

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
Thanksgiving Sunday



October 12, 2025
10:30 am

“Gratitude goes beyond the ‘mine’ and ‘thine’ and claims the truth
that all of life is a pure gift.”

- Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Life of the Beloved* (1992), p. 61

Note: We are a Scent Free Facility for the health and comfort of those with allergies. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.

We ask visitors to introduce themselves and to join us
for social hour after the service.

Kids Church is offered during the 10:30 am service.

The children will leave for age appropriate activities part way through.

Children are also welcome to stay at the activity table.

Welcome, Introduction & Invitation to Stillness

Presider We acknowledge with gratitude that we live and worship on
the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the
kʷikʷəłəm (Kwikwetlem) First Nation, shared historically
with the q̓ic̓əy̓ (Katzie) and other Coast Salish Peoples.

We give thanks for their care of the land, waters and
creatures through the generations,
and we commit ourselves to walk gently upon this earth
and to live as good neighbours.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the God of all gifts.

All And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Presider Every good and perfect gift comes from above.

All We give thanks with grateful hearts.

Presider All we are and all we have is a gift.

All We offer ourselves to God's service.

Gathering Hymn - *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* (OCP 156)



1. Come, ye thank - ful peo - ple, come, Raise the song of
 2. All the world is God's own field, Fruit un - to his
 3. For the Lord our God shall come, And shall take his
 4. E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come To your fi - nal

1. har - vest - home: All is safe - ly gath - ered in, Ere the
 2. praise to yield; Wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, Un - to
 3. har - vest home; From his field shall in that day All of -
 4. har - vest - home; Gath - er all your peo - ple in, Free from

1. win - ter storms be - gin; God, our Mak - er, does pro - vide
 2. joy or sor - row grown; First the blade, and then the ear,
 3. fens - es purge a - way; Give his an - gels charge at last
 4. sor - row, free from sin; There, for ev - er pu - ri - fied,

1. For our wants to be sup - plied; Come to God's own
 2. Then the full corn shall ap - pear: Grant, O har - vest
 3. In the fire the tares to cast, But the fruit - ful
 4. In your pres - ence to a - bide: Come, with all your

1. tem - ple, come, Raise the song of har - vest - home.
 2. Lord, that we Whole - some grain and pure may be.
 3. ears to store In his gar - ner ev - er - more.
 4. an - gels, come, Raise the glo - rious har - vest - home.

Text: 77 77 D; Henry Alford, 1810–1871, alt. Music: George J. Elvey, 1816–1893.

Presider God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider Let us pray,
 Faithful God,

All you have called us by name and gathered us here.

You see us as we are and love us still.

Lift our burdens, open our hearts,

**and make us ready to worship you with joy and hope,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Collect of the Day *(the special prayer which 'collects' the theme of the day)*

Presider God of abundance,
in your goodness, the earth yields its harvest.
Make us thankful for your gifts,
generous in sharing with others,
and faithful in caring for the earth,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria - *Glory to God - Mass of Renewal*

Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people of good will

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us
For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father
Amen, Amen

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Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes
to us through the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

All Our hearts and minds are open.

First Reading - *Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm - *Psalm 66*



1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth!
O sing to the glory of his name!
O render him glorious praise,
say to God: "How tremendous your deeds." **Refrain**
2. Before you all the earth shall bow,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God!
Tremendous his deeds among men! **Refrain**
3. He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him—
he rules evermore by his might! **Refrain**
4. Come and hear,
all who fear God,
I will tell what he did for my soul:
to him I cried aloud,
with high praise ready on my tongue! **Refrain**

Second Reading - *2 Timothy 2:8-15*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying

All **Thanks be to God**

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Reading

Gospel Acclamation



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Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel – *Luke 17:11-19*

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Rev. Philip Cochrane

Affirming Our Faith

Presider Together, we declare the faith that holds us
and the hope that leads us.

**All We believe in God, the Source of Life,
by whom every being in heaven and earth
is created, named, and sustained.**

**We believe in God, the Living Word,
who restores us to relationship
and speaks to us through faith.**

**We believe in God, the Holy Spirit,
who comforts, guides, and strengthens us
to share the good news of grace.**

**We believe in God,
one, holy, undivided Trinity:
Source of Life, Living Word, Comforter: Mystery. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession & Absolution

Presider Christ calls us to live in faith, hope and love,
yet we have not always lived as people of God's story -
hoarding what was meant to be shared
and neglecting to live with gratitude and generosity.
Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sins
in faith and hope.

We keep a moment of quiet for reflection

Presider God of all mercy,
**All we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have
done, and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our
Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all
goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in
eternal life. **Amen.**¹

Sharing of the Peace

Presider The peace of Christ is God's gift -
reconciling us to one another
and opening our lives to generosity.
Let us share that peace with one another.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

The Peace is shared in the community, respecting personal boundaries

Offertory

*In gratitude for all we've received, we offer of ourselves back to God.
Bread, wine, and money symbolize the fruits of our labour. If you give through
Pre-Authorized Donations or e-transfer (**office@saintlaurence.ca**), you're
welcome to use a blue card to represent your offering to the glory of God.*

Offertory Hymn - *For the Fruit of all Creation (NCH 425)*

1. For the fruit of all creation
Thanks be to God
For God's gift to every nation
Thanks be to God
For the plowing, sowing, reaping
Silent growth while we are sleeping
Future needs in earth's safekeeping
Thanks be to God.
2. In the just reward of labor
God's will is done
In the help we give our neighbor
God's will is done
In our world-wide task of caring
For the hungry and despairing
In the harvests we are sharing
God's will is done
3. For the harvests of the Spirit
Thanks be to God
For the good we all inherit
Thanks be to God
For the wonders that astound us
For the truths that still confound us
Most of all that love, has found us
Thanks be to God

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Giver of every good gift,
All **accept the offerings we bring – bread and wine,
the fruits of the earth, and the labour of our hands.
Bless them for your service and use them
for the good of the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebration of our Sacred Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God is with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

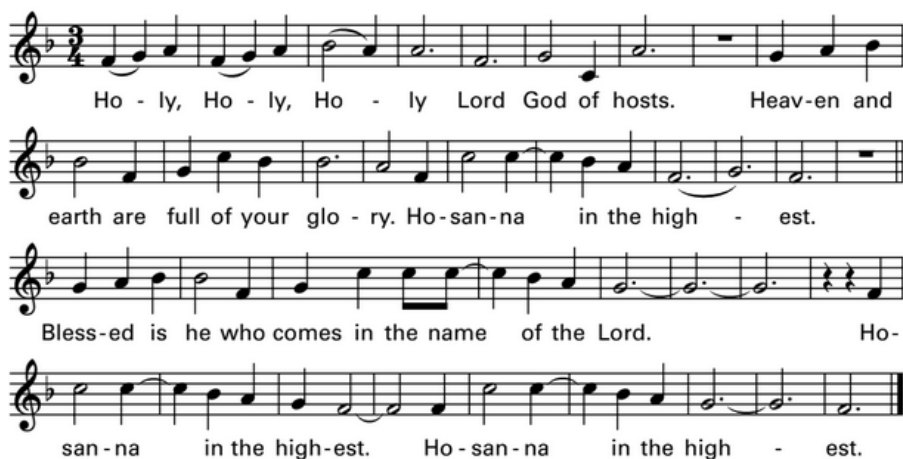
All We give our thanks and praise.

Presider Creator, you made our world - beautiful and good.
You made us to live in right relationship with you
and all creation. You sent Jesus to live among us
and show us what you are like.

We give all thanks and praise to you, our true
and loving God. You laid the foundations of the earth
and enclosed the seas. You brought forth all creatures
and gave breath to humankind.
Wondrous are you, Holy One.

All you create is a sign of hope for our journey.
And so, we join with the heavenly beings
and all of creation as we sing:

Sanctus - *Holy - Mass of Renewal*



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en 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. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Presider Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all,
your Word has never been silent.

Of your grace, you sent Jesus to be human,
to share our life,
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign,
and to give himself for us.

Through Jesus Christ you have reconciled us to you
and restored the glory you intended for us.

Presider On the night before he died, Jesus ate supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

*“Take and eat. This is my very self given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

Then he took the cup of wine, again he gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying:

*“Drink it all of you. This cup is a new covenant
poured out for you and all people.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”*

And so, we remember: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, and, longing for Christ’s coming again in glory, we present these gifts to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, so that we who share this bread and wine may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Draw us together in Christ, and, in the fullness of time, gather us with all your people into the joy of your eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator and give you our unending praise. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be
thy name; thy king-dom come; thy will be done on
earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread; and for-give us as we for-give
oth - ers; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom and the pow - er and the
glo - ry are yours for - ev - er. A - men.

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The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Presider We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

Lamb of God



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The Invitation

Presider This is Christ's table, where all are welcome.
Come - not because you must,
but because God longs to feed you with grace,
to refresh you with living water, and to send you out in love.

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

The Distribution

At St. Laurence, everyone is invited to the table. You may receive only the bread or both bread and wine. Non-fermented grape juice is available in the ceramic chalice, and gluten-free wafers are offered—just ask at the distribution. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest.

Communion Hymn - *In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful* (BG 396)



In the Lord I'll be ev - er thank - ful, in the
El Se - nyor és la me - va for - ça, el Se -



Lord I will re - joice! Look to God, do not be a -
nyor el me - u cant. Ell m hq es - tat la sal - va - ci -



fraid. Lift up your voic - es, the Lord is
ó. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc



near; lift up your voic - es, the Lord is near.
por. En ell con - fi - o i no tinc por.

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Communion Hymn - *Remain in Me*

Refrain

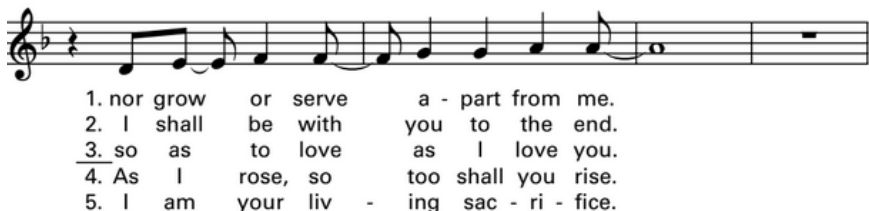


Re-main in me, I am the vine. Re-main in me;
 you shall have life. You are the branch - es: bear
 fruit for all to see. I am the vine, re-main in me.

Verses



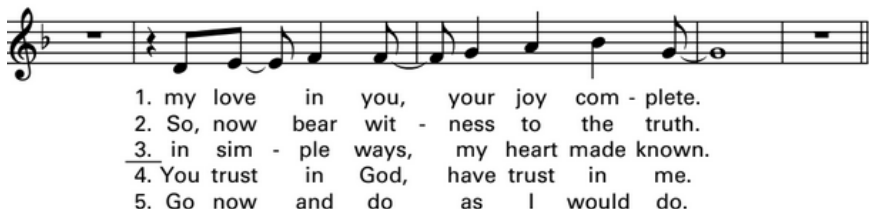
1. No branch can live with - out the tree,
 2. No long - er slaves, I call you friends.
 3. As I have done so you should do,
 4. As I died, so too shall you die.
 5. I am the way, the truth, the life.



1. nor grow or serve a - part from me.
 2. I shall be with you to the end.
 3. so as to love as I love you.
 4. As I rose, so too shall you rise.
 5. I am your liv - ing sac - ri - fice.



1. This I have told you that you may see
 2. Keep my com-mand - ments; I dwell in you.
 3. For in your wit - ness, my love is shown;
 4. Do not be trou - bled: your eyes have seen.
 5. I of - fer free - ly my life for you.



1. my love in you, your joy com - plete.
 2. So, now bear wit - ness to the truth.
 3. in sim - ple ways, my heart made known.
 4. You trust in God, have trust in me.
 5. Go now and do as I would do.

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Moment of Silence

Take a moment to be still and know God. Let the world's noise fade as you listen for the deep stillness beneath it all. The silence begins and ends with the ringing of a bell.

Prayer after Communion

Presider God of abundance,
All **you have fed us with the bread of life.
Keep us faithful in thanksgiving,
generous in giving, and joyful in service,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Presider Glory to God,
All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Presider May the Creator of every good gift bless you.
May Christ, the living Word,
guide you in faithfulness and love.
May the Holy Spirit fill you with gratitude and generosity,
this day and always.
And the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity,
one God, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - *Let All Things Now Living* (OCP 319)



1. Let all things now liv - ing A song of thanks - giv - ing
2. His law he en - forc - es, The stars in their cours - es,



To God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
The sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine,



Who fash - ioned and made us, Pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
The hills and the moun - tains, The riv - ers and foun - tains,



By guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
The depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, Pure light goes be - fore us,
We, too, should be voic - ing Our love and re - joic - ing



A pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
With glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise:



Till shad - ows have van - ished And dark - ness is ban - ished,
Till all things now liv - ing U - nite in thanks - giv - ing,



As for - ward we trav - el from light in - to Light.
To God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise.

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Minister Go in peace to cherish Creation,
loving and serving the Creator.

All Thanks be to God.

The flowers on the altar are offered
to the glory of God and in gratitude
for the life of Laura Jean Hill
(October 18, 1972 - October 24, 1972).



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NEWS & NOTES

Wednesday Morning Service - 9:00 am

This service is a Bible Study and Communion all rolled into one. A great way to begin your day!

Book Club

The Book Club meets from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Lounge at the church.

Next Meeting - October 14, 2025

New members are always welcome!

Book Club selections for 2025 are available on the website



Senior Men's Lunch

Next date: Thursday, October 16, 2025

11:30 - 1:00 pm

The senior men meet once a month at
Ricky's Country Restaurant,
100 Schoolhouse Street
for good food and conversation.



In order for the restaurant to know how many to expect for the lunch, please contact Bruce Middleton, or the church office @ 604-936-5423 or office@saintlaurence.ca if you are planning on attending.



Phoenix Friends

Tuesday, October 21, 2025

1:30 - 3:00 pm

at St. Laurence Church

ALL WOMEN are welcome.

Come join us for a fun and meaningful time of fellowship and friendship.

Notices at a Glance

- Office Closed: Mon Oct 13 – Thanksgiving.
- Interment: Henry & Jill Hightower – Sun ≈ 12:30 PM (Sanctuary & Memorial Garden).
- Thanksgiving Appeal: Gifts matched \$1-for-\$1 through October.
- Celebration: Happy 90th Birthday to Bernie Poitras this Saturday!



- Life Services: Louise Grant – Sat Oct 18 1 PM
Derek Walmsley – Tues Oct 28 1 PM.
- All Saints / All Souls – Sun Nov 2: 9 AM & 10:30 AM (Baptism & All Ages)
6 PM (All Souls Remembrance).
- Welcome (Newcomers) Lunches: Oct 26 & Feb 1 (after 10:30 AM service) – all welcome; RSVP to Curt.
- Reports: Listening Forward Reports available (Office / online).
- Volunteer Guide: New 'Your Gift Matters' Directory coming soon.

Help Needed: Contact Curt to volunteer for the Quality Fair.

Quality Fair

Saturday, November 22 10:00 - 3:00.

The Quality Fair has been a very successful fundraiser and community event over the years. There are many ways to be involved:

VOLUNTEER

We have lots of tasks big and small in the days leading up to the fair and on the day. If you have a little time or a lot, we have a task for you.

FAIR SETUP

We will need several volunteers on Sunday, Nov 16th 5:30-7:00 to arrange tables in the hall for the fair.

BAKE TABLE

The bake table is always popular.

We need pies, cookies, breads, muffins whatever is your specialty. We also are looking for jams, jellies, pickles (prepared 2025).

Questions - please speak to Pat Sharpe.

COLLECTIBLES

Donations will be accepted on the following Sundays:
Nov 2nd, Nov 9th and Nov 16th

What is a collectible? Please see the list on the back.

QUALITY FAIR CAFE

We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the kitchen on Nov 22nd.

The food is provided.

We will be selling soup, hot dogs, cookies, coffee, tea and pop.

Questions - please contact the church office

A COLLECTIBLE is ...

Something you no longer want, but someone else may enjoy
(i.e. clean and in working order)

SUITABLE ITEMS:

Jewelry
Glassware
Dish Sets
Silverware, brassware
China
Small appliances
Books (no yellowed, torn, dusty bent pages)
Toys
Puzzles and Games
CD's/DVD's
Placemats, tablecloths
Ornaments
Wallets, Purses
Pictures
Clocks
Tools (small)
Plasticware, Kitchenware
Coin Collections, Sports Cards

NOT SUITABLE:

NO Glassware or China with chips or cracks
Clothing or Shoes
Sports Equipment
Furniture
Bed Linens
Large Appliances
Luggage
Rugs
Dried flowers, used candles
Encyclopedias, school textbooks, magazines
Computers and parts
Telephones, answering machines
Used travel mugs and water bottles
Large garden tools

Thanksgiving Observance

Count your blessings instead of your crosses;
Count your gains instead of your losses.
Count your joys instead of your woes;
Count your friends instead of your foes.
Count your smiles instead of your tears;
Count your courage instead of your fears.
Count your full years instead of your lean;
Count your kind deeds instead of your mean.
Count your health instead of your wealth;
Count on God instead of yourself.

