

St Paul's Anglican Church



September 21, 2025

Pentecost 15 / Creation 3

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10:00 am **Holy Eucharist BAS.**

Prelude: When Mothers of Salem

Processional Hymn: # 393 Immortal, Invisible God

Indigenous Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that this church is situated on the traditional territory of the Mississauga peoples and is covered by the Williams Treaties. We recognize the enduring presence of Indigenous peoples connected to and on this land. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather on this territory, and we commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. Creator, let us be of Good Mind to reconcile ourselves, and to work for justice and reconciliation with the peoples and the land. With thankful and respectful hearts, we pray in Your name, Your Son the Peacemaker and the Sacred Spirit. Amen.

Sentence

Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your son.

The Gathering of the Community (*All stand*)

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

People And also with you.

Celebrant Almighty God,

All to you all hearts are open, all desires 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 worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory to God

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,

All and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. 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.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant Let us pray.

All Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading – Amos 8:4-7

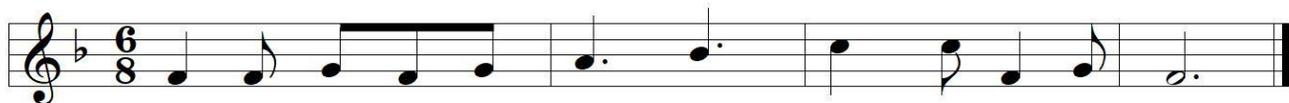
Hear this, you who trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land, saying, “When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain, and the Sabbath, so that we may offer wheat

for sale? We will make the ephah smaller and the shekel heavier and practice deceit with false balances, buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals and selling the sweepings of the wheat.” The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm – 113



Let the name of the Lord be blessed for ev - er - more.

Hallelujah! Give praise, you servants of the Lord; praise the Name of the Lord. Let the Name of the Lord · be blessed, from this time forth for ever-more. **R**

From the rising of the sun to its · going down let the Name of the Lord be praised. The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. **R**

Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high, but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth? He takes up the weak out of the dust and lifts up the poor from the ashes. **R**

He sets them with · the princes, with the princes of his people. He makes the woman of a · childless house to be a joyful mother of children. **R**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Second Reading – 1 Timothy 2:1-7

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in

all godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable before God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all — this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth; I am not lying), a teacher of the gentiles in faith and truth.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn O Love That Wilt not Let Me Go

**1 O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
that in thine ocean depths its flow
may richer, fuller be.**

**2 O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
my heart restores its borrowed ray,
that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
may brighter, fairer be.**

Holy Gospel – Luke 16:1-13

Reader The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

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

People Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Then Jesus said to the disciples, “There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was

squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly, for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much, and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If, then, you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

People Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gradual Hymn O Love That Wilt not Let Me Go

3 O Joy that seekest me through pain,

I cannot close my heart to thee;

I trace the rainbow through the rain,

and feel the promise is not vain,
that morn shall tearless be.

4 O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
and from the ground there blossoms red
life that shall endless be.

Homily Rev. Bonnie Skerritt

The Apostles' Creed

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

All 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

(Let us pray in faith to God our Father, to his Son Jesus Christ, and to the Holy Spirit, saying, "Lord, hear and have mercy.")

For the Church of the living God throughout the world, let us ask the riches of his grace.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all who proclaim the word of truth, let us ask the infinite wisdom of Christ.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all who have consecrated their lives to the kingdom of God, and for all struggling to follow the way of Christ, let us ask the gifts of the Spirit.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For Charles our King, for the Prime Minister of this country, and for all who govern the nations, that they may strive for justice and peace, let us ask the strength of God.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For scholars and research-workers, that their studies may benefit humanity, let us ask the light of the Lord.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

For all who have passed from this life in faith and obedience, let us ask the peace of Christ.

Lord, hear and have mercy.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence

Celebrant Most merciful God,

All we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Offertory Hymn # 520 the King of Love My Shepherd Is

The Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Supplemental 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant Eternal God, Source of all being, we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love. You call us into friendship with you and one another to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us. When we injure others, you confront us in your love and call us to the paths of righteousness. You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone, whom you have always welcomed home, making the first last and the last first.

Therefore, we raise our voices with angels and archangels, evermore praising you and saying.

People Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, O Holy One: when Hagar was driven into the wilderness you followed her and gave her hope. When Joseph was sold into bondage, you turned malice to your people's good. When you called Israel out of slavery, you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land. When your people were taken into exile you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

People Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant At the right time you sent your Anointed One to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed. Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life. Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed, Jesus at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks, and said, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One, recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come. Therefore, we proclaim our hope.

People Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Celebrant Pour out your Spirit on these gifts that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace. We hold before

you all whose lives are marked with suffering, our sisters and our brothers. When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

People Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Celebrant Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O Source of all life, now and for ever,

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

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

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

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the People of God.

People Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer, redeemer of the world,

Postlude: Homeward Bound – Marta Keen

Immediately following the postlude Gail will be available in front of the baptismal font for healing prayer.

The King of Love My Shepherd is – “Many times in my life I’ve been in difficult situations and the 23rd psalm has come to mind. This version of the psalm has always moved my emotions.”

Your favourite hymns: The response to sharing your favourite hymns for our hymn sing was overwhelming! So many hymns were shared, we need to include them in our services over the next several weeks. During that time, our inspirational quotes will come from our parishioner responses to why a hymn is their favourite. All responses will remain anonymous.

Next Week’s Readings

Amos 6:1a, 4-7 Psalm 146
1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31

Announcements

Designated Givings for September will benefit the ***Kairos Jubilee Initiative***. Kairos is a Canadian multi-faith organization that advocates for justice, in all its forms, in the least-developed parts of the world. Based on scripture (Lev. 25), Kairos is promoting the **Jubilee Year of Debt Forgiveness** in places where debt is one more unsustainable burden. Our support shows that we care too.

Introducing “Plentiful Pantry” This year our annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is changing from the “Tower of Tins” to “Plentiful Pantry” and the recipient will be our St. Paul’s Pantry. We have seen an increasing demand throughout the year and have been receiving assistance with stocking the pantry from community members but still struggle at times to keep the pantry stocked. ***Help us stock a “plentiful pantry” this Thanksgiving!*** All food items are accepted, however items that are easy to eat or prepare are our priority.

Banns of Marriage from Rev. Bonnie: I publish the Banns of Marriage between Ashely Boteler of Lindsay, ON and Vaughn Miller of Lindsay, ON. If any of you know cause or just impediment why these two persons should

not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, you are to declare it. This is the *second* time of asking.

Any person knowing of a lawful reason why a marriage may not be solemnized should inform the officiating minister before the service.

Refreshment Time helpers: The sign-up sheet is up on the board. Thank you to the many folks who do regularly support this important ministry!

Music News: Next Sunday Sept 28 we will have the handbell group **unBELLievable** worshipping with us during the service. Spread the news as this group is quite a treat to hear.

Sound and Live Stream We are still looking for people to take on a **once a month** role in worship as part of the sound/livestream team beginning in January. Live stream has been simplified. Please contact Arlene in the office.

Did you know....that 2026 marks our 190th anniversary?!? We are looking for 3 people to form an Anniversary Committee and work alongside the Events Committee to plan 2 or 3 events as we celebrate 190 years of Anglican worship and outreach in Lindsay. If you are interested or know someone who might be, please speak with Rev. Bonnie.

Sanctuary Flowers This is a reminder about sanctuary flowers. The sign-up sheet and envelopes are in the hall on the St. Pauls bulletin board. Providing memorial flowers in the sanctuary is a lovely way to remember our loved ones. Please speak to Marg Brohm if you have any questions about flowers for Thanksgiving or any time.



Murder Mystery Dinner

Saturday October 25, 2025 @ 7:00 p.m. (Doors open 6:30)
Reserved Seating - Call 705-324-6257 \$65 per person
Tickets available after church or in the office.

Season of Spiritual Renewal

Short-term workshops We're delighted to offer the following workshops on Wednesdays at noon.

Especially for Lectors with Judy Paulsen, Oct. 1.

Hospitality and the Spiritual Life of a Church with Janet Marshall, Oct. 8.

Preaching Evangelistically (two weeks) with Dr. John Bowen, Oct. 22 and 29.

A New and Ancient Evangelism with Judy Paulsen, Nov. 19. You do need to register in advance to take part in these workshops.

<https://www.toronto.anglican.ca/diocesan-life/season-of-spiritual-renewal/season-of-spiritual-renewal-workshops/>

Lift Up Our Hearts Gathering as a diocese to worship God.

St. James Orillia with Rev. Dr. Rob Hurkmans Sept 27 @ 2 p.m.

“We rejoice in God’s work of reconciliation and embrace our calling to be part of it.”

Re changes to Library – please see notice from the Management Team in Main Hall regarding closing Library and distribution of books.

Season of Creation 2025 “Peace with Creation”

Each year from **September 1 to October 4**, Christians around the world celebrate the Season of Creation. It is a special season where we celebrate God as Creator and acknowledge Creation as the divine continuing act that summons us as collaborators to love and care for the gift of all that is created. As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common call to care for Creation. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. We rejoice in this opportunity to safeguard our common home and all beings who share it. This year, the theme for the season is “Peace with Creation.”



**PEACE
WITH CREATION**
SEASON OF CREATION 2025



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with us Today.*

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