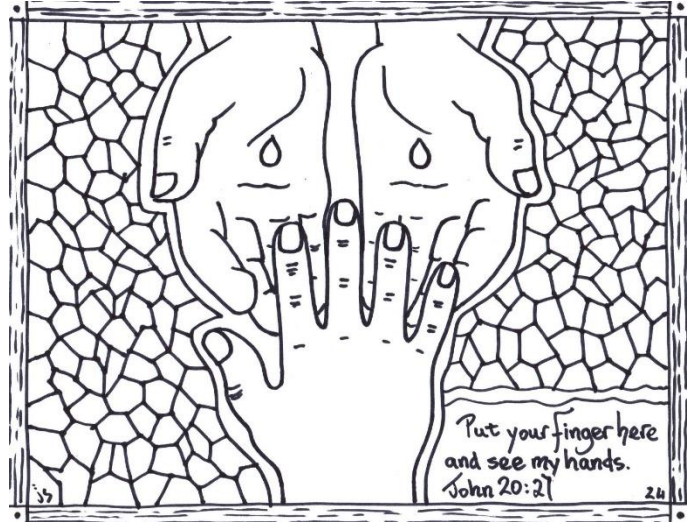


April 7, 2024
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PRELUDE

WELCOME

**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.

GATHERING SONG The Risen Christ RED 390

GREETING

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

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are opened, 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

KYRIE

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

L: For the reign of God and peace throughout the world, for the unity of all, let us pray to the...

C: **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

L: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the...

C: **Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy, Lord, have mercy.**

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

mer - cy. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



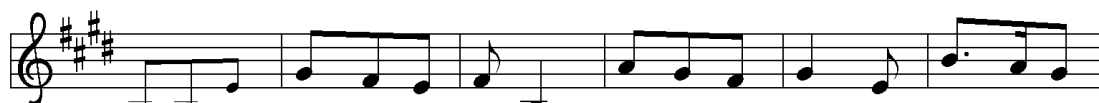
praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!



1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.



2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.



3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

PRAYER OF THE DAY



Presider: The Lord be with you. *Congregation:* And al - so with you.

Let us pray.

Most High God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM

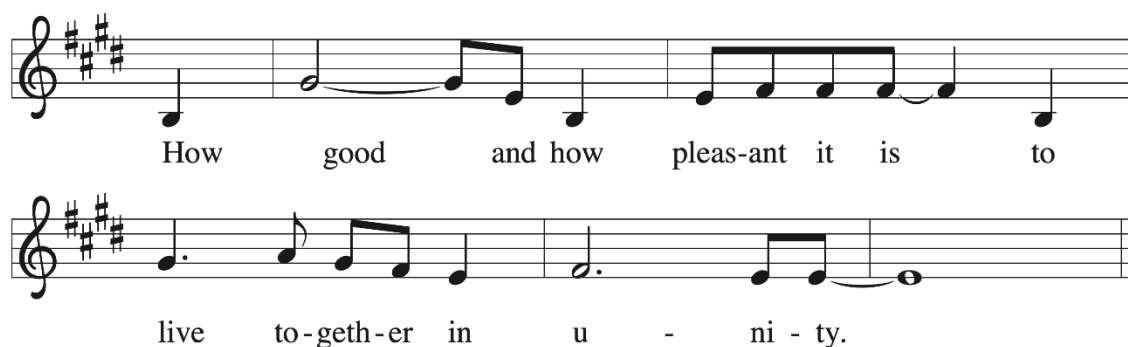
FIRST READING: Acts 4:32-35

While the apostles testified to others about the resurrection of Jesus, the early Christian community shared what they owned or sold their possessions to help their fellow believers who were in need.

³²Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. ³³With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. ³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 133



**¹How good and how pleas- | ant it is,
when kindred live togeth- | er in unity!**

**²It is like fine oil upon the head, flowing down up- | on
the beard,
upon the beard of Aaron, flowing down upon the
collar | of his robe. R**

**³It is like the dew of Hermon flowing down upon
the | hills of Zion.
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing: life
for- | evermore. R**

SECOND READING: 1 John 1:1--2:2

¹We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—²this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us—³we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

⁵This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; ⁷but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

^{2:1}My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; ²and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (sung twice)

Congregation:

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we
 go? You have the words of e - ter - nal
 life. Al - le - lu - ia!

Repeat optional

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

³⁰Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY **We Know That Christ Was Raised** **RED 449**

✘ CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

Sponsors: *We present Lorelai Ella Vander Vlugt to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.*

In Holy Baptism God graciously delivers us...

Alex and Tiffany, as you bring Lorelai to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities:

to live with her among God's faithful people,
bringing her to the word of God and the holy supper,
teaching her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments,
placing in her hands the holy scriptures,
and nurturing her in faith and prayer so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace in all the world.

Will you help Lorelai grow in the Christian faith and life?

We will, with God's help.

Brandon and Jenifer, will you nurture Lorelai in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and help her live in the covenant of baptism?

I will, with God's help.

The congregation stands.

People of God, will you uphold and support Lorelai in her new life in Christ?

We will, with God's help.

To all here gathered, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce the evil powers of this world that rebel against God?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce the powers of this world that strive to corrupt and destroy God's creation?

I renounce them.

Do you renounce those desires that draw you from the love of God?

I renounce them.

Do you believe in God, the Source of all Being?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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.

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

**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 Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, O God, maker and ruler of all things...

AM pours water into the baptismal font.

Pour out your Holy Spirit..

Amen

The congregation is seated.

*Lorelai Ella Vander Vlugt, you are baptized in the name of
the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Amen

*The presiding minister uses oil to make the sign of the cross on the person's
forehead while saying:*

*Lorelai, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy
Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.*

The presiding minister lays both hands on the baptized person while saying:

All Holy God: as a mother tenderly gathers her children, as a
father joyfully welcomes his own, you embrace your people
with compassion and grace. We give you thanks for freeing
us from the power of sin and for raising us up to a new life
through this holy sacrament. Sustain Lorelai in your Holy

Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen**

Gracious God, look kindly upon, the parents of this child...
Amen

Sovereign God, give strength and wisdom to all who take up the good work of baptismal sponsorship... **Amen**

A congregational representative lights a baptismal candle from the Paschal Candle and presents it to a parent or sponsor while saying to the baptized:

Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. **Amen**

: Let us welcome our newly baptized sister:
We welcome you into God's family. We receive you with great joy to live with us in the body of Christ, to share with us in God's new creation giving thanks and praise to God, and to bear God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

The Congregation may express its welcome with applause...

*The congregation stands to sing "**Baptized and Set Free**" (RED 453, verses 1 and 4 only):*

- 1 We are people created, chosen by God.
Then we're washed, ever gently, in mercy and love.
Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door
to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

- 4 Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song.
All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong.
Not enslaved but set free! From now on, all will be
one in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and that love has triumphed over fear, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need of good news.

Your church cries out, O God, and you listen. As you drew near to the disciples, draw near to us this day. Breathe on us your Holy Spirit, that our faith is renewed, and we witness to your love. We pray today for the Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario, and for the congregations of the Central Manitoba Ministry Area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your creation cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide farmers, gardeners, arborists, and others who tend the soil and nurture plants into life.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your world cries out, O God, and you listen. Guide police, firefighters, paramedics, and other first responders to work for the well-being of communities and the dignity of every person, that no one may need to live in fear.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your children cry out, O God, and you listen. Hear your people crying out for justice, for an end to racism and other oppression, and for a world where all are fed and safe. We pray for all who cry out in suffering or pain; especially those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, Jim, Bill, Isa, Zoilita, Lisa, Barrie and Stella, Irene and Kelly, John and Julianna, Deborah and Ron, Elijah, Florence, Nicky and Dwayne, Sadie, Beth, and those we name before you in our hearts (*brief silence...*).

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Your congregations cry out, O God, and you listen. Renew pastors, priests, deacons, musicians and singers, administrators, and volunteers who facilitated Holy Week and Easter worship. Open our hearts to discern where God calls each of us to serve.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Accept our gratitude, O God, for the lives of those who now rest in you. Grant us your peace amid our fears.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Into your hands, most merciful God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your abiding love; through Jesus Christ, our resurrected and living Lord. **Amen.**

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

OFFERTORY

Refrain

As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

Risen One,

you call us to believe and bear fruit.

May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.

Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.

Amen

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: ... Amen, come, Lord, Jesus! Amen, come, Lord, Jesus!

C: **Amen, come, Lord, Jesus! Amen, come, Lord, Jesus!**

P: Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit that all your promises may come to us and your whole creation.

Amen, come, Holy Spirit! Amen, come, Holy Spirit!

C: **Amen, come, Holy Spirit! Amen, come, Holy Spirit!**

P: This we pray through Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and our friend.

Congregation:

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the

u - ni - ty of the Spir - it, all glo - ry and hon - or is

yours, O God, now and for ev - er.

A - men.

LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa-ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
your king-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
for-give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The risen Christ is made known to us
in the breaking of the bread.
Come and eat at God's table.
Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS:

Lamb of God

1. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
2. Lamb of God, you broke the bonds of sin and of death:
Have mercy on us...
3. Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace...
4. Lamb of God, you are way of mercy and love...
5. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Be Not Afraid

Red 388

Breath On Me, Breathe of God

Blue 649

Let Us Break Bread Together

Red 471

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Shepherding God,
you have prepared a table before us
and nourished us with your love.
Send us forth from this banquet
to proclaim your goodness
and share the abundant mercy of Jesus,
our redeemer and friend. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



1 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -
 2 From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you for -
 3 Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: thanks be to you for -



ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:
 ev - er! Truth and jus - tice you have taught us:
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly:



thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for - ev - er!
 thanks be to you for -



Strong is your faith - ful-ness, strong is your love, re -



mem - b'ring your cov - e - nant of life with us.

⊕ Coda



ev - er! Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.

Amen.

**The blessing of the God of life be ours.
The blessing of the loving Christ be ours.
The blessing of the Holy Spirit be ours,
To cherish us, to help us, to make us holy.**

SENDING SONG

I Want To Walk As A Child of the Light

RED 815

DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

Today

Next Sunday

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Laura F Mann	Penny Richards
Servers	Debbie Sippel Eitzen Werner Eitzen	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze
Reader	Sue Wakefield	Pearl Robinson
Greeters	Bill and Jetta Thomas	Carole Mozuraitis
Ushers	Marilyn Coleman Ray Steinke	Marilyn Coleman Ray Steinke
AV booth	John Syzmanski Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty
Counters	Jan Nielsen Anne Stuart	Mark Weigel Ena Sookraj
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	Marilyn Coleman Pearl Robinson	

Greeters: We are looking to return to pre-Covid times with regularly scheduled Greeters again! If you can help with important hospitality ministry please contact Elaine Maguire at (519) 658-0509 or let the office know. Thank you.

NEW Photo Directory: There is an updated copy of the Photo Directory now available on the table in the narthex. Please support the printing cost of \$5.00 per copy by adding "Photo Directory" to the Other line of your offering envelope, or the message line of your etransfer. Thank you.

Books for the Free to Read Program can be dropped off until April 14, 2024.

Chi Rho Fellowship meets on Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in Rose Head Hall. All are welcome!

Public Lecture by John Dear, Priest, Peace Activist and Author We hope to see many of you on **Tuesday April 16th at 3 pm** in the church for this event. John Dear is a passionate and inspiring speaker about Jesus' core teaching of non-violence. He will be referring to his latest book, *The Gospel of Peace*, which is a commentary on the gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke from the perspective of non-violence. Copies of his book will be available for purchase at \$25 cash. This event is co-sponsored by All Saints Church and the Guelph Seminar.

Environmental Stewardship Update: We have had great support for our fundraising in the first weeks of the campaign. This pie chart will be updated each week to show our progress towards our goal of \$30,000 by the end of August.

Donor & Pledge cards with envelopes are available in the narthex along with pictures of the plants we are hoping to put in the garden.

Thank you for your support!

Red Dress Sunday April 28, 2024: Please join us for a special service followed by a potluck lunch and Gallery Walk Event. The Gallery Walk program will begin at about 12:15 p.m. Friends and family are welcome to join us for any part the day's events.

Please sign up in the narthex if you can help with set up/ clean up (especially with food and making coffee!). Also please sign up if you are planning to attend so we have an idea of the numbers. Thank you.

Annual Meeting—save the date: Sunday May 5, 2024 will be our Annual Meeting/ Vestry Meeting after the service. Please join us for a potluck lunch, fellowship and meeting. Annual Reports will be available on April 21.

Silvercreek Community Market: We are in particular need of **RICE, red lentils, canned tomatoes, pasta sauce** and **cooking oil (1L size)**. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD: April 8–13

Monday 8	1:00 p.m.	Outreach food drive sorting Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 10	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to office
Thursday 11	1:00–4:00 p.m.	Chi Rho Fellowship Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice Nave
Saturday 13		Rental all day Rose Head Hall
Sunday 14	8:30 a.m.	Easter 3 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Easter 3 Holy Communion—Nave