

September 28, 2025

Season of Creation 4

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

Come, Host of Heaven's High Dwelling Place

1. Come, Host of heaven's high dwelling place,
come earth's disputed guest:
find in this house a welcome home,
stay here and take your rest.
2. Surround these walls with faith and love
that through the nights and days,
when human tongues from speaking cease,
these stones may echo praise.
3. Bless and inspire those gathered here
with patience, hope and peace
and all the joys that know the depth
in which all sorrows cease.

4. Here may the losers find their worth,
the strangers find a friend;
here may the hopeless find their faith
and aimless find an end.
5. Build, from the human fabric, signs
of how your kingdom thrives,
of how the Holy Spirit changes
life through changing lives.
6. So, to the Lord whose care enfolds
the world held in his hands,
be glory, honour, love and praise
for which this house now stands.

OPENING RESPONSES

We come to this service to God

In our need, and bringing with us the needs of the world.

We come to God, who has come to us in Jesus

And who walks with us the road of our world's suffering.

We come with our faith and with our doubts

We come with our hopes and with our fears.

We come as we are, because it is God who invites us to come

And God has promised never to turn us away.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Creator God, Gitchi Manitou, God of peace, justice, and concord; open our ears, our eyes, our lungs, and our hearts. Give us the spirit of condolence. Instill in us the Good Mind. Let us seek your justice in a broken world. Let us search for understanding in your Creation. Help us to be reconciled to you and to each other. In the self-giving ethic of the Cross, let us be emptied of hatred and apathy, greed and selfishness. Fill us with the wideness and wildness of your Spirit. In the name of your First Son, Jesus Christ, we ask all this. **Amen.**

CONFESSION

Holy God, maker of the skies above, lowly Christ, born amidst the growing earth, spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters, in earth, sea and sky, you are there.

O hidden mystery, sun behind all suns, soul behind all souls, in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, your presence is round us, and we give you thanks.

When we have not touched, but trampled you in creation, when we have not met but missed you in one another, forgive us, and hear now our plea for mercy.

ABSOLUTION

The Creator of the world watches over you in your waking and your sleeping;

The Saviour of the world ransoms himself for your sins and for your eternal life;

The Spirit of the world dwells within you to guide you and keep you safe;

The God of love and mercy grants you the grace of pardon, wholeness and peace, through Jesus Christ. **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)*

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

The prophet Amos announces that Israel's great wealth is a cause not for rejoicing but rather sorrow, because God's people have forgotten how to share their wealth with the poor. The wealthy will be the first to go into exile when judgment comes.

- ^{1a} Woe to those who are at ease in Zion
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria...
- ⁴ Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory
and lounge on their couches
and eat lambs from the flock
and calves from the stall,
- ⁵ who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp
and like David improvise on instruments of music,
- ⁶ who drink wine from bowls
and anoint themselves with the finest oils
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!

God's Word for our journey.
Thanks be to God.

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



**8 The LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up
those who are bowed down;
the LORD loves the righteous. R**

⁹ The LORD cares ¹ for the stranger;
the LORD sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the
way ¹ of the wicked.

¹⁰ **The LORD shall ¹ reign forever,
your God, O Zion, throughout all
generations. ¹ Hallelujah! R**



The LORD gives jus - tice, the LORD gives jus - tice to those who are op - pressed.

SECOND READING: 1 Timothy 6:6-12, 17-19

Timothy is reminded of the confession he made at his baptism and of its implications for daily life. His priorities will be different from those of people who merely want to be rich.

⁶ Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, ⁷ for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, ⁸ but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. ⁹ But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

¹¹ But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. ¹² Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses...

¹⁷ As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, ¹⁹ thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

God's Word for our journey.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN Hallelujah! Sing Praise

(The congregation remains seated)



1 Hal - le - lu - jah! Sing praise to your Cre - a - tor, sun, moon, and
2 Praise the Lord, all moun - tains and o - ceans, roll - ing thun - der and
3 Give to God all glo - ry and hon - or. From the depths to the



stars and an - gels a - bove. Praise the Lord, whose word es -
wind and storm clouds on high. Praise the Lord, your Mak - er,
heights let prais - es re - sound to the Lord, the source of



tab - lished the heav - ens, who up - holds all the earth in pow - er and
all liv - ing crea - tures, all the beasts in the fields and birds in the
strength and sal - va - tion for all peo - ple on whom God's fa - vor is



love. God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice! (Oh,)
sky. Both young and old, come and join in the song! (Oh,)
found. Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own! (Oh,)



God reigns on high, let the heav - ens re - joice!
Both young and old, come and join in the song!
Praise God, you saints who are claimed as God's own!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Luke 16:19-31

The holy gospel of our Lord according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said:] ¹⁹“There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. ²⁰And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, ²¹who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores.

²²The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side.

²⁴He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ ²⁵But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. ²⁶Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’

²⁷He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house ²⁸for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ ²⁹Abraham

replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' ³⁰ He said, 'No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' ³¹ He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.' "

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.

Christ our Shepherd, you warn the rich who rest too easy, and you call your Church to be a servant at the gate. Keep your people awake to the cries of the poor, alive to the call of justice, and steadfast in mercy and truth. May we walk with Lazarus, and so walk with you, our Lord and our Life. Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Maker of heaven and earth, you stretch out the skies like a tent, you set the seas in their place and sow the fields with their plenty. Forgive us when we feast and forget the land, the waters, and the creatures beside us. Renew the face of the earth, and give us hearts to live gently upon it. Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of the exiled and oppressed, you hold the weeping of Gaza in your hands, you walk beside Ukraine in its sorrow, and you shelter Sudan in its endless night. Turn rulers from folly, break bow and sword, and teach the nations the way of peace. Let not the poor be trampled, nor the wounded forgotten. Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ our companion, as we prepare to mark the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation this week we hold before you the grief carried by Indigenous families, the resilience of survivors, and the yearning for a future shaped by honesty and peace. Guide us to walk gently, to listen deeply, and to live faithfully in the way of reconciliation.

Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Christ our Healer, you ate with the outcast, you touched the unclean, you raised the dead. Draw near to all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, especially: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, 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...*). Restore what is wounded, calm what is troubled, and give light to those who walk in shadows. Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Spirit of the Living God, bless this gathering of All Saints. Knit us in love, strengthen us in service, and lead us in your way. May our table be one of welcome, our prayers be full of courage, and our lives be bright with Christ's mercy. Holy One, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

God of eternal promise, we remember the saints who have walked before us, known and unknown, sung and unsung. Keep us united with them in the bond of love, until we share the feast that never ends. Bring us home to your realm, where Lazarus rests in your embrace, and Christ is all in all. 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.

OFFERTORY

God the Creator

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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.

Detailed description: The musical score for 'Lamb of God' is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It begins with a cantor part on a single staff. The first line of music has two parts: '1&2' and '3'. The lyrics are 'Lamb of God you take a-way the sin of the'. The second line of music continues the melody with the lyrics 'world, world, have mer - cy on us. grant us your peace.' The third line of music is marked '(v.3 only)' and contains the lyrics 'Grant us your peace. Grant us your peace.' with a long note on '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.

Detailed description: The musical score for 'Feed Us with Hunger for Justice' is written in G minor (three flats) and 4/4 time. It begins with an 'Optional descant' on a single staff. The first line of music has two parts: 'Feed us jus - tice. Feed us your peace.' The second line of music is marked '3' and contains the lyrics 'Feed us with hun-ger for jus-tice. Feed us with thirst for peace.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with a triplet of eighth notes in the second line.

The Spacious Firmament on High

BLUE 426

All Beautiful the March of Days

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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 Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE

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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 Sprit 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

Song For Love

1. Now we sing to praise love's blessing all through our lives,
laughter, joy, surprise confessing, all through our lives.
Love that dreamed a new creation,
love that dared an incarnation,
love that offers transformation all through our lives.

2. How our wounds ache for love's healing all through our days.
How our world needs love's revealing, in all its ways.
Fearful hearts suspect the stranger,
hardened nations arm for danger,
love lives on, the powerful changer, all through our days.
3. Love's the grace that makes us caring all through our lives,
urges us to warmth and sharing all through our lives,
speaks in us, oppression naming,
strives in us, injustice shaming,
lives in us, true peace proclaiming all through our lives.
4. Love's the clown that mocks at winning all through the world,
midwife of each new beginning all through the world.
In the struggles that confound us,
in the chaos all around us
love's wide arms with hope surround us all through the world.
5. In God's faithful love we flourish all through our lives,
known and loved, each other nourish all through our lives.
Though the world's demands are pressing,
What life brings is left to guessing,
still we sing to praise love's blessing all through our lives.

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	Penny Richards	Laura F Mann
Servers	Laura F Mann Kishan Gunawardene	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze
Reader	Marie Karn	John Szymanski
Greeters		Bill & Jette Thomas
Ushers	Bonnie Lichty Sheila Chappel	Kate Stuttaford Grant Phillips
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Jan Neilsen, Penny Richards, Carole Mozauritis	Laura F Mann Ella Bubenik
Counters	Suzanne Worthen Michelle Normandin	Kate Stuttaford The Zytner
Flowers	Ann Sanders	
Coffee Hour	Laura F Mann, Connie Shaw Christine Morrison	

We pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Clara Plamondon, Bishop, and the clergy, and people of The Territory of the People.

MOR The Labrador Mission Province.

TOGETHER Every child matters! Remember the Indigenous children who did not return home from residential school; for survivors and their families; for truth, healing, and reconciliation.



Flowers: The flowers are given today by Ann Sanders in loving memory of her parents, Walter and Frieda Holms, whose wedding anniversary was September 27.

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

Sept. 28—We are hosting another ***Caring Conversation at 1:30*** in the afternoon, everyone is welcome to attend!

Sept. 29—Book Study—Valley of the Bird Tail—7:00 p.m. in the Parlour. Several copies of the book are available to borrow.

Blessing of the Animals: On **Sunday, October 5, 2025** at the 10:00 a.m. service a Blessing of the Animals will take place near the beginning of the service. Please bring your furry, feathery, scaly and other friends with you for this special service.

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.

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 church). Please bring cash for the craft items. It's not too early to start your Christmas shopping!

ECM Scotch Tasting: *"I'd rather be someone's shot of whisky than everyone's cup of tea."* — 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.

Looking for a new ministry opportunity: Many thanks to Jan Neilson for her years of service in the coordination of ushers. Jan has decided to move on and pursue other ministry opportunities. With that change, we are looking for someone to continue this leadership role. Jan was very organized and has left the position in great hands in terms of records and assistance. The next three

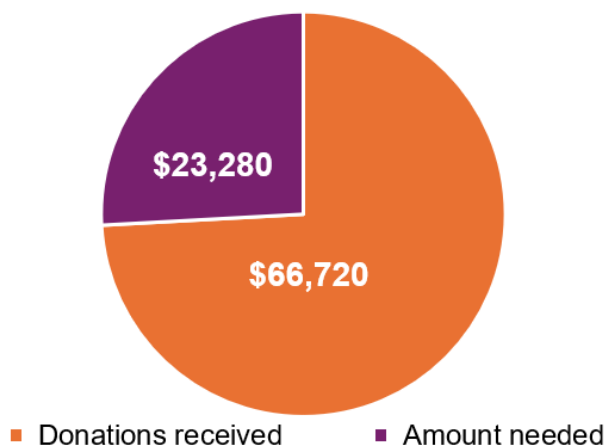
months are already scheduled! All this is available to you. If you are interested, please speak to Brian Janzen or the office.

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 reusable grocery bags at this time. Thank you.

Our heating and cooling system (HVAC) system is feeling its 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.

HVAC Fundraising Tracker



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.**

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!**

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 it 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: September 29 — October 5

Monday 29	7:00 p.m.	Book Study Parlour
Tuesday 30	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Parlour
Wednesday 1	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Forum via Zoom
Thursday 2	9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Saturday 4	10:00 a.m. –2:00 p.m.	Booktoberfest Rose Head Hall
Sunday 5	8:30 a.m.	Season of Creation 5 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Season of Creation 5 Blessing of the Animals Holy Communion—Nave

Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.