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Please be aware that our Sunday service is video streamed to our You Tube channel for public viewing. If you feel sensitive to this thought and wish to remain out of the occasional line of view, consider sitting in the back two rows of pews. Thank you.

With God's grace, the faith community of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church in Guelph Ontario welcomes you.



We endeavour to be in right relationship with our Indigenous neighbours.

We strive for racial equity.

We welcome people of any age, gender identity and expression, race, colour and sexual orientation.

We welcome people facing physical or mental challenges, those suffering under addictions, single people and those in any relationship.

Our doors are open to people of uncertain faith or deep faith, from any or no religious tradition.



ReconcilingWorks

Dear Little Saints-

Welcome from all the Big Saints

or putting stickers in your book

Or even ..take a little look Oh joy, cause somebody loves me true There's juice or sweets or cookies too

Before the service even starts, you will
need to prepareThere's juiceUpcoming is a longish sit and grownups
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When you've been good as gold for ever and still the talking lasts forever just dig inside and have a treat Your Sunday sack is really "sweet"!!!!!! (and also is a take home treat!)

We welcome all children to our worship. There is no Sunday Church School at this time. Please ask the ushers for a children's bulletin and/or help them fill a bag with activities and treats from the basket in the narthex.

Communion: All are welcome. Please let an usher know if you need to take Communion in your seat.

Offerings can be left in the trays at the back until the Gathering Song is sung.

Please take this bulletin home for recycling. Thank you

No Scents Makes Good Sense. Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair sprays, colognes, and after-shave lotions. Please help us provide a scent-free environment.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Sunday, April 21, 2024.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude — Familiar, Agnes Obel At the Lamb's High Feast, arr. Paul Manz

Welcome

Acknowledgment 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 – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! #385 (Red)

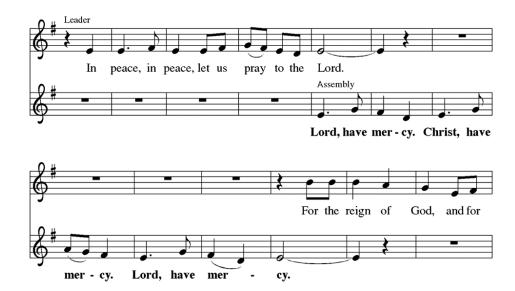
Greeting

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



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.



Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day



Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Choir Anthem — The Lord is My Shepherd, Howard Gooddall

WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading – *Acts 4:5-12*

Peter and John had been arrested the previous day when they had healed the man who had been lame from birth and then stirred up the crowd with their teaching about Jesus' resurrection.

⁵ The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what name did you do this?" ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone.'

¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

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

Psalm 23-The Lord's My Shepherd # 519 (Blue)



Second Reading: 1 John 3:16-24

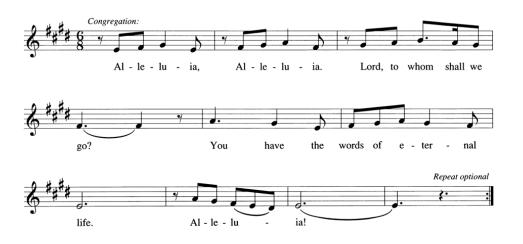
¹⁶ We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷ How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹ And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹ Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²² and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴ All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

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

Gospel Acclimation (sung twice)



Gospel Reading – John 10:11-18

The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹² The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵ just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶ I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷ For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸ No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father."

> The gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Hymn of the Day – **Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us** # 789 (Red)

Celebration of Holy Baptism

Sponsors: We present <u>Summer Lynn Marie Evans</u> to receive the sacrament of Holy Baptism.

In Holy Baptism God graciously delivers us from sin and death by joining us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Through water and the word, the Holy Spirit calls us to walk a new life in God. In this new life, we are joined across time and space to our ancestors who have lived and died trustingly and to the whole Christian community on earth. Their witness supports our Christian journey.

Alex and Mandy, as you bring Summer 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 them 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.

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

R: We will, with God's help.

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

R: I will, with God's help.

The congregation stands.

People of God, will you uphold and support Summer 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 sin, 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. Your voice thundered over the waters at creation. You water the mountains and send springs into the valleys to refresh and satisfy us and all living things. Through the waters of the flood, you carried those in the ark to safety. Through the sea, you led your people Israel from slavery to freedom. In the wilderness, you nourished them with water from the rock, and you brought them across the river Jordan to the Promised Land. By the baptism of his death and resurrection, Jesus has carried us to safety and freedom. The floods shall not overwhelm us, the deep shall not swallow us up, for Christ has brought us over to the land of promise. He sends us to make disciples, baptizing in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

AM pours water into the baptismal font.

Pour out your Holy Spirit; wash away sin in this cleansing water; clothe the baptized with Christ; and claim your daughters and sons, no longer Jew or Greek, no longer slave or free, no longer male or female, but one with all the baptized in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

The congregation is seated.

Summer Lynn Marie Evans, 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:

Summer, 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 Summer 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 Mandy and Alex, the parents of this child. Let them ever rejoice in the gift you have given them. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for Summer. Strengthen them in their faith so that they may share eternally the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Sovereign God, give strength and wisdom to all who take up the good work of baptismal sponsorship. Strengthen Elizabeth and Ian in their own convictions, confirm them in their resolve to nurture those yet young in their faith, and help them to be examples of faith active in love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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*" (verses 1 and 4 only):

- 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

Confident that the resurrection of Christ has defeated sin and death, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all in need.

For the leaders of churches: bishops, priests, pastors, and deacons; for those who teach in our seminaries and schools; for the bishop, clergy, and people of the Diocese of Huron, and for the congregations of the Western Manitoba Ministry Area, that salvation from sin and death be preached to all the world in word and deed, let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For the beauty of creation; for those who care for the land and for all creatures; for those who spend time in nature for their joy and renewal, that all would see God's goodness revealed in creation, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For the rulers of nations and those who provide counsel to them; for those with power weapons at their disposal, that they be guided by the command to love one another, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those living without hope; for the people of Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan, and everywhere violence is an everlooming threat; for the sick and all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit; for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, Jackie, Jim, Bill, Isa, Zoilita, Lisa, Barrie and Stella, Irene and Kelly, John and Julianna, Deborah and Ron, Elijah, Florence, Nicky and Dwayne, Sadie, Beth, Ron, *(brief silence...)*, that they would know the comfort of the Lord surrounding them, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For families and friends; for those absent from worship today; for those celebrating significant events in their lives – especially for Alex and Mandy on the occasion of their daughter's baptism this morning – that the Holy Spirit guide all people in their work and their journeys, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for those who have died and by whose lives we have been nourished, that we be bold in believing God's promise to be with us always, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

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.**

MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

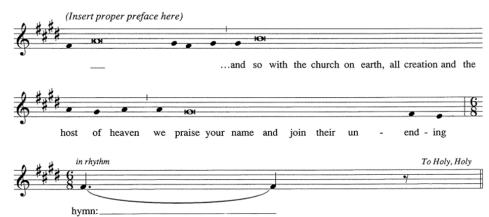
Offertory: Refrain As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in-to one to be-come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you. 1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with - in our midst, 2 Let this be а fore - taste of all that is when to come Refrain of may we share the pres - ence your love. shares this all tion feast with cre а you.

Offertory Prayer

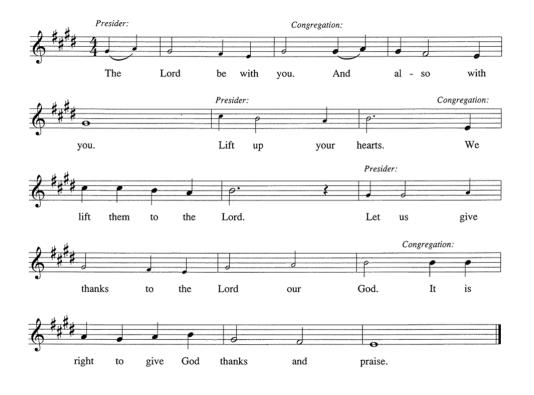
Let us pray:

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**

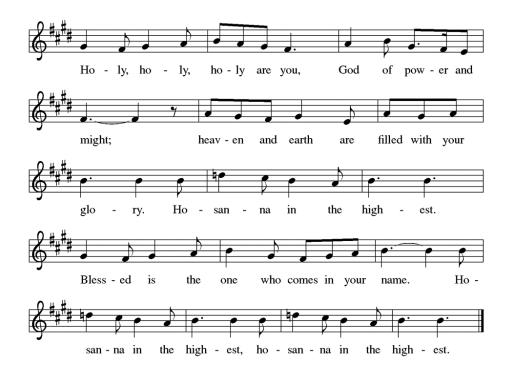
Preface



Great Thanksgiving

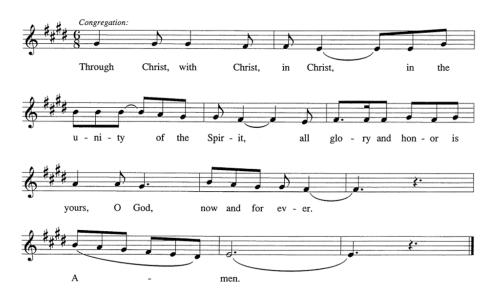


Sanctus



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.



Lord's Prayer



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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

- Lamb of God, you broke the bonds of sin and of death: Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.
- Lamb of God, you are the way of justice and peace: Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you are way of mercy and love: Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Be Not Afraid# 388 (Red)If You But Trust in God to Guide You# 769 (Red)Shepherd Me, O God# 780 (Red)

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–**Praise to You, O God of Mercy**



Announcements

SENDING God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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 – The King of Love My Shepherd Is # 520 (Blue)

Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad! Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

Postlude – Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing, arr. Paul Manz

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Announcements and Information

Today		Next Sunday	
Assisting Minister	Dennis Kunze	Anne Stuart	
Servers	John Szymanski Marilyn Bleach Schranz		
Reader	Greg Elliott	Judy Rogers	
Greeters	Mark & Janet Weigel	Veigel Bonnie Lichty	
Ushers	Marilyn Coleman Ray Steinke Ray Steinke		
AV booth	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen John Szymanski Brian Janzen		
Altar Guild	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty	
Counters	Mark WeigelKate StuttafordEna SookrajDenis Kunze		
Flowers		Lucy Reid	
Coffee Hour	Pat Gadsby Maureen Sizeland Potluck Knapp		

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.

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **today.** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at <u>cjmorrison263@gmail.com</u>

Parish Care Workshop: Tuesday April 30, 2024 (note the date change) at 1:00 p.m. in the Parlour. This will be a University Health Network Education Series on "The Heart: Anatomy and Disease".

Environmental Stewardship Update: We have had great



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

Donation Pledges Target (\$30,000)

Red Dress Sunday April 28, 2024: Please join us for a special service to honour missing and murdered Indigenous

Thank you for your support!

women, girls and two spirit people. Keeping them in mind and taking action is an important part of the

reconciliation process we need to be engaged in as Canadians. The service will be followed by a potluck lunch and Gallery Walk event.

The Gallery Walk program will begin at about 12:15 p.m. and features a short video and several pieces of art for reflection. Resources will also be available for writing postcards to politicians urging



available for writing postcards to politicians urging action. Friends and family are welcome to join us for any part of 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: Sunday May 5, 2024 will be our Annual Meeting/ Vestry Meeting after the service. Please join us for a sandwich potluck lunch, fellowship and meeting. Annual Reports will be available after the service today.

Birdwatching in the Arboretum—Saturday May 11: This event is a fundraiser in support of ECM. We will meet in the Arboretum parking lot at 8:30 am, and from there retired Zoology Professor Sandy Middleton will guide us on a two-hour birdwatching walk. We expect to see many species of birds, including migratory ones. Sign up to secure your spot: only 12 available, at \$20 each. Call Lucy Reid at 416-890-1332, or email her at https://www.new.org.

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 22–28

Tuesday 23	7:00 p.m.	POM Project Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 24	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to office
Thursday 25	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice Nave
Saturday 27	TBA	Funeral for Jackie Norris
Sunday 28	8:30 a.m.	Easter 4 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Easter 4 Holy Communion—Nave
	11:30 a.m. —1:15 p.m.	Potluck and Gallery Walk event Rose Head Hall

Organist Peter West

Staff Michele Altermann Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours Tuesday—Friday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

