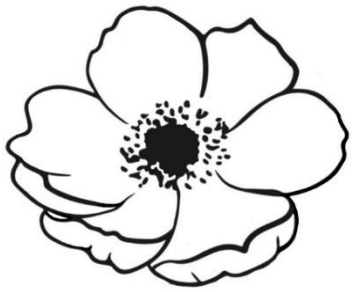
A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE
Sunday, November 8, 2026



Prelude – Minuet No. 1, Maria Szymanowska
Holy, Holy, Holy arr. John Marsh

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

In Flanders Fields

Welcome and notes on the service

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.

Brief Silence

Opening Responses

Bruised, black clouds shed heavy tears on the fields of Flanders,
fields become graveyards in which were buried the flowers of a generation.
And God wept, for these were God's children.

Bruised and black clouds shed heavy tears on the cities of Europe and of Japan,
cities shrouded in the dust of desolation,
camps wreathed in the smoke of human cremations,
people in confusion whispering, "Please, God, never again."
And God wept, for these were God's children.

Bruised and black clouds shroud cities,
shopping streets,
business centers,
refugee and resettlement camps,
and people gaze on devastation wrought by evil on innocence.
And God weeps, for these are God's children.

Bruised and black clouds shed tears over a whole world, bowed,
bloodied by battle,
cowed and weary of war,
her roads clogged by refugees with nowhere but earth to call home.
And God weeps, for these are God's children.

God of life, drawing life and death together in yourself,
uniting the lost and the loving, be among us as we gather;
Guide our praying and loving, cherish our remembering,
God, our God, who forgets no one.

Kyrie **– Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved # 602 (Red)**

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, it is your will to hold both heaven and earth in a single peace. Let the design of your great love shine on the waste of our wraths and sorrows, and give peace to your church, peace among nations, and peace in our hearts, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Choir Anthem – Canticle of the Turning,
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

First Reading: *Isaiah 2:2-4*

In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

Many peoples shall come and say,
'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths.'
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into ploughshares,
and their spears into pruning-hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

A Litany of Praise and Remembrance
(based on Psalms 46 and 90)

Sung: ***O God, our help in ages past,***
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast
and our eternal home.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should quake and the mountains fall into the depths of the sea,
though the waters of the sea rage and foam, and mountains tremble at the tumult.
The LORD of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting, thou art God,
to endless years the same.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, sanctifying the dwelling of the Most High.
God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help at the break of day.
Nations are in tumult, empires are shaken; for God speaks and the earth melts away.

The LORD of Hosts is with us; the God of Israel is our refuge.

Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thy arm alone
and our defense is sure.

Come and see what God has done, the wonders wrought upon the earth.
God makes wars to cease in all the world, God breaks the bow and snaps the spear, and burns the shields in the fire!
Be still and know that I am God, exalted among the nations, exulted in the earth.
The LORD of Hosts is with us; the God of Israel is our refuge.

A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone:
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last
and our eternal home.

Second Reading: *James 3:13-18*

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Gospel: *Matthew 11:25-30*

The holy gospel 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."

The gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Stories

Hymn of the Day **– God, As With Silent Hearts**
(Tune: Eventide)

1. God, as with silent hearts we bring to mind
How hate and war diminish humankind
We pause, and seek in worship to increase
Our knowledge of the things that make for peace

2. Hallow our will as humbly we recall
The lives of those who gave and give their all
We thank you, God, for women, children, men
Who seek to serve in love today as then

3. Give us deep faith to comfort those who mourn
High hope to share with all the newly born
Strong love in our pursuit of human worth
"Lest we forget" the future of this earth

4. So, Prince of Peace, disarm our trust in power
   Teach us to coax the plant of peace to flower
   May we, impassioned by your living Word
   Remember forward to a world restored

Prayers

Let us pray for the Church, for the earth, for the nations, and for all who carry sorrow, remembering especially those whose lives were taken in war and whose sacrifice calls us to work for peace.

We pray for your Church throughout the world. Give us courage to bear witness to the gospel of peace, wisdom to speak truth in times of conflict, and compassion to welcome all who are wounded by violence, displacement, or grief. Make us a community that remembers faithfully and reconciles boldly. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the world you have made: for lands scarred by war, for fields poisoned by conflict, and for communities whose homes, waters, and livelihoods have been destroyed. Teach us to care for creation with reverence, and to pursue justice and peace so that the earth may flourish for generations to come. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world, and especially for Canada. Guide those who hold public office and those who serve in diplomacy, peacekeeping, and the armed forces. Break the power of hatred, nationalism, and revenge. Inspire leaders and citizens alike to seek the things that make for peace: justice, truth, dialogue, and the common good. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who carry the wounds of war; for families who wait, mourn, or live with absence; for refugees and all displaced by violence; and for any who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. 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 and Vesna, Alice, Irene, Greg and Mary, Elaine and David, Christa and Ken, Bruce and Jean, Sharon, Bill and Deacon Chris, Barbara, Michelle, John, Heather, Carley and Aeryn, Kathyrine, and those we remember in our hearts. *(Brief silence…)*
Bring comfort to the grieving, strength to the weary, and hope to those who feel forgotten. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation. Deepen our gratitude for those who have served and sacrificed before us. Help us to honour their memory not only with words, but with lives of service, generosity, and peacemaking. Bind us together in compassion, and send us out as signs of your reconciling love in our community. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for all who have died in faith: soldiers and civilians, chaplains and caregivers, the named and the unnamed. Grant that, with all the saints, we may one day share in the fullness of your reign, where war shall be no more. God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, O God of peace, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Peace

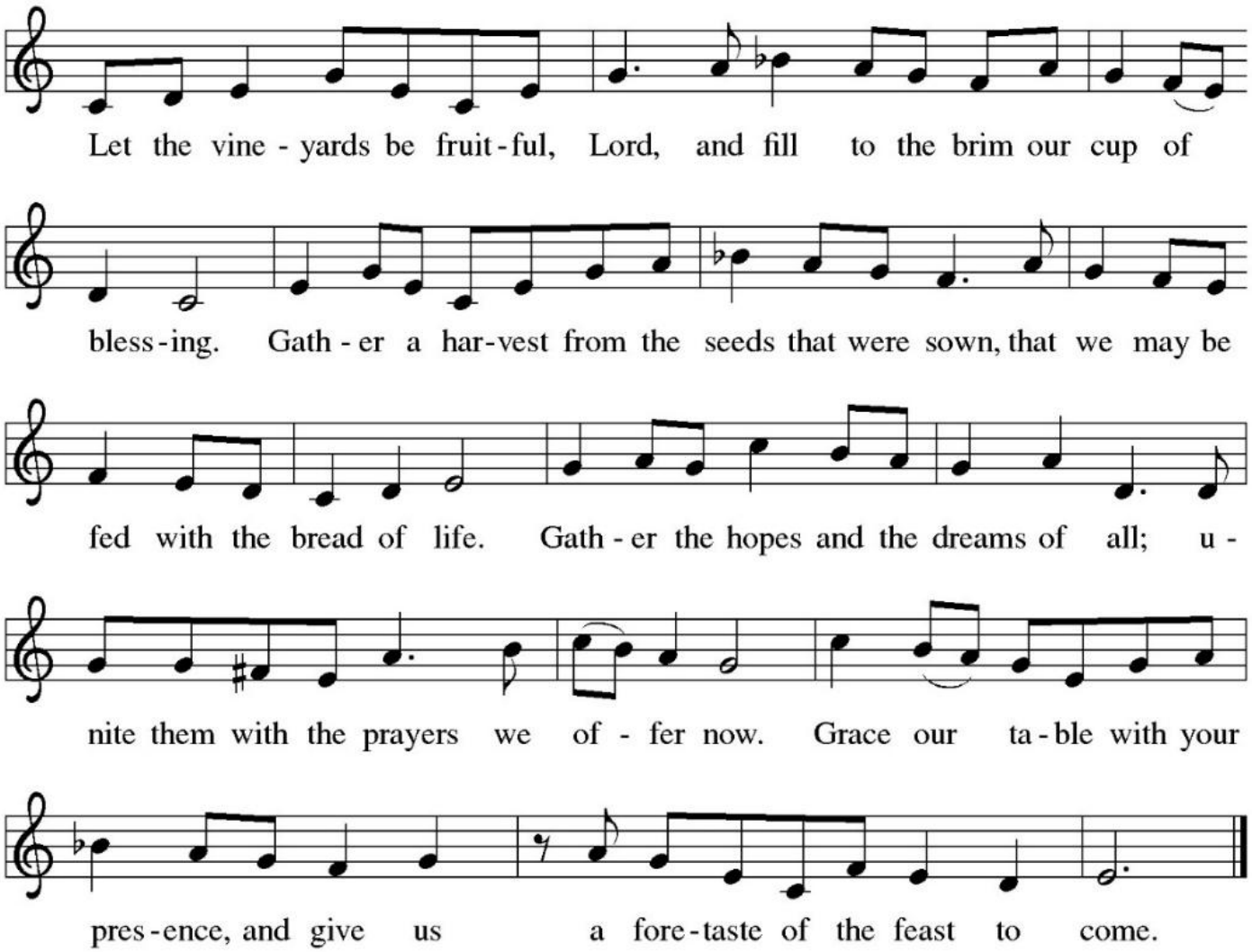
May the peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you.



Offering

(We thank everyone for your support of our ministry. Although we do not pass offering plates, you can find offering plates at the back of the church and in the narthex. We are also so thankful for all the other gifts – gifts of time and talent – with which we are so blessed.)

Offertory **Let the Vineyards be Fruitful** #182 (Red)



Offertory prayer

Let us pray:

God of glory, in thanksgiving for your abundant goodness, we seek to reach out to others as you have reached out to us, with compassion, dignity and grace. May these offerings of bread and wine, and our gifts that represent our time, talent and possessions, prove to be a blessing to ourselves and our neighbours, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

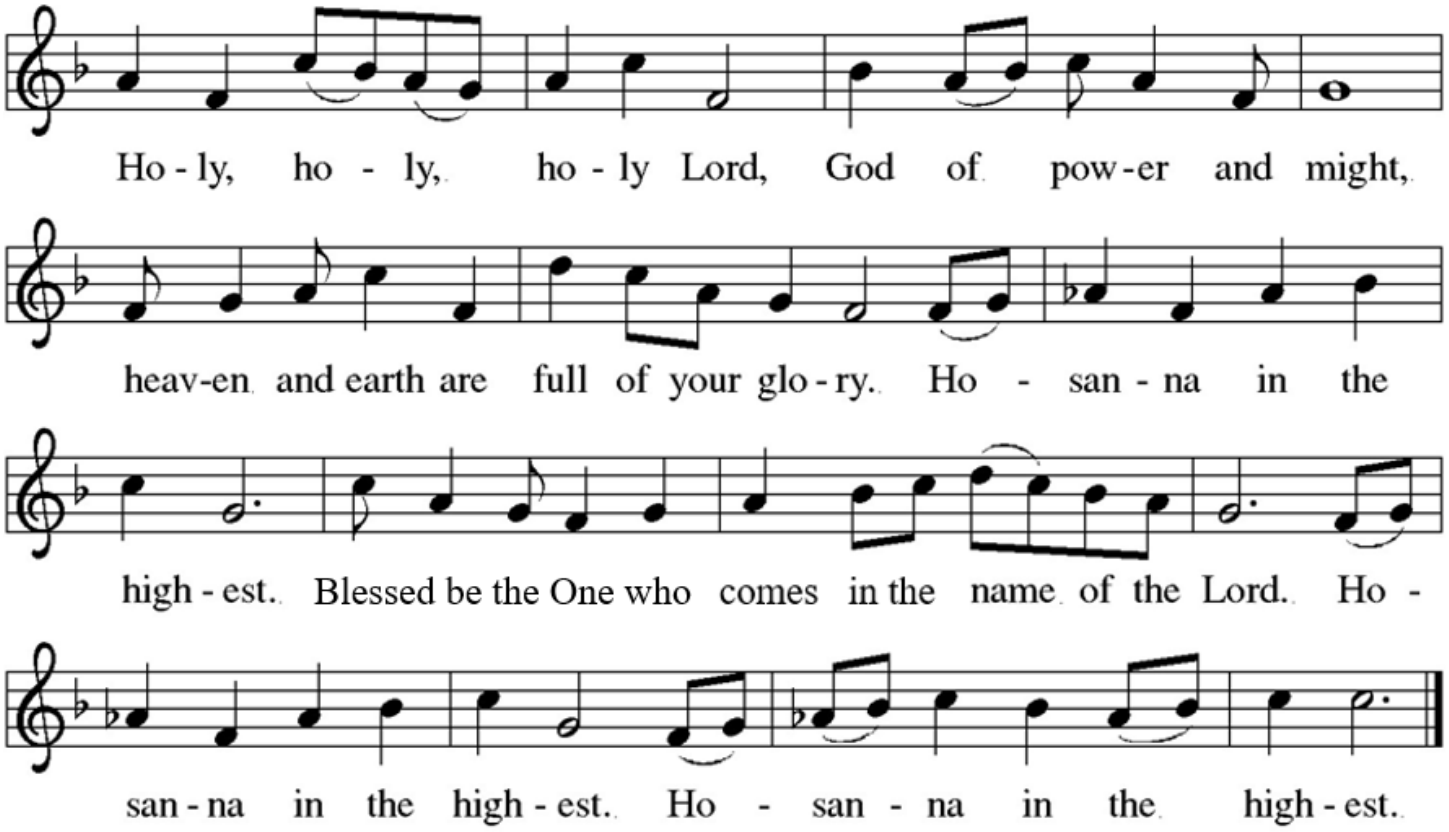
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

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

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,

and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

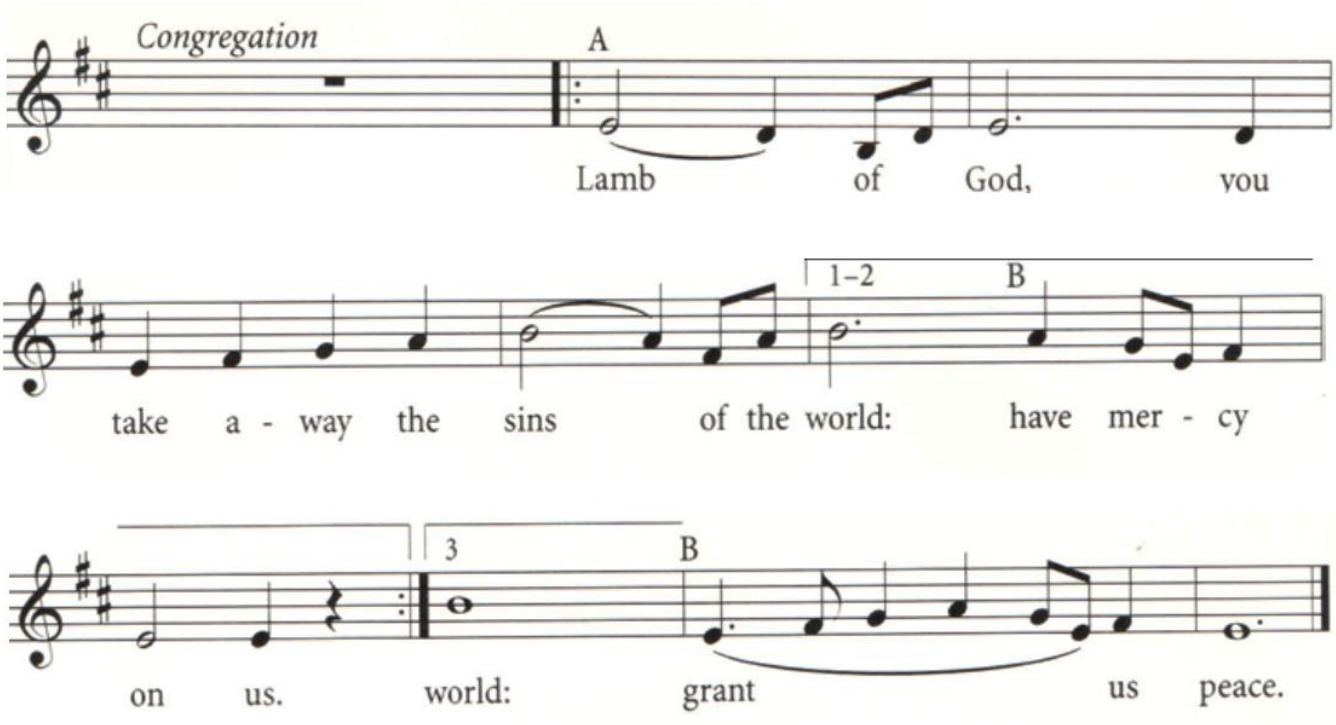
Invitation to communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus invites you to this table. Come, eat and live!
Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymns:

Lamb of God



Confitemini Domino # 402 (Blue)

Blest Are the Pure in heart # 439 (Blue)

O God of Every Nation # 713 (Red)

Table Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

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

Announcements

Sending Responses

From the rising of the sun until its setting;
God of peace, God of justice, God of infinite mercy – remember your people.

From the bleakness of war to the lavish warmth of peace;
God of peace, God of justice, God of infinite mercy – remember your people.

From the pain of the present moment to the peace of eternity;
God of peace, God of justice, God of infinite mercy – remember your people.

May God bless us and the peoples with whom we share our planet.
Blessed be the holy Trinity, + **one God, our light and our salvation. Amen**

Sending Hymn – **When Our Song Says Peace**
 # 709 (Red)

Dismissal

Go forth in peace, remembering the fallen, honouring all who serve, and working for justice and peace in the world.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude – Apostle of the Word, arr. Stanley Vann

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Anne Stuart	Penny Richards
Servers	Laura B Mann Julianna Stephens	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze
Reader	Deborah Szymanski-Potts	Kate Stuttaford
Greeters	Carole Mozuraitis	Kate Stuttaford
Ushers	Michele Altermann Norm Frid	Michele Altermann Norm Frid
AV booth	John Szymanski Brian Janzen	John Szymanski
Altar Guild	Judy Rogers Marg Archer	Judy Rogers Marg Archer
Counters	Suzanne Worthen Deborah Szymanski Potts	Christine Morrison Luara B Mann
Flowers		
Coffee Hour		ECM Potluck lunch

We pray for:
ACC The Principal, faculty, students, and staff of the Vancouver School of Theology
ELCIC The Principal-Dean, faculty, students, and staff of Martin Luther University College
MOR Remembering November 13 – 1741 – this day is celebrated in the wider church as the Festival of Christ the Chief Elder. It took two months for news of the September 16 decision to be communicated to the churches around the globe.
TOGETHER For those who have died in war and for renewed commitment to work for peace



Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact the church office. Greeters are needed for December. *Thank you.*

Church Office: Please note the Office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday this week as Michele participates in Synod Committee work.

The Guelph Seminar**:** On Tuesday **November 10th at 7 pm** in the Arboretum, broadcaster, author and spiritual director Ralph Benmergui will speak on the theme *From Ageing to Sageing: On Growing Older, On Purpose.* Tickets are $20 at the door.

Parish Pot-Luck Lunch**: November 15** is Ecumenical Campus Ministry Sunday when we welcome Andrew Hyde, the ECM chaplain, to our services as preacher. There will be a pot-luck lunch after the 10 am service, at which Andrew will highlight some of the ECM activities, and there will be Q&A. *Please join us!*



Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **Sunday, November 22, 2026.** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

Award presentation: Our very own John Szymanski has been awarded the Order of Niagara for his longtime faithful labours in the church. The Order will be presented during a service at Christ's Church Cathedral, 252 James St. N, in Hamilton on **Sunday November 22nd at 4 pm.** Please come and celebrate with John and his family!

Chili After Church and Talent Show: After the 10 am service on **Sunday**, **November 29th**, chili will be served downstairs in Rose Head Hall. A talent show will follow. Please sign up in the narthex, if you are attending and if you are contributing to the meal or the talent show. A Free Will Offering will be collected to contribute towards the enhancement of the outside gardens. P.S. There will be birthday cake for Ella 's actual birthday.



Decorating the church: Altar Guild invites you to help decorate the church for Christmas on **Saturday December 5, at 9:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome, not just members of Altar Guild!





Lessons and Carols: Advent is coming! Mark Sunday **December 6, at 7:00 p.m.** on your calendar to join us for an evening of word and music of the season! Refreshments will be served.

Mary Guse Giving Tree: Please pick up tags from the tree and return the unwrapped gift(s) under the tree with the coloured paper from the organization attached to each item. **The last Sunday for bringing gifts will be November 29.** ***Thank you***





Chalmers gift bags: It's that time of year again! This year there are three different ways you can help. The last drop off for items at church is **November 29.**

Option #1 Gift bag contents:

- Regular size shampoo
- Toothpaste and dental floss
- Single toothbrush in its packaging
- One bar of soap, preferably unscented
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream
- Package of 5-10 disposable razors
- Boxed candy or boxed chocolate (not homemade and not Halloween candy)
- Small jar of instant coffee or tin/box of hot chocolate (no coffee pods)
- A jar of peanut butter
- One pair of warm gloves (gender-neutral)

Option #2 Purchase a number of one item to go into the bags that will be put together on site.

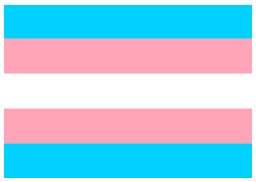
Option #3 No time to shop? Consider making a donation at chalmerscentre.ca of $60.00 towards the purchase of all of the items. Charitable receipts will be issued for your donation.

Lists are available in the narthex

Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — for November we need: **45 bottles of cooking oil and school snacks.** We are also very low on rice and lentils.
We do not need any plastic bread tabs. **We need reuseable grocery bags again.** Thank you.

What is Transgender Awareness Week?

Transgender Awareness Week is a week when transgender people and their allies take action to bring attention to the trans community by educating the public about who transgender people are, sharing stories and experiences, and advancing advocacy around issues of prejudice, discrimination, and violence that affect the transgender community. Trans Awareness Week takes place the week before Transgender Day of Remembrance on November 20 which honours the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence that year.



Hi Everyone:

Thank you for being part of Socktober this year! The kindness and generosity of your community, through hosting collection boxes and donating socks, made a real difference.

I am very happy to report that we exceeded our goal of 5,000 pairs by collecting 5,150 pairs of socks (and counting!) this Socktober!

One particularly nice and unexpected development was discovering, toward the end of the month, that several additional locations had been collecting socks without our even knowing about it. We were also thrilled by the incredible response from some locations, especially GCVI, which collected far more socks than we had anticipated.

Your time, effort, and generosity have made a real difference. Thanks to all of you, many people in our community will have warm, dry feet this winter.

Regards,



John Dennis
Helper Bees Coordinator
Church of the Apostles

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders Fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.
– John McCrae



LOOKING AHEAD: November 9 — 15

Wednesday 11	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
Thursday 12	1:00 p.m.	Chi Rho Fellowship Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Saturday 14	12:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Rental Nave
	12:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Rental Rose Head Hall
Sunday 15	8:30 a.m.	Pentecost 25 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Pentecost 25 Holy Communion—Nave

Organist
Peter West

Staff
Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours
Thursday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.