

LOOKING AHEAD: Dec 19– Dec. 26

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| Tuesday 21 | 12:00 pm | Reservations for Christmas Eve services and Sunday 10 am worship due to the Office (email or phone call) |
| Wednesday 22 | 9:00 am | Announcements due to Office |
| Thursday 23 | 7:00 pm | Church Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary |
| Friday 24 | 5:00 pm | German Christmas Service Sanctuary |
| | 7:00 pm | Family Candlelight Christmas Service - Sanctuary |
| | 9:00 pm | Candlelight Christmas Service Sanctuary |
| Sunday 26 | 8:30 am | Christmas 1 Holy Communion - Sanctuary |
| | 10:00 am | Christmas 1 Holy Communion - Sanctuary |

Organist
Peter West

Staff
Michele Altermann, Administrative Assistant

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

Please note: The church office will be closed from December 24 to January 4. The answering machine will be monitored for messages.

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WELCOME

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.

All are truly welcome.

Acknowledgement of Territory

We are on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect 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 be here today.

We welcome all children to our worship. Children need to remain with their families during worship. There is no Sunday Church School at this time. Please ask the ushers for a children's bulletin!

Communion: All are welcome. Please note that only wafers will be used during the pandemic.

Please let an usher know if you need to take Communion in your seat.

No Scents Makes Good Sense.

Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair spray, colognes and after-shave lotion. Please help us provide a scent-free environment.

Announcements and Information

We pray for:

ACC: The Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully, Director, and the staff of Faith, Worship and Ministry; Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; The Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman, Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

ELCIC: Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations; Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership

Altar Guild December: Thanks to Christine Morrison, Ann Sanders and Janet Weigel.

The flowers are given today by Alex and Frances Campbell in memory of daughter Linda and sister Adaline, and by Pearl Robinson in memory of loved ones.

CLWR Gifts from the Heart. CLWR Gifts from the Heart Catalogues have arrived. Visit www.clwr.org.GFTH to learn more or pick up a catalogue from the table in the narthex.

Silvercreek Community Market: Thank you for supporting the Food Drive. Especially needed items: rice, red lentils, cereal and peanut butter.

Christmas Eve Service Registration: Please contact the Church Office to register for these services. **The last day to register is Tuesday Dec. 21 at noon.**

Christmas takedown: Please save Saturday Jan. 8, 2022 at 9 am to remove Christmas decorations from the church.

Connections: the deadline for the January issue of *Connections* is Sunday Jan. 9, 2022

Last day to make any 2021 donations (mail by 2:00 pm or e-transfers) to the church will be Friday, Dec. 31, 2021.

Envelopes for 2022 are now available in your mailbox. Please enter that area one person at a time. Thank you.

Announcements

SENDING

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

Sending Song – **Canticle of the Turning**
723 (ELW)

Benediction

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that we may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit, through Christ Jesus for whom we wait. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude - Gott, durch deine Güte, J. S. Bach

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 19 , 2021.

GATHERING

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

Prelude - Interlude, Alexandra Stréliski
Unexpected and Mysterious,
arr. Anne Krentz Organ

Two minutes of silence will be observed after the Prelude

Welcome

Acknowledgment of Territory

Gathering Song – **All Earth Is Hopeful # 266 (ELW)**

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.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Stir up your power, O Jesus, and come.
With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

People, Look East verses 1 to 4 # 248 (ELW)

WORD

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

First Reading - *Micah 5:2 -5a*

²But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.

³Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.

⁴And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of
the LORD,

in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great
to the ends of the earth;

^{5a}and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia. Here I am, the servant of the Lord; let it
be with me according to your word. Alleluia. (Luke
1:38)***

Gospel Reading - *Luke 1:39-55*

The holy gospel according to Luke
Glory to you, O Lord.

Lord's Prayer (sung version)

**Our Father, in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins,
As we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial
And deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory, are
yours,
now and forever. Amen**

Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Thanks be to God.

Communion Hymns/Anthem

A New Magnificat, Carolyn Jennings
Heavenly Message

269 (CP)

Table Blessing

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

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray:

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

³⁹In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, ⁴⁰where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit ⁴²and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. ⁴³And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? ⁴⁴For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. ⁴⁵And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

⁴⁶And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,

⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,

and lifted up the lowly;

⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day – **My Soul Proclaims Your
Greatness # 251 (ELW)**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray for the church, through this Advent season we as we wait with joy for the coming of Christ, praying, “Lord Jesus, come soon” and responding, “Bring peace to our hearts.”

Gracious God, we pray for our neighbours near and far, of other denominations and faiths. Cultivate understanding among us, and teach us your gentleness and understanding so we may learn to live in love and co-operation with people of all faiths.

Lord Jesus, come soon. **Bring peace to our hearts.**

Creator God, we thank you for this beautiful planet, our home. Bless and give us humility to care and protect seas, mountains, plains, forests and all living things of your making.

Lord Jesus, come soon. **Bring peace to our hearts.**

Compassionate God nourish those who lack access to adequate food, water and nutrition. Bless the work of advocates, and community organizers, such as our Food Pantry.

Lord Jesus, come soon. **Bring peace to our hearts.**

Righteous God, we pray for those in positions of leadership, that they may pursue the common good, and find a willingness to find practical compromises, and for inspiration and vision to bring about greater peace and prosperity for all people of our world.

Lord Jesus, come soon. **Bring peace to our hearts.**

Generous God, we thank you for those who offer their musical talents in your service, and pray that they would be inspired with your gifts of skill, dedication, and joy in their work. We pray for our choir, that as they sing in your worship, they may be filled with your peace and joy.

Lord Jesus, come soon. **Bring peace to our hearts.**

Healing God, surround everyone in need of healing in mind, body or spirit, especially remembering those who desire our prayers: Chris, Irene, Martin, Benito, Dale, Elizabeth, Bill, Marg and Gord, and those we remember in our hearts. (*Brief silence...*) Today we pray for Anne Holub and all the family and friends who mourn the passing this week of Anne’s husband, Bryan. Grant to them a sure confidence in your loving care that they may know the consolation of your love.

Lord Jesus, come soon. **Bring peace to our hearts.**

God of glory, whose Son looked down on the brokenness of this world in love, and in his mercy came to bring us healing and peace, grant us grace to long for his coming again, that our hearts may be opened by his compassion, and our world reconciled by his inspiration, through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always
And also with you.