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Pentecost XI

August 24, 2025 BAS – 9am

Announcements

Processional Hymn: CP # 281 'Who Are These Like Stars Appearing'

The Gathering of the Community

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

A: **And also with you.**

C: Almighty God,

A: **to you all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from you no secrets are hidden.**

Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthy magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise, almighty God and Father
Blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
The sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin,
Have mercy Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned,
Now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit
One in glorious light.

The Collect of the Day

C: Holy One, we bless you with all that is within us as we remember your
benefits to us.
Open our hearts to helping those most in need, that our community and
nation may be rebuilt and restored.

A: **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word **The Readings**

Isaiah 58:9–14

Mary Lynn Forrest

O: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

⁹ Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer;
you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.

¹¹ The LORD will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,
and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.
¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.
¹³ If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the LORD honourable;
if you honour it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the LORD,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

O: The word of the Lord.

A: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 103:1 – 8

Rev Sharla Malliff

The Psalm appointed for today is a selection from Psalm 103.

1 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
6 The Lord executes righteousness *

and judgement for all who are oppressed.

7 He made his ways known to Moses *

and his works to the children of Israel.

8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

Hebrews 12:18 - 29

Catherine Carlson

O: A reading from Paul's letter to the Hebrews.

¹⁸ You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, ¹⁹ and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. ²⁰ (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' ²¹ Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') ²² But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, ²³ and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

²⁵ See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! ²⁶ At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, 'Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.' ²⁷ This phrase 'Yet once more' indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. ²⁸ Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; ²⁹ for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

This is the word of the Lord.

A: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Processional: CP # 344 'From All That Dwell Below the Skies'

C: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

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

A: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. ¹¹ And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, 'Woman, you are set free from your ailment.' ¹³ When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. ¹⁴ But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, 'There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.' ¹⁵ But the Lord answered him and said, 'You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?' ¹⁷ When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

C: The Gospel of Christ.

A: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Response to the Gospel

Homily

Apostle's Creed

C: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

**A: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Coralee Little

O: The flowers in the church today are given in loving memory of Jack's parents Maurice and Margaret Graham and his sister and brother-in-law, Gwen and Ken Connell, by Jack and Marilyn Graham.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

O: For all people in their daily life and work;
A: For our families, friends, and neighbours, and for all those who are alone.

O: For this community, our country, and the world;
A: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

O: For the just and proper use of your creation;
A: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

O: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
A: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

O: For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
A: For all who proclaim the gospel, and all who seek the truth.

O: For Todd, our bishop, and for all bishops and other ministers;
A: For all who serve God in his Church.

O: For our own needs and those of others. (Prayer list)
Hear us, Lord;
A: For your mercy is great.

O: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
We will exalt you, O God our king;

A: And praise your name for ever and ever.

O: We pray for all those who have died in the peace of Christ, (especially ...) and for those whose faith is known to you alone, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.
Lord, let your loving kindness be upon them;

A: Who put their trust in you.

O: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;

A: in your compassion, forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

C: Gracious God, you have heard the prayers of your faithful people; you know our needs before we ask, and our ignorance in asking. Grant our requests as may be best for us. This we ask in the name of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

A: Amen.

The Peace

C: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

A: And also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Preparation of the Gifts

Invitation to the Offering

C: Since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe.

Offer to God the gifts of your life and labor and come into God's courts with praise.

A: Amen.

Offertory Hymn: CP # 330 'Oh Praise Ye the Lord'

The Prayer over the Gifts

C: Lord of the Sabbath, we rejoice in offering you these gifts, that our lives may show forth the wondrous healing of your love in the world.

A: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer III

C: The Lord be with you.

A: And also with you.

C: Lift up your hearts.

A: We lift them up to the Lord.

C: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

C: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;...Therefore, joining our voices with the whole company of heaven, we sing our joyful hymn of praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

C: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, ...Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command

**A: We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

C: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; ...in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

A: Amen.

Our Father in Heaven

Unison

1 Our Fath - er in heav - en, we hal - low your Name! Most
 2 Our dai - ly bread give us, ful - fil ev - ery need; grant
 3 Then, from all temp - ta - tion, come lead us a - way; from

ho - ly and glo - ri - ous, ev - er the same! Es -
 food for both spir - it and bod - y, we plead. As
 on - slaught of e - vil, de - liv - er we pray! For

tab - lish your king - dom, your pur - pose ful - fill. On
 we for - give oth - ers, our debts please for - give; with
 yours is the king - dom, the glo - ry and power in

earth as in heav - en, may all do your will!
 all re - con - ciled and at peace may we live.
 past and in fu - ture, this day and this hour!

The Breaking of the Bread

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

A: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Communion

Administrants:

Catherine Carson, Charlotte Cromarty

Communion Hymns

Prayer after Communion

C: Let us pray.

Eternal God, Grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this Eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit. We ask thus in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

A: Amen.

C: Glory to God,

**A: 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.**

Blessing

C: May God bless your going out and coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

A: Amen.

Recessional Hymn: CP # 329 'Worship the Lord in Beauty and Fullness'

Dismissal

C: Go forth in faith, trusting in the God who heals every infirmity.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Next Week

Proverbs 25: 6-7

Psalms 112

Hebrews 13:1-8. 15-16

Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Last Week's Attendance

Sunday : 9am 59

Givings

On the plate \$1,790 Auto Debit: \$2,589

Capital Project Donations to Date

From March 30th to August 17th a total of \$21,141 has been contributed in donations. Thank you so much for your response so far.

Nelson Cuthbert for the Capital Project Campaign.

Name Tags

If you would like a name tag, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex and the cost is \$13.00.

Sunday Smile

The best things in life aren't things.

Bishop's Friends Dinner

Bishop's Friends Dinner will be held at Renison University College on Saturday, September 27 at 6 pm. Tickets are \$125. For more information see the email announcement or contact the Rev. Barry Ferguson,

barryferguson@diohuron.org.

Altar Guild

Each week we are blessed with flowers for the altar, given by families in memory of loved ones or for special occasions. We have a few empty spots on the flower chart, in the Narthex, for the remainder of the summer. If you would like to contribute the flower arrangements or join with another family to share the cost, please sign up. An altar guild member will be in touch with you.

Thank you

Fall Schedule for Lesson Readers

The September through November Reader's List for both of regular Sunday services, will be prepared in the next few weeks and be in mail folders by the first Sunday in September. If you were on the Reader's list this past year it will be assumed, you wish your participation in the ministry to continue. Please call Cheryl Fox @ 519-579-0684 if you would prefer to have your name taken off the list. If you have not read in the past and would like to be included in this ministry, please call Cheryl by August 25th to discuss expectations and process.

The Season of Creation

Beginning on August 31, we will enter a new liturgical season

This is a time to turn our hearts and minds toward the awe-inspiring world God has entrusted to us. Throughout this season, we will reflect on the beauty of creation, our responsibility to care for it, and how it reveals God's presence among us.

Congregational Workshop facilitated by Credence & Co

The Parish of St. George's is invited to attend a congregational workshop facilitated by Credence & Co. This workshop is designed to strengthen the overall health of the parish and will focus on building skills in conflict resolution and effective communication. The training will support Parish Council Members and Members of the Congregation, fostering healthy communication and collaboration for the ongoing well-being of the parish community. On September 20, the parish will meet 10am - noon followed by lunch and the council will continue to meet from 1pm - 3pm.

Back to Routine – September 7

On Sunday, September 7, we return to our regular rhythm with two worship services each Sunday. As part of marking this new season, we will also hold a Blessing of the Backpacks, Briefcases, and Laptop Bags during the service.

Everyone heading back to school or work is invited to bring their bags as we offer a special blessing for the year ahead. A reminder that God goes with us into every classroom, office, and workspace.

St. Andrew's Cupboard

Thank-you all so much for your amazing donations to St. Andrew's Cupboard this week 💖 Decon Kay was amazed at your generosity!

They get more phone calls asking for their help. They try as best they can to help as many as possible! They appreciate everything we are able to donate but a few things mentioned this week were juice boxes: canned vegetables and always pasta.

THANK-YOU ALL SO MUCH 💖

Heather Murphy

On behalf of your Outreach Committee

Mapping Exercise

Please join us Saturday, September 20, 2025, from 10 AM to 2 PM at the Church of the Holy Saviour (33 Allen St E., Waterloo). Step with us onto a giant map in the parish hall and explore your own ancestral journey alongside the many Indigenous nations that have lived - and continue to live - on this land. Together we'll reflect on the interwoven histories and ongoing relationship of Indigenous Nations and settlers. This event is suitable for ages 16 and up, and includes a light lunch. **Please register** at www.tinyurl.com/2025MappingExercise