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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 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.



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**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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 3, 2023.

GATHERING

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

Prelude

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 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.

Gathering Song — **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**
257 (Red) verses 1-4 only

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.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath Candle

Praise to you, O God, our salvation who is near.

You hold us in our waiting, and you keep us awake to the world. You show up in our lives at unexpected times.

Bless us as we light this candle to keep vigil for your arrival.

We trust that, even though we do not know the day or the hour, you will hurry to gather all people to your peace. Amen

Light One Candle # 240 (Red) verse 1 only



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep-herd, gent - ly lead them home-ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate-way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

One candle on the Advent Wreath is lit as the verse is sung.

Choir Anthem — As the Dark Awaits the Dawn

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

First Reading – *Isaiah 64:1-9*

This lament comes from a people who have had their hopes shattered. The visions of a rebuilt Jerusalem and a renewed people of God, spoken of in Isaiah 40–55, have not been realized. Instead, the people experience ruin, conflict, and famine.

The Reading:

- ¹ O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—
² as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³ When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your
presence.
⁴ From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for him.
⁵ You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷ There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸ Yet, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.

⁹ Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Second Reading – *1 Corinthians 1:3-9*

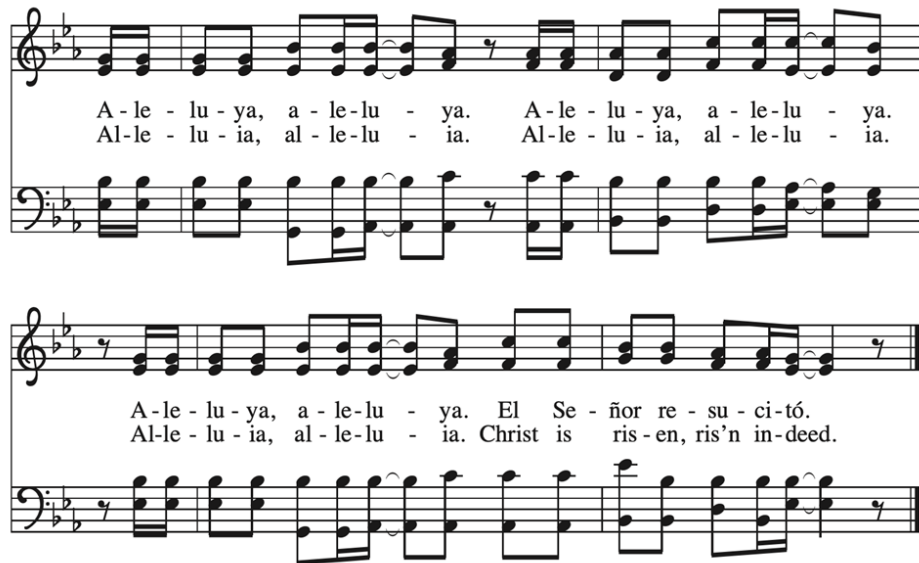
³ Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ.

⁴ I give thanks to my God always for you because of the
grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵ for in
every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and
knowledge of every kind—⁶ just as the testimony of Christ
has been strengthened among you—⁷ so that you are not
lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of
our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸ He will also strengthen you to the
end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord
Jesus Christ. ⁹ God is faithful; by him you were called into
the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation (sung twice)



A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris'n in - deed.

Gospel Reading – *Mark 13:24-37*

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

[Jesus said:] ²⁴ “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶ Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸ “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴ It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵ Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶ or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷ And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (sung once)

Homily

Hymn of the Day — **“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us # 110 (Blue)**

Prayers

With longing and hopeful expectation, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need.

Come, long-expected one. Awaken your church to be alert for signs of your coming in unexpected people and places. Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Come, Saviour of the nations. Let your justice and righteousness dwell among all the peoples of the earth. Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Come, Creator of all. Amidst the shortness of life, teach us to wonder at the sun, moon, and stars; the mountains and oceans; and all creatures, great and small. Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Come, Love divine. Enfold with your mercy all who watch and wait for hope in the midst of suffering, hardship, poverty, illness, or grief. We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Cathy, Orland, Bill, Isa, Zoilita, Lisa, Barrie and Stella, Irene and Kelly, John and Julianna, Deborah and Ron, Elijah, Florence and those we name before you in our hearts (*silence...*). Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

Come, giver of grace. Especially today as we gather for our congregational meeting, turn this community of faith toward the light of your forgiveness and mercy as we wait for the advent of Christ. Hear us, O God,
Your mercy is great.

You have sent out your angels and gathered your faithful people from every time and place, calling them into one fellowship of saints. Bless the witness of those who dwell in your eternal presence. We give thanks today for the witness of our brother and sister of faith, Klaus Kessler and Bonnie Lichti, as they mark their baptismal anniversaries this week. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Listen to these and all our prayers, O God of hosts, and restore us with your great and everlasting mercy.
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: **All Earth is Hopeful #266 (Red)**

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

God our provider, by your merciful hand abundance springs up from the earth. Receive and bless these gifts of your own bounty. Let them be a sign of your steadfast love and faithfulness for all people, through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, the Beginning and the End, our Salvation and our Hope, we praise you for creating a world of order and beauty.

When we brought on chaos, cruelty and despair, you sent the prophets to proclaim your justice and mercy.

At this end of the ages Jesus came to bring us your love and to heal all the suffering world.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his life, death, and resurrection,
we await his coming again in righteousness and peace.

Send your Spirit on us and on this bread and wine we share:
strengthen our faith, increase our hope, and bring to birth
the justice and joy of your Christ, through whom all glory
and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church, both now and forever.
Amen

Lord's Prayer

**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.
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

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.**

In this meal, righteousness and peace meet together.
Come, take your place at the table.
Thanks be to God!

Spiritual Communion

*For those who may feel uncomfortable coming forward to
receive communion at the altar, here is a prayer of
"Spiritual Communion" that might work for you:*

Jesus, I believe that you are present with us in the sacrament of bread and wine. I love you and I desire your presence afresh in my life. Since I cannot now receive the bread and wine of the altar, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself to you; never let me be separated from you. Amen.

Communion Hymns



Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up - on us.

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui - tas el pe -
O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no - so - tros.
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O Lamb . . of God, you . . take a - way the

ca - do del mun - do: ten pie - dad de no -
sin of the world; . . . have . . mer - cy up -

so - tros, ten pie - dad de no - so - stros.
on us, have . . . mer - cy up - on us.

Da - nos tu paz. A - mén.
Grant us your peace. A - men.

Wait for the Lord

262 (Red)

Hark a Herald Voice is Sounding

108 (Blue)

Prepare the Way, O Zion

102 (Blue)

Table Blessing

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

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Generous God, in bread and cup you have revealed
your glory for all people to see together. Nourished by
this meal, send us out to proclaim your good news of
liberation and release, brought to birth in Jesus Christ
our Saviour. **Amen**

Post Communion Canticle



A - ho - ra, Se - ñor, se - gún tu pro - me - sa, pue - des de -
At last, Lord, your word of prom - ise ful - fill - ing, you let your

jar a tu sier - vo ir - se en paz. Por - que mis
ser - vant go forth in free - dom and peace. With my own

o - jos han vis - to a tu Sal - va - dor, a quien has
eyes I have seen the sal - va - tion you have pre -

pre - sen - ta - do an - te to - dos los pue - blos: . . .
pared . . . in the sight of all of the peo - ples: a

luz pa - ra a - lum - brar a las na - cio - nes, y
light that will re - veal you to the na - tions, and the

glo - ria de tu pue - blo Is - ra - el.
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

Announcements

SENDING

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

Benediction

May the God of mercy keep you,
the Holy Spirit cheer you,
and Christ in glory greet you.
now and at the day of his coming. **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 – **O Come, O Come Emmanuel**
257 (Red) verses 5-8

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in love,
seeking to be holy in all that you do.
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

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Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Laura B Mann	Penny Richards
Servers	Debbie Sippel-Eitzen Werner Eitzen	Kishan Gunawardene Julianna Stephens
Reader	Greg Elliott	Sue Wakefield
Ushers	Mark & Janet Weigel	Mark & Janet Weigel
AV booth	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders
Counters	Kurt Christie Ena Sookraj	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	Budget meeting	Pearl Robinson, M Sheila Chappel Marilyn Coleman

Congregational Meeting: There will be a Congregation/Vestry meeting **today at 11:45 a.m. via Zoom**. This is to present the budget for 2024. Copies of this are available in the narthex. A link to this meeting has been sent out.



Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **Sunday December 17, 2023**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

Decorating the Church: We will be gathering on **Saturday Dec. 9 at 9:00 a.m.** to decorate the Church for Christmas. All are welcome to participate in this fun event of satisfying work and fellowship. Some strong reinforcements to help with the tree would be greatly appreciated!



Lessons and Carols: Surround yourself with friends and music at our annual Advent Lessons and Carols event on **Sunday Dec 10 at 7:00 pm**. A display of creches will help bring the music and words of the service to life. Enjoy seasonal treats with friends afterwards to complete the Advent experience.



Christmas Eve—Readers are needed for the 7:00 and 9:00 p.m. services. If you can help please contact the office.

Parish Care Workshop: The next workshop will be on **December 12th, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.**, in Rose Head Hall. We are having a Christmas Party! Bring your best voice for singing and be prepared for some fun.

Chi Rho Fellowship: The next meeting will be a catered Christmas Dinner complete with all the trimmings on Thursday **December 14, 2023, at noon** in Rose Head Hall. Please let Marilyn Bleach-Schranz know to reserve your spot. You can pay the \$30 for it when you come. Last year's was delicious and in great company.

Silvercreek Community Market: Our December Market Goal is to provide more snacks for school. Please consider this when you are purchasing items for donation.

Please donate **all non-perishable items** again, except pasta. We are always in particular need of **rice, red lentils, pasta sauce** and **cooking oil (1L size)**. Other needed items include breakfast cereal, canned fruits and vegetables, peanut butter, canned legumes, meat and fish. Thank you.

Plastic Bread tabs: We are collecting these again to help out the Parkwood Gardens Food Cupboard. Please put them in a plastic bag and place in the Food Basket with your usual food donations. Thank you.



Christmas Eve Services

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

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

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

Christmas Day Service

10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols

In response to the humanitarian emergency unfolding in Gaza, CLWR & PWRDF are joining leading Canadian aid agencies in the Humanitarian Coalition in seeking to provide critical life-saving aid to those affected.

Please join us in prayer for those affected and consider donating. Visit **clwr.org/gaza** or call 1-800-661-2597 (Mon-Fri 8:30am-4pm CST) to learn more.



Please pray for the safety and recovery of people in Gaza and Israel affected by the violence. To donate, go to **pwrdf.org/give-today** and choose Gaza Emergency Appeal. You may also call to donate at 1-866-308-7973 or mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, ON, M4Y 3G2.

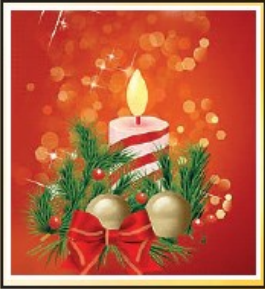


TODAY!

See Sigi for advance tickets!

Guelph Male Choir
 Conductor Gordon Burnett • Accompanist Krystyna Higgins
presents

A Radiant Light



Seasonal music
of hope, joy
and peace

Special guests: Quade Nielsen, tenor, Silas Chinsen, baritone
and Barbara Kyle, narrator

Sunday, December 3, 2023 - 3 p.m.
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Tickets: \$15 available from choir members,
 phone 519-824-0897
 Eventbrite: tinyurl.com/Guelph-Male-Choir-tickets
 or at the door.



The Guelph Male Choir are proud sponsors of the Kiwanis Music Festival of Guelph.

LOOKING AHEAD: Dec 4— Dec 10

Monday 4	9:45 a.m.	Creative Crafting Choir Room
Wednesday 6	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to office
	10:00 a.m.	Women of Faith Parlour
	2:00—4:00 p.m.	POM Project Rose Head Hall
Thursday 7	10:00 a.m. —3:30 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir practice Nave
Saturday 9	9:00 a.m.	Decorating the Church Nave
	All day	Rental Rose Head Hall
Sunday 10	8:30 a.m.	Advent 2 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Advent 2 Holy Communion—Nave
	7:00 p.m.	Lessons and Carols Nave

Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann, Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.