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Please be aware that our Sunday service is video streamed to our YouTube 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 left 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.



**All are truly welcome.**



**Dear Little Saints-  
Welcome from all the Big Saints**

*Before the service even starts, you will  
need to prepare*

*Upcoming is a longish sit and grownups  
want you there*

*Instead of wiggling, yawning, sighing*

*You could be bright new markers trying  
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*

*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 ADVENT

Sunday, December 22, 2024.

## GATHERING

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

Prelude — Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus,  
arr. William Beckstrand,  
solo Hazel Montealegre Heaney  
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came  
arr. Aaron David Miller

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.**

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Stir up your power, O Christ, and come.

**With your abundant grace and love, free us from all that binds and separates us from you, 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**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” # 257 (Red)**

*Four candles on the Advent Wreath are lit as the verses are sung.*

*(please stand)*

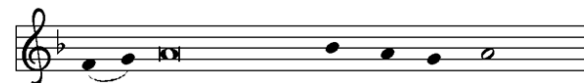
Gathering Song — **Hark the Glad Sound #239 (Red)**

Greeting

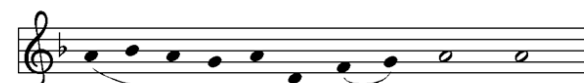
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And also with you.**

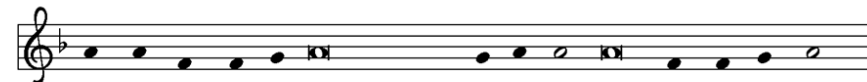
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



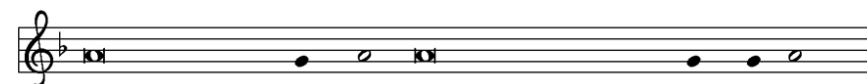
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a - bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well - being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor - ship and praise,  
 let us pray to the Lord.  
 Lord, have mer - cy.  
 Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.  
 A - - men.

Choir Anthem — There is no Rose, Benjamin Britten

**WORD**

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

First Reading – *Micah 5:2-5a*

<sup>2</sup> But 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.  
<sup>3</sup> Therefore 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.

<sup>4</sup> And 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;  
<sup>5</sup> and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

Psalmody—**Blessed Be the God of Israel # 250 (Red)**

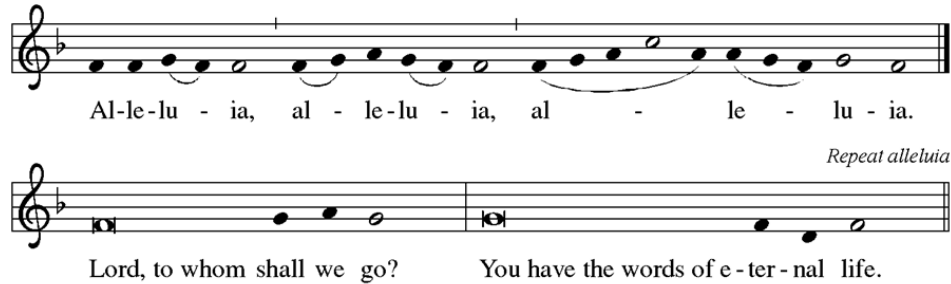
*This hymn is based on “The Benedictus” which is the  
 prophecy Zachariah sang in celebration of the birth,  
 circumcision, and naming of his son John, who will grow  
 up to be John the Baptist.*

Second Reading – *Hebrews 10:5-10*

<sup>5</sup> Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said,  
 ‘Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired,  
 but a body you have prepared for me;  
<sup>6</sup> in burnt-offerings and sin-offerings  
 you have taken no pleasure.  
<sup>7</sup> Then I said, “See, God, I have come to do your will, O God”  
 (in the scroll of the book it is written of me).’  
<sup>8</sup> When he said above, ‘You have neither desired nor taken  
 pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt-offerings and  
 sin-offerings’ (these are offered according to the law), <sup>9</sup> then  
 he added, ‘See, I have come to do your will.’ He abolishes  
 the first in order to establish the second. <sup>10</sup> And it is by  
 God’s will that we have been sanctified through the offering  
 of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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

## Gospel Acclamation



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

*Repeat alleluia*

## Gospel Reading – *Luke 1:57-66, 80*

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>57</sup> Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. <sup>58</sup> Her neighbours and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

<sup>59</sup> On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father.

<sup>60</sup> But his mother said, 'No; he is to be called John.' <sup>61</sup> They said to her, 'None of your relatives has this name.' <sup>62</sup> Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. <sup>63</sup> He asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And all of them were amazed.

<sup>64</sup> Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. <sup>65</sup> Fear came over all their neighbours, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. <sup>66</sup> All who heard them pondered them and said, 'What then will this child become?' For, indeed, the hand of the Lord was with him.

<sup>80</sup> The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

The gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Homily

### Hymn of the Day— **Prepare the Royal Highway** **# 264 (Red)**

## Prayers

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

That your church throughout the world would be a herald and messenger announcing the dawn of mercy and peace. We pray especially for the leaders in the Anglican, Lutheran, and Moravian churches in Canada guiding us in our relationships with the Indigenous and diverse cultures and peoples of our country. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

That as the winter seasons dawns in the northern hemisphere, this time of hibernation and dormancy would be a time of rest and rehabilitation for nature and for people. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

That public leaders and officials would be raised up who will work for the common good and seek reconciliation between enemies and foes, especially in places of conflict such as Russia and Ukraine, Israel and Palestine, and Sudan. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

That the light of your presence comfort and heal all who sit in the shadows of addiction, despair, or illness. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Gwen and Nolan, Orland, Gail, Isa, Zoilita, Bill, Barrie, Irene, Kelly and those we name before you in our hearts. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

That our community of All Saints would be prepared to celebrate your incarnation through the birth of Jesus with joy and a deep welcome to those who will join us this season. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the birth of John the Baptist and for all your holy prophets and saints of old. May your light increase in us and in the world until the day that the shadow of sin and death has been fully dispelled. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

Saviour of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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: **Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus**  
**#88 (Blue)**

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and yet you draw near to feed each one of us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

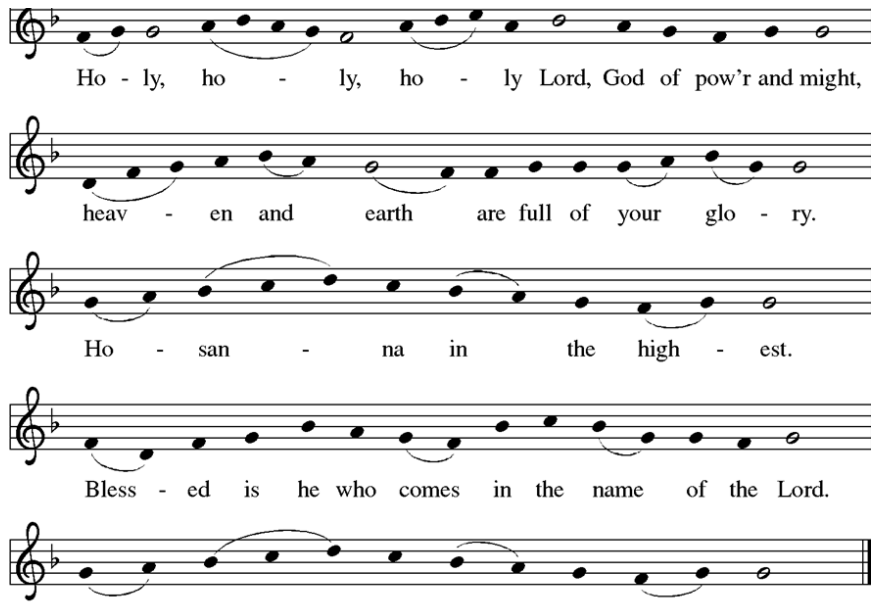
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Preface

... and join their unending hymn:

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

## Eucharistic Prayer

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and  
resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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.

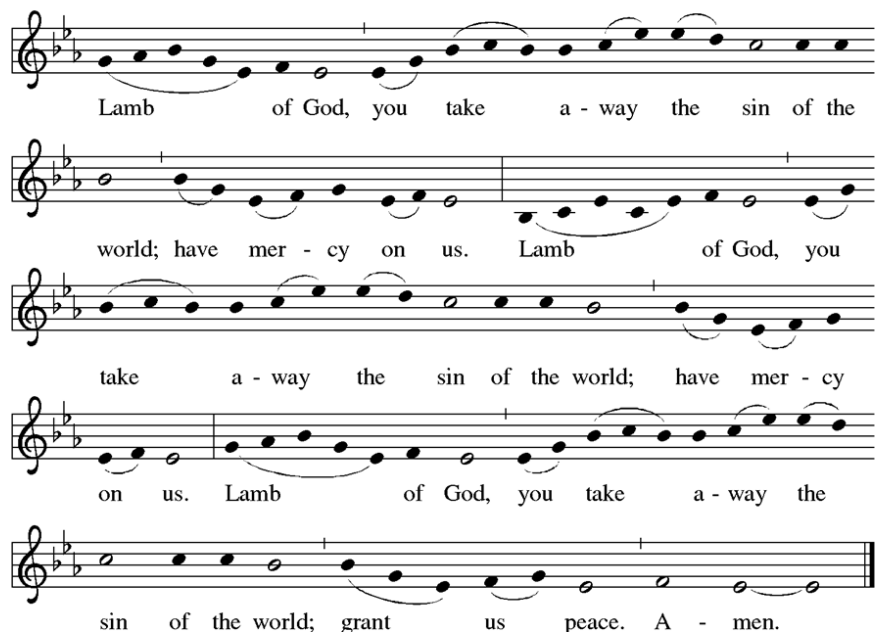
## Invitation to Communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

God feeds us with tender mercy.  
Come to the table.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## Communion Hymns

### Lamb of God



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy  
on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

### Wait for the Lord



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.  
Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

**There's a Voice in the Wilderness # 106 (Blue)**

**Awake! Awake and Greet the New Morn # 242 (Red)**

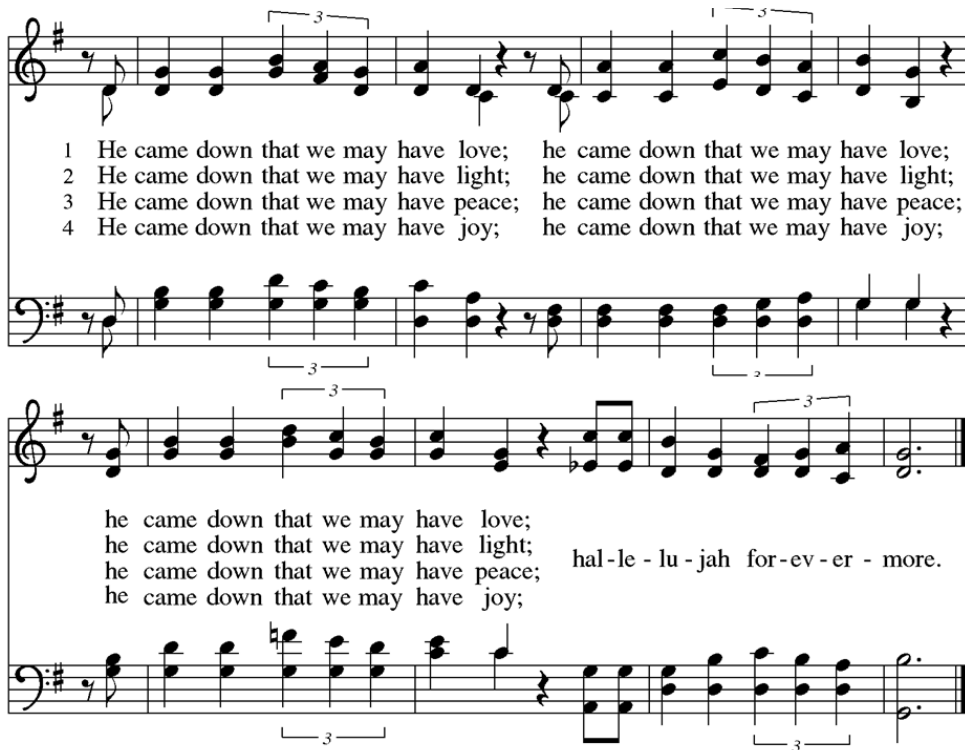
### Table Blessing

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

### Post-Communion Prayer

Faithful God, in this meal you have remembered  
your mercy, bringing heaven to earth in the body  
and blood of Christ. As we wait for the day when all  
your promises will be fulfilled, sustain us and  
strengthen us by this holy mystery. Guide us toward  
your promised future, coming to birth in Jesus  
Christ our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

## Post Communion Canticle



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;  
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;  
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;  
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;  
he came down that we may have light; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.  
he came down that we may have peace;  
he came down that we may have joy;

## Announcements

## SENDING

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

### Benediction

God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
✠ bless and keep you 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.**

### Sending Song – All Earth Is Hopeful # 266 (Red)

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude — Savior of the Nations, Come, arr. Kristina Langlois

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## Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Christine Morrison	Dennis Kunze
<b>Servers</b>	Laura B Mann Laura F Mann	Julianna Stephens Kishan Gunawardene
<b>Reader</b>	Sue Wakefield	Kate Stuttaford
<b>Greeters</b>	Ken & Matzi King	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze	Chris & Riza Heaney
<b>AV booth</b>	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	John Szymanski Brian Janzen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders
<b>Counters</b>	Christine Morrison Chris Heaney	Kate Stuttaford Chris Heaney
<b>Flowers</b>	Carole Mozauritis	
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		

### ***We pray for:***

**ACC:** The Rt. Rev. Christopher Harper, National Indigenous Anglican Archbishop, and the staff of Indigenous Ministries; the Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples; Dawn Maracle, Indigenous Justice Animator.

**ELCIC:** Carmen Ramirez, Assistant to the National Bishop, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion; Peter Wall, Assistant to the National Bishop for Worship.

**MOR:** The Rev. Melissa Johnson, president of the Eastern District Executive Board of the Moravian Church Northern Province.

**Flowers:** Contributions to the poinsettias by Carole Mozauritis, in memory of loved ones.



**Calendars:** Some people are looking for calendars. If you have some to give away please drop them off in the box in the narthex.

**Greeters:** If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact Elaine Maguire at (519) 658-0509 or let the office know. Thank you.



**Christmas Eve Family Service:** We are hoping to bring the Christmas story to life at the Family Service. But we need help! If you will be attending with children who would like to participate please let Lucy Reid know (416 -890-1332, [lreido8@gmail.com](mailto:lreido8@gmail.com)).



**Silvercreek Community Market:** We regularly need rice and red lentils! We currently have 250 families registered so please consider buying the specific items listed below in advance of each month – **for January we need school snacks, peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables.**



*We also do not need any more reuseable grocery bags at this time. Thank you.*

**Caring Conversations:** Your help is needed! The Reconciling in Christ Team is looking for participation in collecting your questions or topics, thoughts and experiences with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, to help us prepare for Caring Conversations on Sunday January 26, 2025. Join us for soup and conversation. Please write down your thoughts on the cards provided and drop them off in the box on the table in the narthex. You can also email Pastor Brian or any of the RIC Team. *Thank you.*



### **Christmas Eve Services**

5:00 p.m. German Service with Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Family Service with Holy Communion

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion

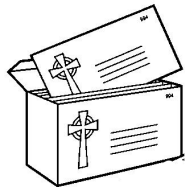


### **Christmas Day Service**

10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols

**LOOKING AHEAD: December 23 — 29**

Tuesday 24	5:00 p.m.	German Service
	7:00 p.m.	Candlelight Family Service
	9:00 p.m.	Candlelight Service
Wednesday 25	10:00 a.m.	Lessons and Carols
Saturday 28	All day	Rental Rose Head Hall
Sunday 29	8:30 a.m.	Christmas 2 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Christmas 2 Holy Communion—Nave



**2025 Offering Envelopes** are available in your mailboxes now. Please note that all offerings for 2024 must be received by noon on December 31, 2024, electronic transfers must be dated December 31, 2024. *Thank you.*



**Organist**  
Peter West

**Staff**  
Michele Altermann  
Administrative Assistant

**Church Office Hours**  
Tuesday— Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Closed December 24, 2024 to January 1, 2025