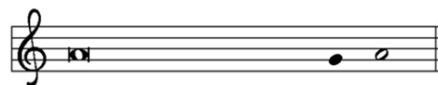
Gathering Hymn — **Come, Ye Thankful People, Come**  
**# 262 (Blue)**

Greeting

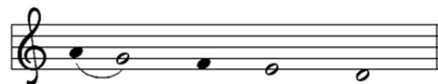
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

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.**

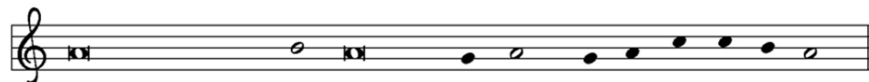
## Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



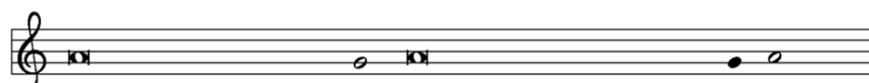
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



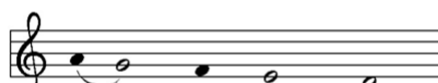
Lord, have mer - cy.



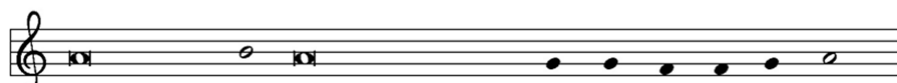
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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.



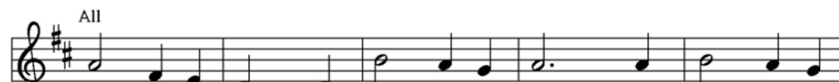
Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord. A - men.

## Hymn of Praise

*Refrain*  
Assisting minister



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.



*Refrain*  
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.



*Final refrain*  
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.

Creator of this fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all your gifts. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Choir Anthem—How Lovely Is Your Dwelling Place,  
Kenneth T. Kosche

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 26:1-11*

*The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. As they bring their offerings, worshipers remember and proclaim God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.*

<sup>1</sup> “When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess and you possess it and settle in it, <sup>2</sup> you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup> You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time and say to him, ‘Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us.’

<sup>4</sup> When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, <sup>5</sup> you shall make this response before the LORD your God:

‘A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

<sup>6</sup> When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, <sup>7</sup> we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup> The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup> and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup> So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me.’

You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. <sup>11</sup> Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.”

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 100 (*Sung together in unison*)



En - ter God's gates with thanks-giv-ing.

**<sup>1</sup> Make a joyful noise to the LORD, | all you lands!**

**<sup>2</sup> Serve the LORD with gladness; come into  
God's presence | with a song.**

**<sup>3</sup> Know that the LORD is God, our maker to  
whom | we belong;  
we are God's people and the sheep | of God's  
pasture. R**

**<sup>4</sup>Enter the gates of the LORD with thanksgiving  
and the courts with praise;  
give thanks and bless God's holy name.  
<sup>5</sup>Good indeed is the LORD, whose steadfast love  
is everlasting,  
whose faithfulness endures from age to age. R**

## Second Reading: *Philippians 4:4-9*

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.  
<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> As for the things that you have learned and received and heard and noticed in me, do them, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

## Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel — *John 6:25-35*

*The day after he multiplies bread to feed five thousand people, Jesus is pursued by the crowds clamoring for more bread.*

The holy gospel according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>25</sup> When [the Judeans] found [Jesus] on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?”

<sup>26</sup> Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate your fill of the loaves. <sup>27</sup> Do not work for the food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.”

<sup>28</sup> Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.”

<sup>30</sup> So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us, then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? <sup>31</sup> Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” <sup>32</sup> Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I

tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. <sup>33</sup> For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

<sup>34</sup> They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

<sup>35</sup> Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

The gospel of Christ.

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



Homily

Hymn of the Day— **Now Thank We All Our God**  
**# 840 (Red)**

Prayers

Let us come before God in prayer, giving thanks for the Bread of Life who sustains the world with mercy and love.

Gracious God, you have called your Church to be one body, nourished by the living bread of Christ. Strengthen all who serve in your name, that your Word may be shared with joy and your love revealed in every act of compassion. Bless our bishops, priests, pastors, deacons, and all who lead your people in worship and service.

God of life, **hear our prayer.**

Creator of all, we thank you for the bounty of the earth: for fields and forests, rivers and skies, for harvests gathered and food shared. Teach us to care wisely for the land and sea, that future generations may live in the fullness of your abundance.

God of life, **hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we pray for the nations of the world, and for all who suffer the terror of war and conflict—especially in Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan. Move the hearts of leaders toward justice and reconciliation, that weapons may be laid down and all your children may live in safety.

God of life, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate Christ, bread for the weary and hope for the broken, we remember all who are sick, hungry, or in pain; all who grieve or are lonely, especially: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Ken and Matzi, Andrew, Joan, Alice, Irene, Greg and Mary, Kathryn, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*). Bring them the comfort of your presence and the healing power of your Spirit.

God of life, **hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we give thanks for our congregation of All Saints – for friendships that nurture us, ministries that serve our neighbours, and worship that renews our spirits. Unite us in thanksgiving and deepen our trust in you.

God of life, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, we give thanks for the saints who have gone before us and all whose faith continues to shape our own. May their witness strengthen our hope in Christ, who satisfies every hunger and quenches every thirst. God of life, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life. **Amen.**

Peace

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



### Offertory— As the Grain of Wheat

*Refrain*

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were  
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from  
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,  
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

*Refrain*

may we share the pres-ence of your love.  
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

### Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

Lord of the harvest,  
we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.  
Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,  
but on you, who richly provides for us.  
Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen**

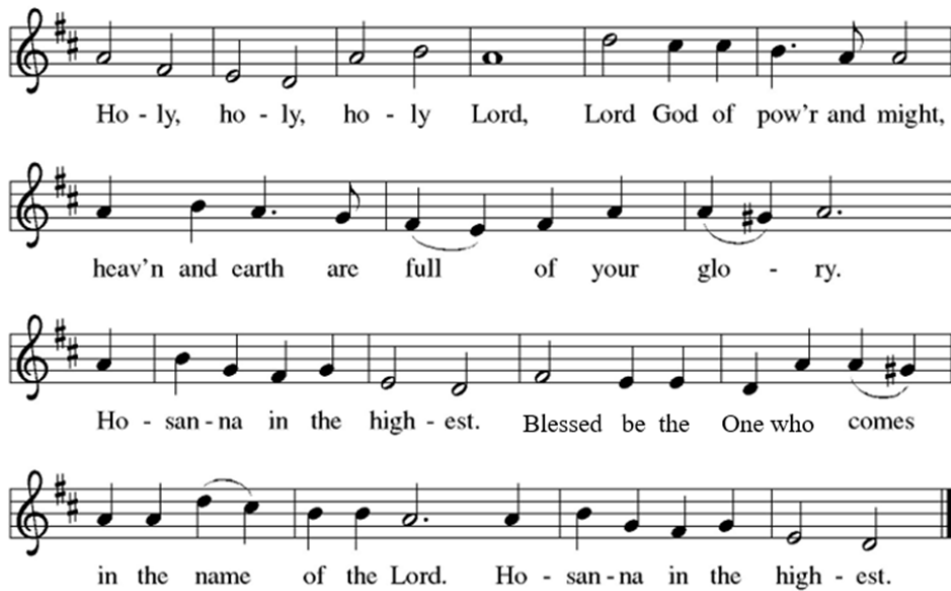
### Great Thanksgiving

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



## Eucharistic Prayer

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.

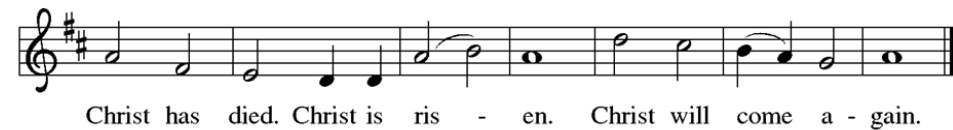
We give you thanks for Jesus' coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from  
this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

### *Congregation:*



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious  
resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his  
coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;  
we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and  
thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your  
servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine,  
so that we and all who share in the body and blood of  
Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity,  
be all honour and glory in your holy church, now and  
forever.



### Congregation:



### 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

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.

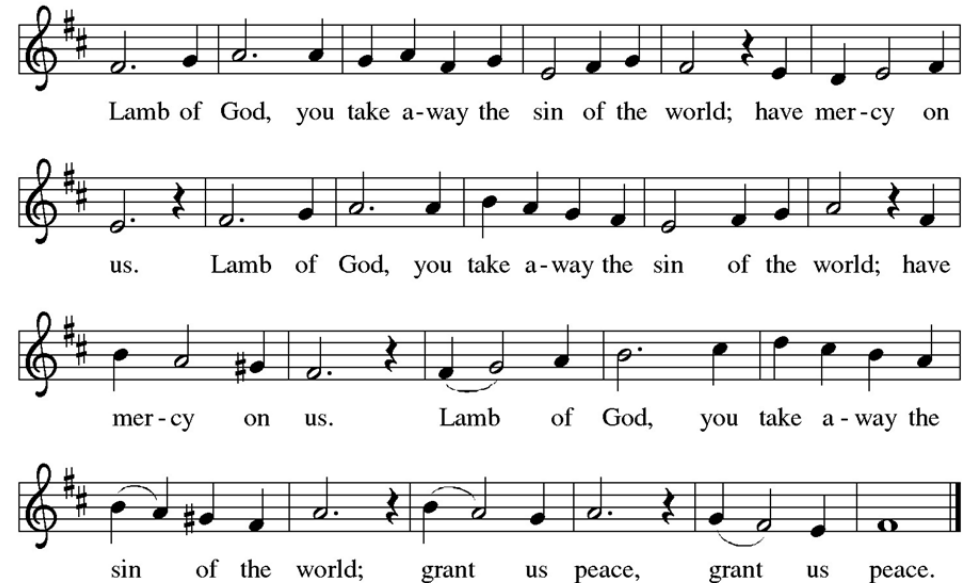
Come, receive the gift of new life.

**Thanks be to God!**



### Communion Hymns

#### Lamb of God



**Eat This Bread** (*chorus only*)

**# 63 (Blue)**

**Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven** **# 864 (Red)**

#### Praise to God



1. Praise to God, praise to God  
For the greenness of the trees,  
For the beauty of the flowers,  
For the blueness of the sky,  
For the greatness of the sea.  
Praise to God, praise to God now and forevermore.

2. Thanks to God, thanks to God  
For the gift of friends in Christ,  
For the church, our house of faith,  
For the fit of wondrous love,  
For the gift of endless grace.  
Thanks to God, thanks to God now and forevermore.

3. Glory to God, glory to God  
For the grace of Christ, the Son,  
For the love of parent God,  
For the comfort and the strength  
Of the Spirit, holy God.  
Glory to God, glory to God now and forevermore.

### Table Blessing

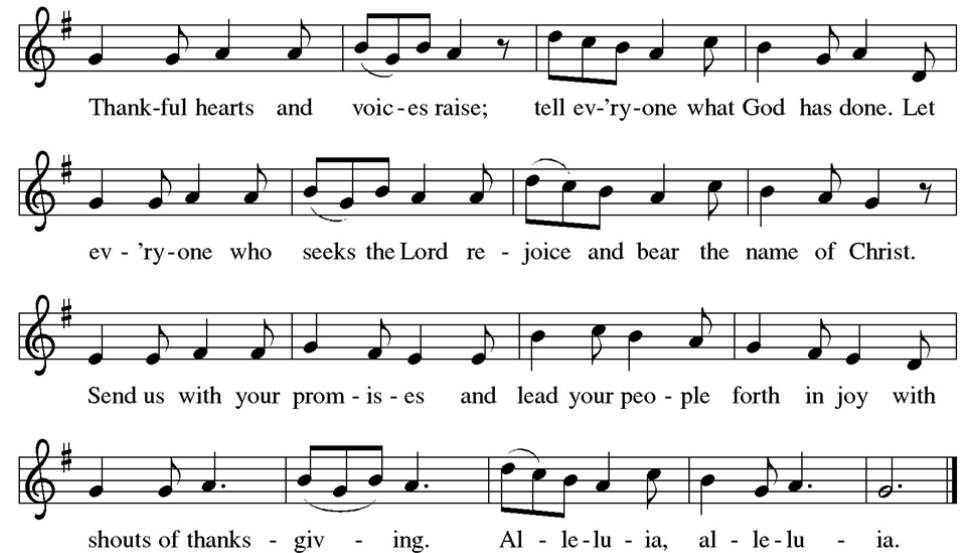
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever.  
**Amen**

### Post-Communion Prayer

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup  
of salvation you have united us with Christ, making  
us one with all your people. Now send us forth in  
the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim  
your redeeming love to the world and continue  
forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

### Post-Communion Cantic

#### Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let  
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.  
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with  
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

### Announcements

#### Benediction

The Creator, who crowns the year with goodness,  
fill your hearts with gratitude and your homes with  
plenty.

Christ, who fed the multitudes,  
nourish you with the bread of life and the joy of  
fellowship.

The Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth,  
stir in you generous hearts and thankful praise.

And the blessing of the Holy Trinity, one God,  
be among you and remain with you 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 — **For the Fruit of All Creation**  
**# 259 (Blue)**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Rejoice in the Lord always!  
**Thanks be to God!**

Postlude — Let Us With a Gladsome Mind,  
arr. Malcolm Archer



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## Announcements and Information

|                           | Today                             | Next Sunday                              |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> | Anne Stuart                       | Penny Richards                           |
| <b>Servers</b>            | Laura B Mann<br>Julianna Stephens | Michelle Normandin<br>Marisela McDougall |
| <b>Reader</b>             | Kate Stuttaford                   | Val Webb                                 |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Lily Flewelling                   | Mark & Janet Weigel                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Kate Stuttaford<br>Grant Phillips | Kate Stuttaford<br>Grant Phillips        |
| <b>AV booth</b>           | John Szymanski<br>Brian Janzen    | Michele Altermann<br>Brian Janzen        |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>        | Laura F Mann<br>Ella Bubenik      | Laura F Mann<br>Ella Bubenik             |
| <b>Counters</b>           | Kate Stuttaford<br>The Zytner     | Ena Sookraj<br>The Weigels               |
| <b>Flowers</b>            |                                   | Margret Grove                            |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>        |                                   | Sheila Chappel<br>Maureen Mercer         |

#### ***We pray for:***

**ACC:** The Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Caledonia.

**ELCIC:** The dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod.

**TOGETHER:** For people and ministries working to address issues of poverty, homelessness, and affordable housing.



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

**Oct. 18— A Christmas Treasurers Luncheon** and Craft Sale is taking place in Rose Head Hall from noon to 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and available from Deacon Chris (the proceeds will go to the HVAC fund). Please bring cash for the craft items. It's not too early to start your Christmas shopping!



Newsletter

**Connections:** The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **October 19, 2025**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at

[cjmorrison263@gmail.com](mailto:cjmorrison263@gmail.com)

**ECM Scotch Tasting:** "Time and silence are the most luxurious things today. And Scotch." — Tom Ford Support our contribution to ECM. **SIGN Up Now for the Scotch Tasting on Oct. 25, 2025, from 2-5 p.m.,** or contact Canon Bill.



**Floor Waxing:** During the week of Oct 27 - 31, 2025 the downstairs tile floors will be stripped and waxed. The will require moving items into and out of rooms as the work progresses. If you can help with this task, please contact John Szymanski. **Thank you.**



**The Associates** will meet again on **October 28, 2025, at 2 p.m.** in the Narthex for our usual time of sharing and caring. Anyone who is a caregiver for someone suffering from memory loss or dementia is welcome.

**All Saints Sunday**—On Sunday **November 2, 2025** we will be remembering those who have died since November 3, 2024. Please let the office know the names of people that you wish to have included in the list, *who were not members of the congregation*. The deadline for submission is **Wednesday October 29, 2025**.



**Silvercreek Community Market:** Please consider buying the specific items listed below — for October we need **peanut butter, soup and cooking oil. Also, we are out of rice and lentils!**



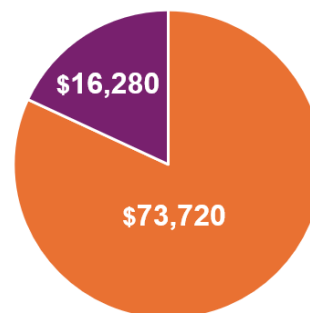
*We do not need any plastic bread tabs or reuseable grocery bags at this time. Thank you.*

Our heating and cooling system (HVAC) system is feeling it's age...some 40+ years old. This has affected worship on Sundays, the organ, and others who use our space on a daily basis. In addition, our monthly energy bills have taken an upward climb. Despite multiple attempts by the professionals to adjust and patch the system, the time has come to invest in a new system which would provide for greater efficiencies and longevity.



Church Council has approved the replacement of both the main unit and electronics. The total projected cost of this is upwards of **\$90,000.00**.

HVAC Fundraising Tracker



■ Donations received ■ Amount needed

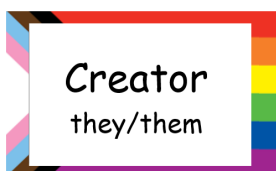
Despite this projected funding to the HVAC replacement, we are very conscious of the strain on these existing funds in looking to the future. Thus, we are launching a congregational campaign to raise funds for this project. We hope you will join with us in this specific effort.

Donations to this project can be given in two ways:

- cash or cheque in an offering envelope marked **HVAC Fund** in the **Other** line.
- email transfer to the church through your bank's website/account. The church email is [allsaints@allsaintsguelph.ca](mailto:allsaints@allsaintsguelph.ca). Please write **HVAC Fund** on the memo line.

If you have further questions or require specific help with this, please contact the church office at 519-821-7710 or email [allsaints@allsaintsguelph.ca](mailto:allsaints@allsaintsguelph.ca). Alternatively speak to Brian Janzen. **Thank you!**

### International Pronouns Day—Wed. Oct. 15, 2025



Creator  
they/them

This day serves as a reminder to make respecting, sharing, and educating about personal pronouns commonplace. Like calling someone by their name, referring to people by the pronouns they determine for themselves is basic to human dignity. The use of gender-neutral pronouns in English, such as *they*, *Mx* and *hir*, is not a recent invention. Gender-neutral personal pronouns were first introduced to the English language in the early 1900s. In French, the use of the gender-neutral pronoun *iel* is quite recent. It was introduced in the online edition of the French dictionary *Le Petit Robert* in 2021. The word *iel* is a combination of “il” (he) and “elle” (she).

Over the past decade, the importance of gender-neutral terms and respecting personal pronouns have become more widely recognized. As society changes, so do the words that are used by people to describe their gender and sexual orientation. Respecting the pronouns that others go by is important, but everyone is different. Some people may not wish to share their pronouns, go by multiple sets of pronouns or simply want to be referred to by their first name.



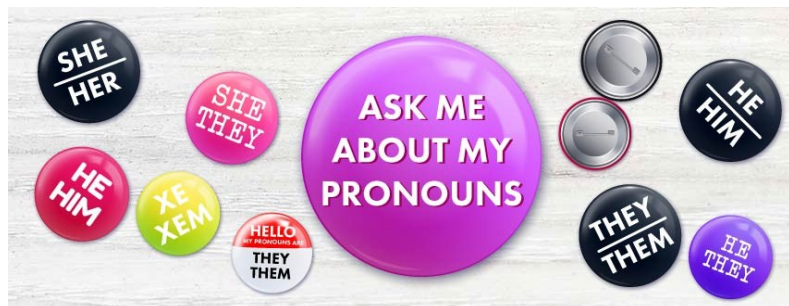
Son  
he/him

By sharing your own preferences or personal pronouns, you can let people know how you want to be referred to. Sharing your own preferences can also help create a safe environment for those around you to do so as well.



Holy Spirit  
she/her

With the release of the 2021 Census of Population, Canada became the first country to provide census data on transgender and non-binary people. Among the 59,460 transgender people in Canada, there were more transgender women (31,555) than transgender men (27,905).



Dear Friends, I hope some of you can come out to enjoy the Guelph Studio Tour. I will be showing my art in a new location, Site 20, 364 Woolwich St. Just north of London Rd. This event is one of the ways God's creativity is shared in the world. I look forward to sharing with you. *Sue Wakefield*



## 2025 Studio Tour Dates

Saturday, October 18 | 10 AM – 6 PM

Sunday, October 19 | 11 AM – 5 PM

**Over 40** participating LOCAL artists  
**Free Admission & open to the public**

**See you there!**



## It's Socktober again!



Last year you helped the Guelph Tool Library and the Helper Bees collect five thousand pairs of socks for distribution to those who are unhoused in our city. These socks lasted until April!

So, the goal this year is to collect 7,500 pairs of socks with the hope that this will be enough for a year's supply. Starting in October there will be a bin upstairs (in the narthex) and one downstairs (we are again asking our community partners who meet in the building to contribute to this campaign) to collect your sock donations. **Thank you for your support!**



## LOOKING AHEAD: October 13 — 19

|              |                         |                                                 |
|--------------|-------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 14   | 9:00 a.m.               | Food Drive sorting<br>Rose Head Hall            |
| Wednesday 15 | 9:00 a.m.               | Announcements due to Office                     |
|              | 7:00 p.m.               | Faith Forum<br>via Zoom                         |
| Thursday 16  | 9:00 a.m.—<br>3:00 p.m. | Silvercreek Community<br>Market, Rose Head Hall |
|              | 7:00 p.m.               | Choir Practice<br>Nave                          |
| Saturday 18  | 12:00—<br>3:00 p.m.     | Christmas Treasures<br>Luncheon, RHH            |
| Sunday 19    | 8:30 a.m.               | Pentecost 19<br>Holy Communion—Nave             |
|              | 10:00 a.m.              | Pentecost 19<br>Holy Communion—Nave             |

### Organist

Peter West

### Staff

Michele Altermann  
Administrative Assistant

### Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.