

# All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

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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.

# SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, December 8, 2024.

## GATHERING

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

Prelude — He came down that we may have life,  
arr. Bert J. Carlson, Hazel Heaney soloist

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 our hearts, O God, to prepare the way of Christ.

**By his coming, give to all the people of the world knowledge of your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” (verses 1 & 2)**  
**# 257 (Red )**

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

Gathering Song — **Hark, a Herald Voice Is Sounding**  
**# 108 (Blue)**

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 — Advent Glory and Joy

**WORD**

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

First Reading – *Isaiah 40:1-11*

<sup>40</sup> Comfort, O comfort my people,  
 says your God.

<sup>2</sup> Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
 and cry to her

that she has served her term,  
 that her penalty is paid,

that she has received from the Lord's hand  
 double for all her sins.

<sup>3</sup> A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord,  
 make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

<sup>4</sup> Every valley shall be lifted up,  
 and every mountain and hill be made low;  
 the uneven ground shall become level,  
 and the rough places a plain.

<sup>5</sup> Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,  
 and all people shall see it together,  
 for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

<sup>6</sup> A voice says, 'Cry out!'

And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass,  
 their constancy is like the flower of the field.

<sup>7</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades,  
 when the breath of the Lord blows upon it;  
 surely the people are grass.

<sup>8</sup> The grass withers, the flower fades;  
 but the word of our God will stand for ever.

<sup>9</sup> Get you up to a high mountain,  
 O Zion, herald of good tidings;

lift up your voice with strength,  
 O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings,  
 lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah,  
 'Here is your God!'

<sup>10</sup> See, the Lord God comes with might,  
 and his arm rules for him;

his reward is with him,  
 and his recompense before him.

<sup>11</sup> He will feed his flock like a shepherd;  
 he will gather the lambs in his arms,  
 and carry them in his bosom,  
 and gently lead the mother sheep.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

Psalmody **Comfort, Comfort Now My People**  
# 256 (Red)

Second Reading – *Philippians 4:4-7*

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

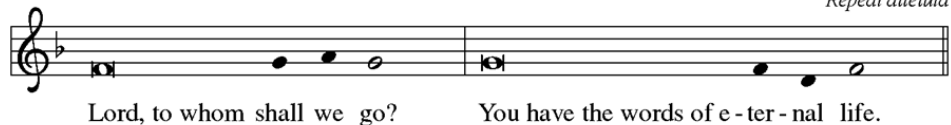
<sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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

Gospel Acclamation



*Repeat alleluia*



Gospel Reading – *Luke 1:26-38*

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>26</sup> In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, <sup>27</sup> to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary.

<sup>28</sup> And the angel came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' <sup>29</sup> But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be.

<sup>30</sup> The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. <sup>31</sup> And behold! You will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. <sup>32</sup> He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. <sup>33</sup> He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.'

<sup>34</sup> Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?'

<sup>35</sup> The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore, the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. <sup>36</sup> And behold! Your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. <sup>37</sup> For nothing will be impossible with God.'

<sup>38</sup> Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

The gospel of Christ.

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

Homily

Hymn of the Day— **The Angel Gabriel from Heaven  
Came # 265 (Red)**

Prayers

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

Refining God, move through your church. Root out practices that harm your people, and kindle a fire for sharing the gospel among bishops, priests, pastors, deacons, and all the baptized. We pray today for: The Acting Primate Archbishop Anne Germond and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada, National Bishop Susan Johnson and the national staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and The Rev. David E. Bennett, President of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Renewing God, transform your creation. Steer us from habits that harm what you have made, and guide us in practices that preserve and restore creatures and habitats. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Ruling God, teach the nations your ways. Strengthen organizations and communities that broker peace and care for refugees, immigrants, and all caught in the center of conflict, especially in Ukraine, Gaza and the West Bank, and Sudan.

God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Rescuing God, restore your people who are in any need. Heal all who are suffering, especially: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Bill, Isa, Zoilita, Bill, Barrie, Irene, Kelly. Provide comfort and strength, and nurture sustained wholeness for the future. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Reforming God, fill this congregation with your presence. Enrich our seasonal preparations, and bless the efforts by the Worship and Music Committee, Peter and the Choir, Michele, Pastor Brian, Lucy and David, the Altar Guild, and all our volunteers as they work in the weeks ahead. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Reassuring God, we remember those who have died and rest in you. Guide us in deep gratitude for their lives, and allow us to learn from their faithful witness. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Saviour of the nations, come, and receive these the prayers and 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**

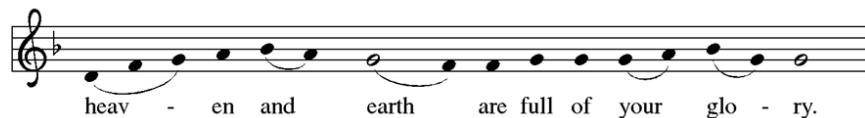
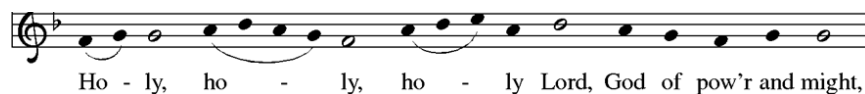
Great Thanksgiving



Preface

... and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



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 resur-  
rection.  
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!

## No Wind at the Window



1 No wind at the win - dow, no knock on the door;  
 2 "O Mar - y, O Mar - y, don't hide from my face.  
 3 This child must be born that the king - dom might come:  
 4 No pay - ment was prom - ised, no prom - is - es made;



no light from the lamp - stand, no foot on the floor;  
 Be glad that you're fa - vored and filled with God's grace.  
 sal - va - tion for man - y, de - struc - tion for some;  
 no wed - ding was dat - ed, no blue - print dis - played.



no dream born of tired - ness, no ghost raised by fear:  
 The time for re - deem - ing the world has be - gun,  
 both end and be - gin - ning, both mes - sage and sign;  
 Yet Mar - y, con - sent - ing to what none could guess,



just an an - gel and a wom - an and a voice in her ear.  
 and . . . you are re - quest - ed to . . . moth - er God's Son."  
 both . . . vic - tor and . . . vic - tim, both . . . yours and di - vine.  
 re - plied with con - vic - tion, "Tell . . . God I say yes."

## Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming # 117 (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

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



## Announcements

## Farewell and Godspeed



## 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 – **Fling Wide the Door # 259 (Red)**

### Dismissal

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

Postlude — Blest be the God of Israel, arr Paul Manz

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## Announcements and Information

|                           | Today  | Next Sunday                          |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> | Michelle Normandin                           | Anne Stuart                          |
| <b>Servers</b>            | Kishan Gunawardene<br>Marilyn Bleach Schranz | Penny Richards<br>Michelle Normandin |
| <b>Reader</b>             | Siegfried Schranz                            | Bill Clatworthy                      |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Michele Altermann<br>Norm Frid               |                                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Jan Nielsen<br>Dennis Kunze                  | Jan Nielsen<br>Dennis Kunze          |
| <b>AV booth</b>           | John Szymanski<br>Brian Janzen               | Judy Rogers<br>Brian Janzen          |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>        | Janet Weigel<br>Ann Sanders                  | Janet Weigel<br>Ann Sanders          |
| <b>Counters</b>           | Mark Weigel<br>Matzi King                    | Christine Morrison<br>Matzi King     |
| <b>Flowers</b>            | The Cressmans                                | Brian Janzen                         |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>        | Pearl Robinson                               |                                      |

**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 season poinsettias:** If you wish to contribute towards these, please let the Janet Weigel or Ann Sanders know. *Thank you.*

**Parish Care:** The next workshop is **Tuesday, December 10, 2024** in the parlour at 1:00 p.m. This month's topic is "Ultra-Processed Foods". Everyone is welcome, bring your friends! Refreshments will be served.

**Connections:** The deadline for the January issue of *Connections* is **Sunday, December 15, 2024**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at [cjmorrison263@gmail.com](mailto:cjmorrison263@gmail.com)



**The Associates** The next meeting is **Tuesday, December 17, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parlour. Caregivers and their partners with dementia are both welcome to learn, share, socialize and find solace.

**Silvercreek Community Market:** We have run out of **rice and red lentils** and will need more for the December Markets! We currently serve about 160 families each month so please consider buying the specific items listed below in advance of each month — **for the 2<sup>nd</sup> December Market we still need 40 bottles of cooking oil (1L) and 50 boxes of cereal.**



*We also do not need any more reusable 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



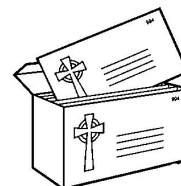
and conversation. Please write down your thoughts on the cards provided and drop them off in the box on the table in the narthex. You can also email Pastor Brian or any of the RIC Team. *Thank you.*

**Peace! Seasonal Music Inspired by the angels and nature.** Concert today!—3:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity United Church, 400 Stevenson St., Guelph. Tickets at the door.



## LOOKING AHEAD: December 9 — 15

|              |                   |                                     |
|--------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Tuesday 10   | 1:00 p.m.         | Parish Care Workshop<br>Parlour     |
| Wednesday 11 | 9:00 a.m.         | Announcements due to office         |
|              | 11:30 a.m.        | Advent Service for Shut-ins<br>Nave |
| Thursday 12  | 1:00—3:00<br>p.m. | Chi Rho<br>Rose Head Hall           |
|              | 7:00 p.m.         | Choir Practice<br>Nave              |
| Friday 13    | 10:00 a.m.        | Women of Faith<br>Parlour           |
| Saturday 14  | All day           | Recital<br>Nave                     |
| Sunday 15    | 8:30 a.m.         | Advent 3<br>Holy Communion—Nave     |
|              | 10:00 a.m.        | Advent 3<br>Holy Communion—Nave     |



**2025 Offering Envelopes** are available in your mailboxes now.

**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

**LESSONS & CAROLS**  
Sunday December 8, 2024  
7:00 p.m.