

October 5, 2025

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi

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.



GATHERING HYMN O Beauty Every Ancient



- 1 O beau-ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,
- 2 O beau-ty in cre - a - tion, in world of sound and sight,
- 3 O beau-ty that is move - ment in liq - uid line of grace,
- 4 O beau-ty of the Spir - it where love is shin - ing through,



di - vine and Ho - ly Pres - ence, my be - ing sings to you,
O beau - ty in the si - lence, in dark-ness as in light,
O beau - ty that is still - ness in love - ly form or face,
O beau - ty ev - er an - cient, O beau - ty ev - er new,



in grat - i-tude, in wor - ship my be - ing sings to you!

OPENING RESPONSES

Come, people of God, let us walk in the company of Francis,
For he teaches us to praise Christ in brother sun and sister moon.

Let every creature, winged or wild, sing glory to the Holy One,
And let all the earth bless the God of life.

From rising sun to gentle night, creation whispers the holy name,
We join with rivers and valleys, mountains and forests in praise.

Glory to God in the highest, who is seen in sparrow and star,
Glory to Christ, who greets us in neighbour and stranger,

Glory to the Spirit, breath of life, who makes all things new.
Come, let us worship our God with gladness!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord, make us instruments of your peace.

Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. Grant that we may not so much seek to be consoled as to console; to be understood as to understand; to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Come, Father of the poor
come, Light of our hearts,
come, generous Spirit,
by the glory of your creation around us,

by the comfort of your forgiveness within us,
by the wind of your Spirit
eddy through the years within these walls,
renew us, so that we come glad to this celebration. **Amen**

God, holy:
**God, strong and holy,
God, holy and deathless,
have mercy on us.**

KYRIE (*Choir*)

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

People with pets are asked to move with your pet to the closest aisle. Pastor Brian will come to you and move throughout the church with words of blessing.

[name], you were created by God,
and you are loved by God.
May you and your human family
experience joy and companionship together
and continue to be a blessing to each other.
In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Galatians 6:14-18

¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me and I to the world. ¹⁵ For neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything, but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

¹⁷ From now on, let no one make trouble for me, for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

¹⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

⁷ Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

God's Word for our journey.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 148:7-14

(Sung responsively by whole-verse between the choir and the congregation.)



⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth,
you sea monsters and all deeps,
⁸ **fire and hail, snow and frost,**
stormy wind fulfilling his command!

⁹ Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!

¹⁰ **Wild animals and all cattle,**
creeping things and flying birds! R

¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!

¹² **Young men and women alike,**
old and young together!

¹³ Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

¹⁴ **He has raised up a horn for his people,**
praise for all his faithful,
for the people of Israel who are close to him.
Praise the LORD! R

GOSPEL HYMN

CANTICLE OF THE SUN

(The congregation remains seated)

Refrain



The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,



and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy.



Come, dance in the for - est, come, play in the field,



and sing, sing to the glo - ry



of the Lord.

Verses



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|-----------|----|-----|-------|------|------------|---------|---------|-----|
| 1. Sing | to | the | sun, | the | bring - er | of | day, | He |
| 2. Praise | to | the | wind | that | blows | through | the | The |
| 3. Praise | to | the | rain | that | wa - ters | our | fields, | And |
| 4. Praise | to | the | fire | who | gives | us | his | The |
| 5. Sing | to | the | earth | who | makes | life | to | The |
| 6. Praise | to | our | death | that | makes | our | life | The |



car - ries the light of the Lord in his rays; The
 seas might - y storms, the gen - tl - est breeze; They
bless - es our crops so all the earth yields; From
 warmth of the sun to bright - en our night; He
 crea - tures you made to let your life show; The
 knowl - edge of loss that helps us to feel; The



moon and the stars who light up the way Un -
 blow where they will, they blow where they please To
death un - to life her mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs
 danc - es with joy, his spir - it so bright, He
 flow - ers and trees that help us to know The
 gift of your - self, your pres - ence re - vealed To



to your throne.
 please the Lord.
forth in joy.
 sings of you.
 heart of love.
 lead us home.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 11:25-30

The holy gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ "Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

This is the gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



HOMILY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God above us,
Maker and sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon, of water and earth,
of male and female.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
born of a woman's womb, servant of the poor.
He was tortured and nailed to a cross.
A man of sorrows, he died forsaken.
He descended in the earth to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb.
He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present,
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the Church,
Spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and of life everlasting. Amen**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

O Christ, Word made flesh, Light in the darkness, we lift our prayers before you.

Holy One, enfold us in your peace. We pray for the Church throughout the world, that it may be a beacon of hope and a servant of your love. Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Creator of all life, we give thanks for the beauty and bounty of creation, and ask for wisdom to care for the earth and all its creatures. Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign of the nations, guide leaders with justice and compassion, and bring peace to lands torn by conflict, especially Gaza, Ukraine, and Sudan. Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Source of healing and comfort, be near to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit — the weary, the sick, the oppressed, and the lonely. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Ken and Matzi, Andrew, Joan, Alice, Irene, Karen, Mary, Kathryn, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*). Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Shelter of this congregation of All Saints, be present with us in worship and witness, and strengthen us for loving service in your name. Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Companion of saints past and present, we give thanks for the life and ministry of St. Francis, and ask that his spirit inspire us to live in your peace and humility. Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Christ, who holds heaven and earth in your wounded hands, receive our prayers and bind them to your own eternal intercession, and teach us to pray together:

**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**

PEACE

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

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God and creator.
Through your mercy you have blessed us with these gifts.
With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate
our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have
made, for the sake of the One who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

At the last supper Jesus, sharing bread and wine, invited the disciples to share his journey. Like many grains of wheat becoming one loaf of bread, the disciples were invited to become one body with him.

Here, through bread and wine, we renew our journey with Jesus and his disciples.

Here, through bread and wine, we renew our unity with the earth and our interwovenness with the broken ones of the world.

So come, taste of this bread and wine, gifts of the earth, work of human hands, food both of earth and of heaven.

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, and, having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body which is given for you."

In the same way he took the wine, and, having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying, "This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming Reign of God."

So now, following Jesus' example, we take this bread and wine, the ordinary things of the world through which God blesses us. And, as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, let us also celebrate God's goodness.

Lord Jesus Christ present with us now, as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room long ago, breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine, that they may be heaven's food and drink for us, renewing, sustaining and making us whole, and that we may be your body on earth, loving and caring in the world.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Many grains were gathered together to make this bread.
Many grapes were mixed to make this wine.
So we, who are many, are one in Christ.

Here is bread for the journey and wine for the soul. All are invited to share in God's abundant gifts.
Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God

(cantor)



1&2 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the
3 Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the



world, world, have mer - cy on us.
grant us your peace.

(v.3 only)



Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.

Feed Us with Hunger for Justice

Optional descant



Feed us jus - tice. Feed us your peace.



Feed us with hun-ger for jus-tice. Feed us with thirst for peace.

For the Beauty of the Earth

RED 879

Make Me A Channel (Prayer of St. Francis)



1 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
2 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.
4 Make me a chan - nel of your peace.



Where there is ha - tred, let me bring your love;
Where there's de - spair in life, let me bring hope;
It is in par - don - ing that we are par - doned,



where there is in - ju - ry, your par - don, Lord;
where there is dark - ness, on - ly light;
in giv - ing of our - selves that we re -



and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
and where there's sad - ness, ev - er joy.



3 O Mas - ter, grant that I may nev - er seek so



much to be con - soled as to con - sole, to be



un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.



ceive, and in dy - ing that we're born to e - ter - nal life.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

Shout for joy! The Lord has let us feast;

heaven's own fare has fed the last and least;

Christ's own peace is shared a - gain on earth;

Christ's own peace is shared a - gain, is shared on earth;

God the Spi - rit fills us with new worth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

O God our Father,

who gave to your servant Columba the gifts of courage, faith, and cheerfulness, and sent people forth from the Holy Isle of Iona to carry the word of your Gospel to every creature.

Grant, we pray, a like spirit to your Church, even at this present time.

Further in all things the purpose of this community, that hidden things may be revealed to us, and new ways found to touch the hearts of all.

May we preserve with each other sincere charity and peace, and, if it be your will, grant that this holy place of your abiding may continue still to be a sanctuary and a light; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A CELTIC BLESSING

May the love of God fill you with joy and peace.

May the healing power of Christ strengthen and save you.

May the Holy Spirit encourage you.

May a thousand angels guide your steps.

And may a blessing from this holy place protect you all your days.

Amen.

**SENDING SONG All Creatures Worship God Most High
RED 835**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, in friendship, and in hospitality, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Laura F Mann	Anne Stuart
Servers	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze	Laura B Mann Julianna Stephens
Reader	John Szymanski	Kate Stuttaford
Greeters	Bill & Jette Thomas	Lily Flewelling
Ushers	Kate Stuttaford Grant Phillips	Kate Stuttaford Grant Phillips
AV booth	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen	John Szymanski Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Laura F Mann Ella Bubenik	Laura F Mann Ella Bubenik
Counters	Kate Stuttaford The Zytner	Kate Stuttaford The Zytner
Flowers		
Coffee Hour		

We pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee, Bishop, and clergy and people of the Diocese of British Columbia.

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Lower Mainland Region of the British Columbia Synod.

TOGETHER Remember missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls, and 2SLGBTQIA+ people and their families, and pray for an end to gender-based violence.

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

Guelph Seminar presents Living Language Land with fabric artist Lorraine Roy. **Wednesday Oct. 8, 2025**, at the Arboretum Centre from **7:30—9:00 p.m.** Tickets \$20.00. If you enjoyed

The Knitting Pilgrim, you won't want to miss this artist's creations! Visit guelphseminar.ca for more details.

Sharing Thanksgiving: Kathryn Ssedoga would love to share Thanksgiving with a family. Please contact her at 519-763-0970

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!

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **October 19, 2025**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

ECM Scotch Tasting: "Scotch whisky is made from barley and the tears of angels." — Anonymous.

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.

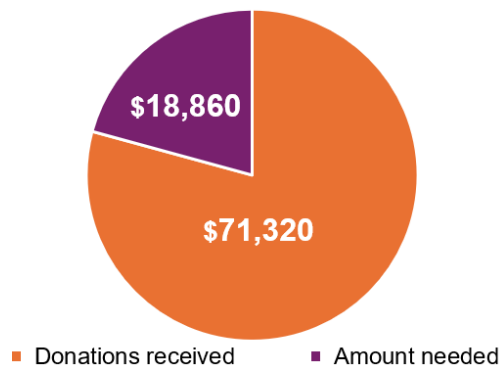
Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — for October we need **peanut butter, soup and cooking oil. Also, we are out of rice and lentils!** We do not need any plastic bread tabs or reuseable grocery bags at this time. Thank you.



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 Fundarising Tracker



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. 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. Alternatively speak to Brian Janzen. **Thank you!**

International Lesbian Day, held on **October 8**, is a day of celebrating [lesbians](#), along with their culture, history, and diversity. This day is celebrated by lesbians and allies with various community events, dances, and conferences and is mostly celebrated in New Zealand and Australia. It is unknown when it was first celebrated: some say New Zealand in 1980, but others say that it started in Australia in 1990. The seven-striped [sunset or lesbian flag](#) represents aspects of lesbian identity: dark orange (gender non-conformity), orange (independence), light orange (community), white (unique relationships to womanhood), pink (serenity & peace), dusty pink (love & sex), and dark rose (femininity). This 2018 design by [Emily Gwen](#) serves as a widely recognized symbol for the lesbian community, though other flags are also used.

LOOKING AHEAD: October 6 — 12

Monday 6	7:00 p.m.	All Saints Affirming People via Zoom
Tuesday 7	6:30 p.m.	Human Trafficking Presentation, Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 8	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	3:00 p.m.	Hymn Selection meeting Parlour
	6:30—8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Pastor's Office
Thursday 9	1:00 p.m.	Chi Rho Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Sunday 12	8:30 a.m.	Thanksgiving Sunday Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving Sunday Holy Communion—Nave

Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



IN OUR BACKYARD

A SURVIVOR'S STORY



Event Details



OCTOBER 7TH, 2025



ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN ANGLICAN CHURCH, 210 SILVERCREEK PARKWAY N. GUELPH



FROM 6:30 PM

About Karly Church

Karly Church is an anti-trafficking advocate and well known speaker. She is highly regarded for her work on the issue of commercial sexual exploitation and domestic trafficking and has been an internationally recognized leader in helping shift the perception of trafficked girls from criminals to victims and now to survivors and leaders.

Karly is a TED X speaker, and has trained thousands of individuals globally on the issue of domestic sex trafficking. Karly was the central force behind Victim Services of Durham Regions Internationally recognized Human Trafficking Response model and leads VSDR's Survivor Advisory Panel and Human Trafficking Team.

Free Admission. **Donations welcomed**

Light Refreshments provided



To Register for the event, email:
ehc.rotary@gmail.com



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!**

