

FIFTH SUNDAY SEASON OF CREATION

Blessing of the Animals - St. Francis of Assisi



October 4, 2026

10:30 am

"Praised be You, my Lord, through Sister Water,
who is very useful and humble and precious and chaste."

Francis of Assisi, The Canticle of the Creatures

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,
visitors are especially welcome and hope
you will introduce yourselves to one of the
team after the service.

The Presider welcomes the congregation

Invitation to Silence

Presider Let us be still and know that God is here.

A brief silence is kept.

Welcome and Territorial Acknowledgement

Presider St Laurence Anglican Church is located on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the k^{wik}wə^łəm (Kwkwetlem) First Nation, shared historically with the q̓içəy̓ (Katzie) and other Coast Salish Peoples. We thank the Kwkwetlem people, who continue to live on these lands and care for them, along with the waters and all that is above and below.

Opening Acclamation

Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

All And also with you.

Thanksgiving for Our New Piano

Presider For wood and wire, and the work of human hands,

All we give you thanks, O God.

Presider For those who gave in memory of someone they love,

All we give you thanks, O God.

Presider For those who gave quietly, known only to you,

All we give you thanks, O God.

Presider For those who gave for the love of music,
All we give you thanks, O God.

Presider We receive this piano for your praise.
May it carry our songs in gladness and in grief,
and join the song of all creation.

All Amen.

Gathering Hymn - *All Creatures of Our God and King (OCP 38)*

1. All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voices let us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beam
Soft silver moon that gently gleams
O praise him! O praise him.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia
3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear
Make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia! Alleluia!
Fire so intense and fiercely bright
Who gives to us both warmth and light
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia
4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfolds your blessings on our way
O praise him! Alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow
Let them his glory also show
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia
7. Let all things their Creator bless
And worship him in humbleness
O praise him! Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, Three in One
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia

Collect of the Day

Presider God of all creation,
you have given us a world to share
with creatures of every kind.
As we ask your blessing on the animals in our homes,
teach us to care for all that you have made
and to bear the fruit of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering of Children

Children of elementary school age are invited to come forward with their leaders for prayer before they go to Kids Church, and will rejoin us in time for Communion. Younger children, and any who would rather stay, are welcome in the service, where activities are available at the table at the rear of the sanctuary. A nursery is also available for younger children.

Presider Loving God,
**All be near to those who go,
be near to those who stay,
and bring us all together again at your table. Amen.**

Gloria - *Glory to God - Mass of a Joyful Heart* - see insert

Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Presider Let us open ourselves to the Word of God
spoken in scripture and among us.

All Our hearts and minds are open.

First Reading - *Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm - *Psalm 19*



1. The law of the LORD is perfect,
refreshing the soul.
The decree of the LORD is trustworthy,
giving wisdom to the simple.
2. The precepts of the LORD are right,
rejoicing the heart;
the command of the LORD is clear,
enlightening the eye.
3. The fear of the LORD is pure,
enduring forever;
the statutes of the LORD are true,
all of them just.
4. They are more precious than gold,
than a heap of purest gold;
sweeter also than syrup
or honey from the comb.
5. Let the words of my mouth
and the thought of my heart
find favor before you, O LORD,
my rock and my redeemer.

Second Reading - *Philippians 3:4b-14*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Reading

Gospel Acclamation - *Mass of a Joyful Heart*



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Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Matthew.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel - *Matthew 21:33-46*

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily - *Rev. Philip Cochrane*

Affirming Our Faith

Presider With the Church in every time and place, and with all whose faith is still finding its voice, let us affirm our faith.

**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, and undivided Trinity:
Source of Life, Living Word,
Comforter, Mystery. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Presider God's welcome is wider than anything we have done,
and reaches even the places we have given up on.
Trusting that welcome,
let us confess what we have done and left undone,
and turn again to the God who makes all things live.

A moment of quiet is kept.

Presider Creator,
**All out of your abundant love
all things live and move and have their being.
We confess that we have turned away from you
and from your image in our neighbours.
We have neglected the creatures that surround us,
the water that renews us,
and the earth that nourishes us.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us
that we might hear the song of your creation once again
and see your love in all living things.**

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.

Sharing of the Peace

Presider Christ binds us together in love.
The peace of Christ be always with you.
All And also with you.

The Peace is shared in the community, respecting personal boundaries.

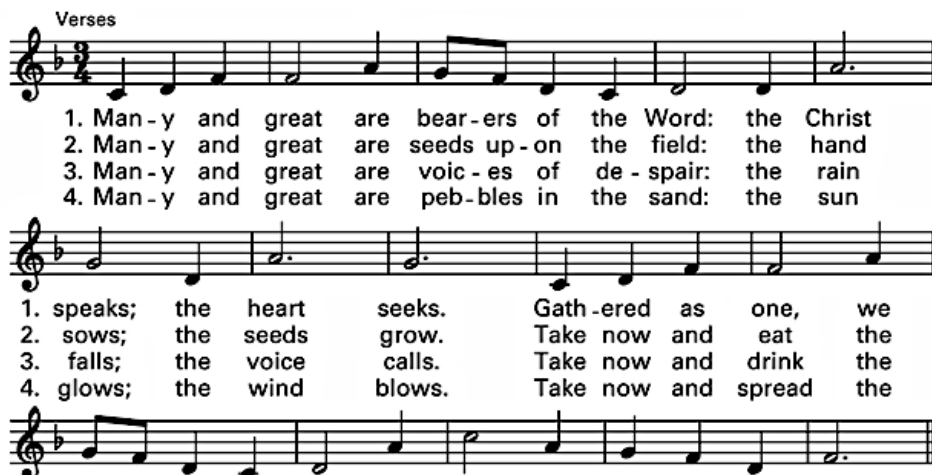
Offertory

*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 - *Many and Great* (OCP 353)

Verses

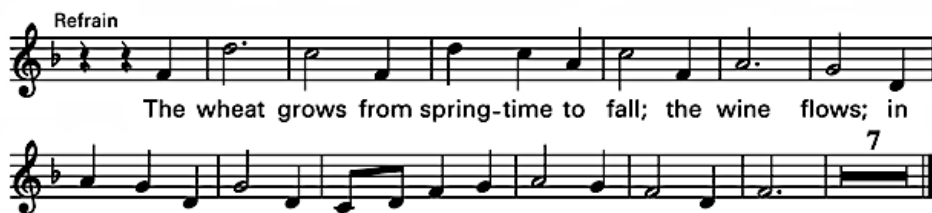


1. Man - y and great are bear - ers of the Word: the Christ
2. Man - y and great are seeds up - on the field: the hand
3. Man - y and great are voic - es of de - spair: the rain
4. Man - y and great are peb - bles in the sand: the sun

1. speaks; the heart seeks. Gath - ered as one, we
2. sows; the seeds grow. Take now and eat the
3. falls; the voice calls. Take now and drink the
4. glows; the wind blows. Take now and spread the

1. lis - ten to the Word and share the meal of new birth.
2. cov - e - nant ful - filled, the bread of prom - ise and life.
3. wine of hope and care; our cup of bless - ing we share.
4. Word to ev - 'ry land, the Word of good - ness and hope.

Refrain



The wheat grows from spring-time to fall; the wine flows; in

Christ we re - call the shar - ing of our lives with one and all.

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Dakota hymn, Wakantanka taku nitawa; attributed to Joseph R. Renville.

Prayer over the Gifts

Prisider Faithful God,

All everything we have comes from you.
Receive these gifts and, by your Spirit,
make them holy, that they may nourish us
for your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebration of our Sacred Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider May God be with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

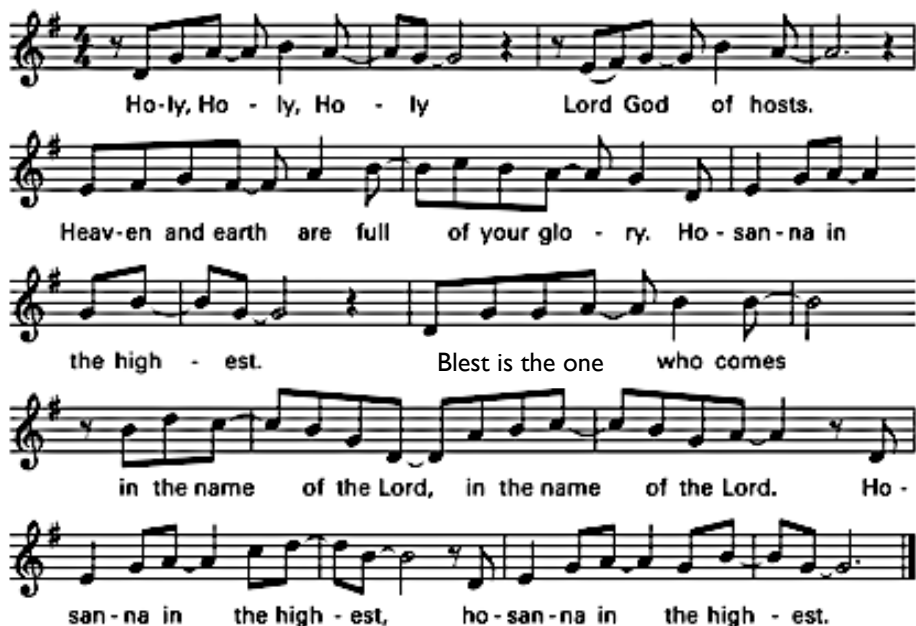
All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is right at all times and in all places
to thank and praise you, Creator of all.
We praise you here on Coast Salish lands and waters,
in the Coquitlam River watershed
and near Port Moody Inlet,
where city and forest,
creek and industry,
homes and wild places are side by side.
We praise you at a time
when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation.
Our ancestors journeyed with you
in creation and migration.
They depended on the land,
were displaced from the land
and displaced others from their lands.
They knew you in tents and cities,
on mountains and by wells,
in families and in dreams,
and through wilderness prophets
who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors,
 orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar,
 we join our voices with all creation
 in this ancient honour song:

Sanctus - Holy - Mass of a Joyful Heart



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. Blest is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord, 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 We give thanks to you for Jesus,
 whose first bed was a feed trough.
 He was baptized into the Jordan,
 tested in the wilderness;
 he travelled in fishing boats
 and told parables of farmers and seeds,
 labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died,
Jesus took bread, food of the poor,
the work of field and hearth;
he gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his friends, saying:

*Take and eat, this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.*

Again after supper he took the cup of wine,
fruit of the land;
gave thanks and gave it to his friends, saying:

*This is my blood, which is shed for you.
When you do this, do it in memory of me.*

Remembering Jesus' life, death, and resurrection,
and awaiting his coming kingdom,
we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts
so that we know Jesus in them
and are gathered together with everyone
who shares this sacred meal
of justice and community.
Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus,
that we may strive for justice and peace,
respect the dignity of every human being,
and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with Laurence and all your saints
to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily,
child and beggar,
which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours,
Creator, Christ, and Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer - *Our Father* (OCP 1)

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 our tres - pass - es, as
we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us; and
lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er
us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er and the
glo - ry are yours, for the yours now and for ev -
er, for ev - er, for ev - er. A - men.

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The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Presider The Spirit draws us together
in the breaking of the bread.

All Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God - *Mass of a Joyful Heart*



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The Invitation

Presider This is the table of God's grace. All are welcome here.
Come as you are.

The gifts of God for you, 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 available; just ask at the distribution. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest.

Before or after receiving Communion, you are welcome to light a candle in prayer on the left side of the sanctuary, remembering a person or intention.

Prayer ministers are also available on the right side of the sanctuary if you would like someone to pray with you.

Communion Hymn - *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (MV 30)*

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

2. It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover
the bumblebees hum along
It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
the summer breeze joins the song.
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

4. It's the chorus of all creation,
it's sung by all living things
It's the chorus of all creation,
a song the universe sings
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

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Communion Hymn - *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* (OCP 442)



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,
Where there's de-spair in
It is in par-don-



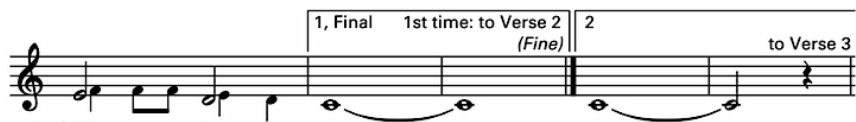
1. let me bring your love. _____
2. life, let me bring hope. _____
4. ing that we are par-doned, _____

Where there is in - ju -
Where there is dark-ness _
In giv-ing of our -



1. ry, your par-don, Lord,
2. _____ on - ly light,
4. selves that we re - ceive,

And where there's doubt, true
And where there's sad - ness
And in dy - ing that we're



1. faith in you.
2. ev - er
4. born to e - ter - nal life.

2. joy.



3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



3. soled, as to con-sole, To be un-der-stood, as to un-der-



3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul.

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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 Generous God,

All you have fed us at this table.

**Send us from it ready to welcome, ready to serve,
ready to offer what we have. Through Jesus Christ,
who gave himself for us all. 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 of the Animals

Presider Some of you have brought your animals with you.
Some of you are holding a photograph.
Some are joining us online, now or later,
with an animal close by,
and some are far from home,
holding an animal in your heart.
All of you belong in this blessing.

Presider For creatures of land, water, and sky,
All we give you thanks, O God.

Presider For the animals who share our lives,
near at hand or far away,
for their company, their trust, and their joy,
All we give you thanks, O God.

Presider For the animals we have loved and lost,
All we give you thanks, O God.

Presider For all who care for creatures in need,
in shelters, on farms, and in the wild,
All we give you thanks, O God.

Presider Creator God, bless these your creatures,
those with us here and those we hold in our hearts.
Keep them in health and safety,
and make us faithful in our care of them
and of all that you have made. **Amen.**

Those who wish may bring their animals, or photographs of their animals, forward for an individual blessing. The piano plays.

Blessing

Presider Go now, and let the life you have received
flow through you.
Be a spring for the thirsty,
and a friend to the parched
and forgotten places of the earth.

And the blessing of God,
Source of life, living Word, and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - *Sing Out, Earth and Skies* (BG 337)

verses



1. Come, O God of all the earth: Come to us, O
 2. Come, O God of wind and flame: Fill the earth with
 3. Come, O God of flash-ing light: Twin - kling star and
 4. Come, O God of snow and rain: Show - er down up -
 5. Come, O Jus - tice, Come, O Peace: Come and shape our



Right - eous One; Come, and bring our love to birth:
 right - eous - ness; Teach us all to sing your name:
 burn - ing sun; God of day and God of night:
 on the earth; Come, O God of joy and pain:
 hearts a - new; Come and make op - pres - sion cease:



In the glo - ry of your Son.
 May our lives your love con - fess.
 In your light we all are one.
 God of sor - row, God of mirth.
 Bring us all to life in you.

Refrain



Sing out, earth and skies! Sing of the God who loves you!



Raise your joy-ful cries! Dance to the life a - round you!

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 refrain; Marty Haugen, b.1950 © 1985, GIA Publications, Inc.

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve God.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude - *Mi-a-ou, from the Dolly Suite* (Gabriel Fauré).

Paul and Susan Ohannesian, piano duet.

*The flowers at the Altar are given with heartfelt
thanks for those who lovingly care for all creatures,
great and small*



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NEWS & NOTES

Wednesday Morning Service - 9:00 am

From silence to laughter, scripture to table:

wrestling with faith, in good company.

Join us midweek for Communion, scripture, and honest conversation, a safe space to ask real questions and deepen fellowship. Come and be nourished. Wednesdays at 9:00 am. All welcome.

New Piano | Thank You

Our new piano was made possible by the generosity of many in this parish: some who gave in memory of those they love, some who gave for the love of music, and some known only to God.

Encounter: Come Around the Table

A new Sunday evening gathering begins October 11.

Join us at 5 pm for a free, simple meal and conversation, followed by worship at 6 pm. Donations are appreciated but never expected.

Encounter takes place on the second Sunday of every month at St Laurence Anglican Church, 825 St Laurence Street, Coquitlam. Everyone is welcome. Bring a friend.

Please let us know you are coming for the meal: office@saintlaurence.ca. Your RSVP helps us prepare enough food without waste.

There's a place at the table.

Your Voice on Parish Leadership

St Laurence has been reviewing how we organise our shared ministry: what we do, who is responsible for what, and how we can ask volunteers to serve in ways that are realistic and sustainable today.

A parish working group has prepared proposals and wants your feedback. The proposals will be available in the Members Portal at saintlaurence.ca, and in print at both services, from Sunday, October 11.

Join the consultation on Sunday, October 18: (after the 9 am service in the Rector's office), and after the 10:30 am service in the Sanctuary. Please plan to have a quick coffee, and once finished, join us for the meeting.

Please read the proposals, then come and share your perspective.

Faithful Endings - Death, Grief and Hope

Begins this Wednesday, October 7.

Arising from pastoral care, a four-week series exploring loss, endings, and hope without pretence. Hosted by our Rector, Philip, the series is open to everyone: parishioners, friends, and anyone carrying grief or facing an ending. The tone is conversational.

Wednesdays, October 7, 14, 21, and 28, 10:30 am to noon, at St Laurence Anglican Church.

Come to one session or all four.

Walking the Path of Reconciliation: *The Road Forward*

Following the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, join us and our neighbours at Como Lake United Church for Marie Clements's musical documentary on First Nations activism and the struggle for Indigenous rights.

Thursday, October 15, 7:30 pm, Como Lake United Church, 535 Marmont Street, Coquitlam. Free admission. Everyone welcome.

Alongside Hope | Solar for St Luke's- let's go for 2

Thank you to everyone who walked the Wild Ride and gave. Together we've raised \$1068, enough for more than one solar panel for St Luke's Hospital in the West Bank. One more gift of that size buys a second.

Give through St Laurence by Sunday, October 11, by envelope or e-transfer to office@saintlaurence.ca, marked "Wild Ride."

Sacred Ways

A contemplative spiritual practice group exploring Centering Prayer, Lectio Divina, and other ways of opening ourselves to God.

Next gathering: Friday, October 16, 11 am to 12:15 pm, in the sanctuary. The group meets every other Friday through January.

Registration is required. Please sign up in the Large Narthex or via the office.

Help Make Coffee Time Happen

Coffee time after the 10:30 service is where newcomers are greeted, friendships grow, and we catch up with one another. Could you join a team this autumn?

We need people to:

- make tea and coffee before the service
- bring simple refreshments
- set out cups, milk, and snacks
- welcome people after the service
- help clear up afterwards

We are also looking for one or two people to help lead a team.

Interested? Speak with Sylvia Wallis after the service, or contact office@saintlaurence.ca.

Gathered Together

Gathered Together parish event,
a Chili Cook Off and Pie Contest,
on Saturday, October 24.
Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Come for good food, fellowship, and a little friendly competition. We have booked a square dance caller: Heather Reynolds

Please sign up to let us know you are coming AND to enter your favourite chili and/or pie in the contests. Sign up sheets are on the table in the front narthex.

SUNDAY LUNCH OUT - Today at 12:30 pm
Ricky's Country Restaurant (Schoolhouse)
#300, 100 Schoolhouse Street, Coquitlam
For women of the parish.

Coming up: bridge, games, and *Samson et Dalila* from the Metropolitan Opera, live in HD, Saturday, December 5, 10 am, at Coquitlam Cineplex. Sign-up sheets are in the Large Narthex. Joan Caldwell can answer questions.

Meet Someone New in the Pews

A new Parishioner Profile is up in the Members Portal at saintlaurence.ca. Forgotten the password?
The office will send it: office@saintlaurence.ca.

Memorial Service

A Memorial Service for Ken Thomson will be held at
St. Laurence Anglican Church
on Saturday, October 17th at 1:00 pm
All are welcome to join in celebrating Ken's life.

Senior Men's Lunch

Next date: Thursday, October 15, 2026
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.