

May 11, 2025

*Easter 4, Good Shepherd Sunday &
Mother's Day*



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

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,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed, restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

**In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
Honour to you for waters that wash us clean, quench our
thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures. Praise to you
for the life-giving water of baptism, the outpouring of the
Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ, who, with you and the Holy
Spirit, reigns forever. **Amen.**

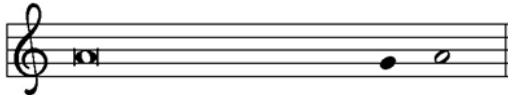
GATHERING SONG The Day of Resurrection BLUE 205

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.



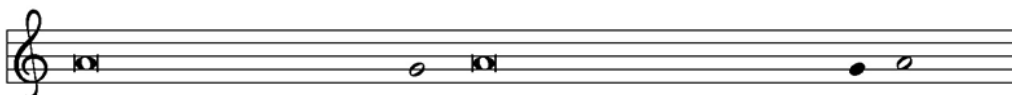
Lord, have mer - cy.



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



Lord, have mer - cy.



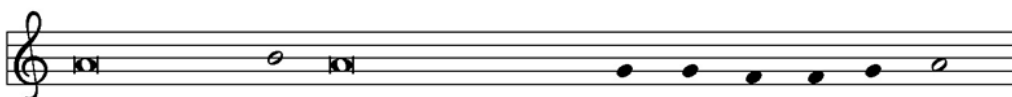
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



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

Assisting minister



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

All



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.

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of your eternal covenant, make us complete in every good work to do your will, and work among us all that is well-pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Acts 9:36-43

Dorcas was a faithful and devoted woman of charity in the community of Joppa. Her kindness and her work with clothing were well-known, especially to the widows in town. When she fell ill and died, Peter raised her back to life through the power of prayer.

³⁶ Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity.

³⁷ At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs.

³⁸ Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹ So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. ⁴⁰ Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹ He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive.

⁴² This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³ Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23 The Lord's My Shepherd BLUE 519

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9-17

Christ is the shepherd who leads his faithful to springs of the water of life. Christ is also the lamb who vanquishes sin and suffering.

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

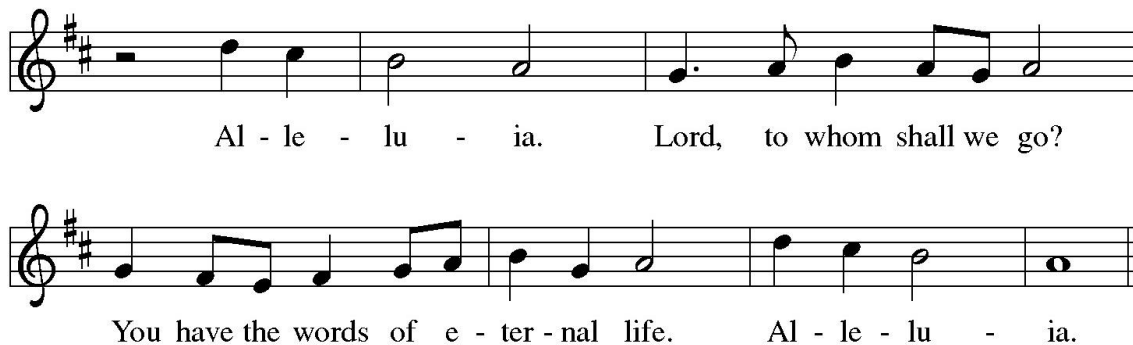
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;
¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their
shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."
Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 10:22-30

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

Jesus responds to questions about his identity with the remarkable claim that he and the Father are one. Those who understand this are his sheep; they hear his voice, follow, and will never be snatched from his hand.

²² At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Judeans gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵ Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not trust me. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶ but you do not trust because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and

they follow me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹ What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰ The Father and I are one."

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Dear Shepherd of your People
BLUE 521 (Alternate Tune: CAITHNESS)

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

In this season of Easter rejoicing, let us offer our prayers and thanksgivings.

For the goodness of the earth, that it may flourish with flowing waters, verdant pastures, and paths that leads us to protect and care for your creation. O Risen Christ,

Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For the peace and welfare of the world, that all our tables of work and worship promote the understanding and dignity that transform enemies into friends. O Risen Christ,

Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For all who suffer with sickness, need, or danger, that all our afflictions and fears are met with healing and the comforting presence of your voice. 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, Kathryn, Bill, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Guillermo, Micah,
and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*)

O Risen Christ,

Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For the blessings we receive and share, that we may live a life of ceaseless praise for the salvation that is ours through you. O Risen Christ,

Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For mothers and grandmothers, and all who offer mothering care, that their love and care would be a reflection of your mothering love for the whole world. Come close to those whose relationships with their families are difficult, and console all who grieve the loss of mothers in their lives. O Risen Christ,

Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

For the saints in light, that you will wipe every tear from their eyes as they dwell with you eternally. O Risen Christ,

Open our eyes to your mercy in the world.

Holy God, you are our hope and our strength, our light and our sovereign, our shepherd and our saviour. With all the saints in heaven and on earth, we praise your holy name and entrust every care to you; for we pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

As the Grains 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:

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.

The musical score for 'GREAT THANKSGIVING' is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of eighth and quarter notes, with lyrics written below each staff.

PREFACE

... and join their unending hymn:

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.

The musical score for 'SANCTUS' is written on four staves in treble clef with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The melody consists of quarter, eighth, and half notes, with lyrics written below each staff.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

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

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

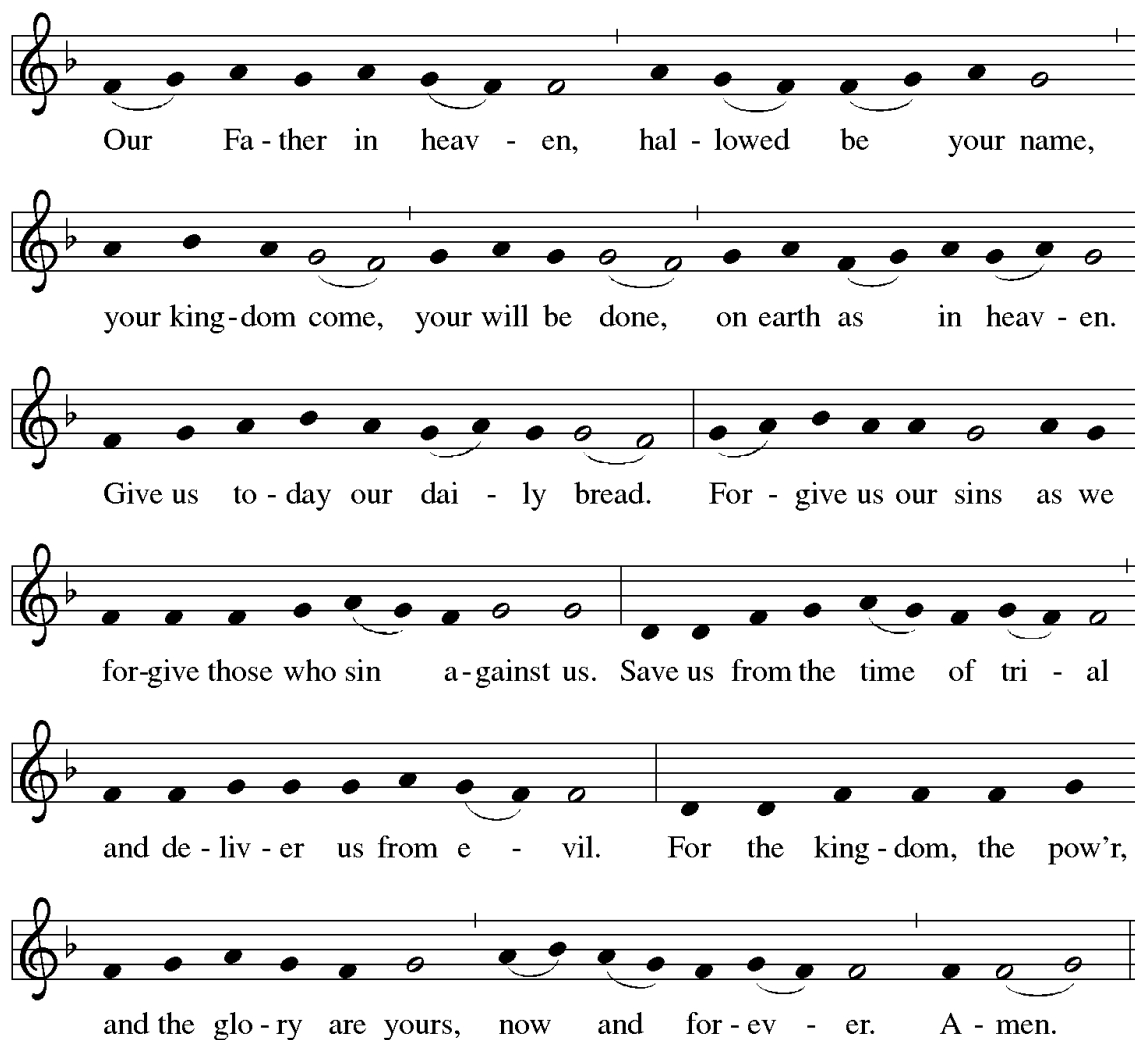
Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup
we remember the life our Lord offered for us.
And, believing the witness of his resurrection,
we await his coming in power
to share with us the great and promised feast.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit,
that we who share in Christ's body and blood
may live to the praise of your glory
and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Join our prayers with those of your servants
of every time and every place,
and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high
priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

**Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,
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.

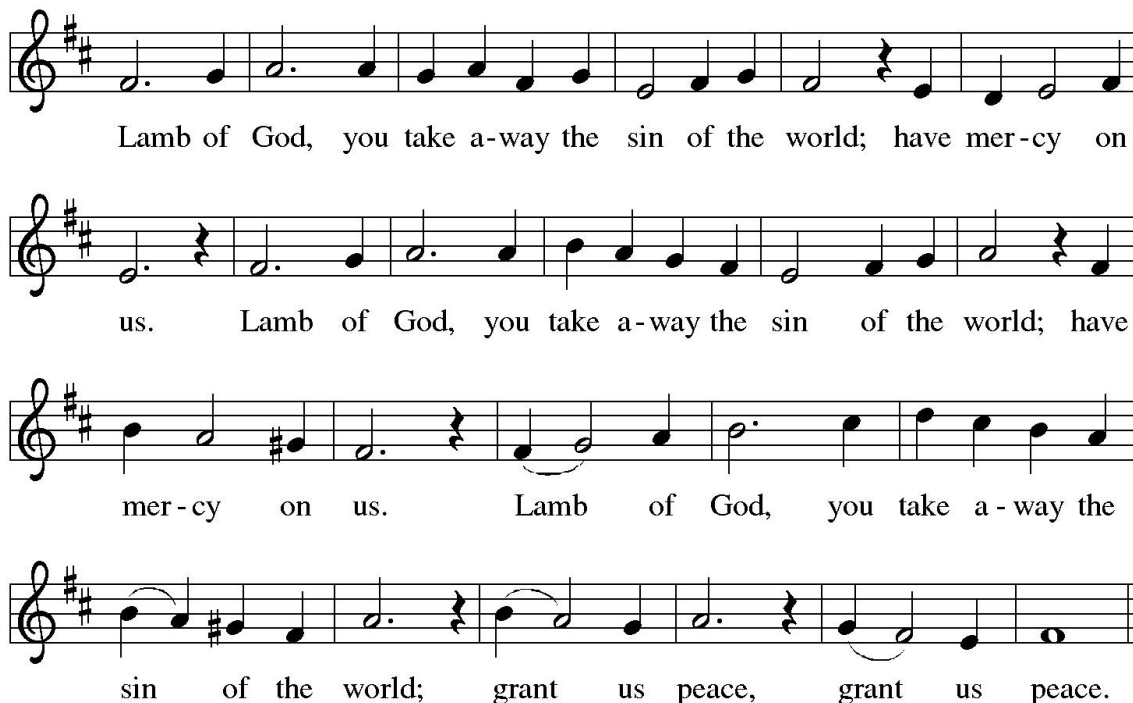
Whoever you are, wherever you are on your journey of faith, you are welcome at this table.

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.

Be Not Afraid
Walk Softly in Springtime
You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Red 388
Blue 210
Red 484

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living One,
in this feast you have made yourself known to us.
Send us now to tell of your wonders,
sing of your glory,
and proclaim your risen life
to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

POST COMMUNION CANTICLE

Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise RED 207

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The triune God,
who was, who is, and who is to come,
Sovereign, ✚ Saviour, and Spirit,
light your way with resurrection dawn,
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 On Eagle's Wings RED 787

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Dennis Kunze	Penny Richards
Servers	Jan Niesen John Szymanski	Christine Morrison Marilyn Bleach Schranz
Reader	Hazel Heaney	Marie Karn
Greeters	Carole Mozuraitis	Lilly Flewelling
Ushers	Chris & Riza Heaney	Chris & Riza Heaney
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brain Janzen	John Szymanski Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Linda Zytner Matzi King Robin Smart	Linda Zytner Matzi King Robin Smart
Counters	Richard Zytner Ann Sanders	Laura F Mann Ann Sanders
Flowers		
Coffee Hour		

We pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Susan Bell, Bishop; The Most Rev. Colin Johnson, Assistant Bishop; and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Niagara.

ELCIC: Bishop Ali Tote, the people and rostered ministers of the Saskatchewan Synod.

MOR: The Rt. Rev. Douglas Kleintop, Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province.

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 **May 18, 2025**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

Parish Care Workshop: Tuesday May 13, 1 pm in the Parlour. We are pleased to have a great speaker, **Julie Martin Jansen** from Hospice Wellington who will speak about **Caregiver Wellness**. Although this can be perceived as another topic just for caregivers, we are all caregivers in a way, especially as parents, or those who help with other family members. How we handle the stress can determine our state of wellness or can lead to ill health. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Ass♥ciates will meet again on **May 27, 2025 at 1 pm** in the Narthex for our usual time of sharing and caring. Anyone who finds themselves supporting or caring for a family member or neighbour is welcome.

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.*

Pride in the Park: We are looking for help to staff our table at this event on **Saturday June 14, 2025 from 10 am to 4 pm.** Please sign up on the chart in the narthex if you can take a shift between noon and 4 p.m.. Thank you, ASAP.

Ribfest cleanup: Save the Date! Dennis Kunze is organizing another Ribfest cleanup event and is looking for 10 volunteers to help him. Please let him know if you are available on Monday, August 25, 2025 from 8 to 11 a.m. There will be a sign up sheet posted in the narthex later in the summer.

May 17, 2025 — International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia & Transphobia

On May 17, 1990, the World Health Organization made the landmark decision to declassify homosexuality as a mental disorder. It is a day to recognize hard-earned progress, while also addressing the pursuit of equality, both in Canada, and around the world.



Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and additional sexually and gender diverse communities continue to face adversity and challenges in our pursuit of rights and inclusion. A disproportionate percentage of these communities continue to report experiencing discrimination and harassment.

According to the [2020/2021 Federal 2SLGBTQI+ Action Plan Survey](#), 26% of 2SLGBTQI+ respondents reported workplace harassment associated with their sexual orientation, and 22% reported experiencing harassment due to their gender identity, over the previous five years of their employment. Furthermore, 28% of the above respondents reported that they experienced workplace harassment in the form of sexual harassment. The 2SLGBTQAI+ communities represent a significant portion of Canadian society, so these effects likely impact those in your personal circles, whether or not they choose to share their experiences.

In the face of these statistics, we honour and acknowledge the resilience and strength members of 2SLGBTQAI+ communities as we continue on our path to equality.

LOOKING AHEAD: May 12—18

Tuesday 13	1:00 p.m.	Parish Care Parlour
Wednesday 14	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	3:00 p.m.	Hymn Selection Parlour
	6:30—8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Pastor's Office
Thursday 15	9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Sunday 18	8:30 a.m.	Easter 5 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Easter 5 Holy Communion—Nave

Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann,
Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday,
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.