

# All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

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## WELCOME

We welcome you to our worship today.

### ***Hymnbooks:***

Our community uses two hymnbooks.

**(ELW)** Evangelical Lutheran Worship has a cranberry cover.

**(CP)** Common Praise has a blue cover.

You will find either **(ELW)** or **(CP)** beside each hymn number to indicate which book we are singing from.

### ***Communion: All are welcome.***

We make available grape juice and gluten free bread. Please inform one of the Communion Servers that you wish to have one or both of these elements during the distribution of Communion.

### ***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

***We welcome all children*** to our worship. We also have a child friendly space in the fellowship area at the back of the church. Drink boxes, activity bags and youth bulletins are in a basket near the entrance to the church. Please help yourself.

### ***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, Anishinabe, Mississauga and Metis 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.



**Sunday, December 15, 2019**

**GATHERING**

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

Prelude --Medley

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, [+] one God.  
Who comes to wake us from sleep,  
Who leads us into the lights of grace.

**Amen**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our  
sins against God and neighbour.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

As we await and watch for the promised day of  
salvation,

**We open our hearts to you, O God.  
Search us and know us. Reveal all that we  
keep inside. To you, O God, we confess  
our sins, known and unknown. Forgive  
us, renew us, and lead us in your ways of  
justice and peace. Make us reflections of  
the radiant love of your beloved Son,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Comfort, O Comfort my people, says your God.  
In Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven [+]  
and all things are made new.  
Rejoice in this good news!

**Song - Come, Light of the World**

Come light, light of God,  
give light to creation,  
enlighten our hearts,  
and remain with your world.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath /  
**Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah**  
**# 240 vs. 1 - 3 (ELW)**

Decorate Tree with Chrismons

*During this time, the assembly is invited to come  
forward, choose a Chrismon, and place it on the tree.*

**# 102 (CP) Prepare the Way, O Zion**  
**# 91 (CP) People, Look East! The Time is Near**  
**# 98 (CP) Hark the Glad Sound! The Saviour  
Comes**  
**# 103 (CP) On Jordan's Bank, the Baptist's Cry**  
**# 253 (ELW) He Came Down**

## Greeting

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

## Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

## First Reading- Isaiah 35: 1 - 10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray.

No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

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

## Gospel Acclamation



## Holy Gospel : Matthew 11 : 2- 11

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

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, ‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.’ Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.”

The gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ**

## ***Sunday School Presentation***

***A Quilt for Christmas*** by All Saints Sunday School

We hope during this busy season to remind everyone the true meaning of Christmas.

Grandmother.....Grace

Granddaughter....Adriana

Mary.....Hazel

Joseph.....Cole

Angel.....Faye

Shepherd.....Imogen

Shepherds....Mira & Ella

Wiseman.....Madden

Wiseman.....Carl

Wiseman.....Huxley

*Congregation will be asked to join us with following hymns (seated). We will perform several songs on our own (not included).*

### **Song 1: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

### **Song 2: Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

### **Song 3: We Three Kings of Orient Are**

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light.

Written by Jean Hein

Directed by Jean Hein and Lynn Ronconi with lots of advice and guidance from children, Sunday School teachers, parents & grandparents!

Thank you to Michele Altermann for her wonderful costumes this year and to Kathryn Smith for directing the children in their songs.

Thanks to everyone who helped get the children ready for this celebration.

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Hymn of the Day - **All Earth is Hopeful**  
**# 266 (ELW) vs. 1 in Spanish by Choir**  
**vss. 2 - 4 Congregation**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**  
**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,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**  
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Keeping awake as we watch for Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

Holy God, we rejoice that your promises take on flesh in Jesus. Grant patience to your church awaiting the fulfillment of your reign of justice and peace. Restore in us the hope that we are called to proclaim to the world. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Life-giving God, we rejoice that you coax flowers from the desert and water from the wilderness. Send rain to parched fields and sun to flooded plains. Nurture all that lies sleeping under frozen ground. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Almighty God, we rejoice in your authority as Prince of peace. Deliver us from those who wield power through unjust and oppressive ways. Raise up prophets to speak your truth in this and every nation. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Gracious God, we call on your spirit of healing. Bless nurses, doctors, midwives, chaplains, counsellors, and hospice workers as they care for those in need. We pray, aloud or in silence of our hearts, for all who long for peace and comfort, especially . . .

Empower all to embrace their callings and the gifts of your Spirit. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Generous God, we rejoice that you create us to praise you. Strengthen the voices and hands of all who prepare to celebrate Christ's birth with music, dancing, and proclamation, in worship and in the community. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

Eternal God, we rejoice that all who die in Christ are raised to new life. We thank you for the lives of those who have prepared the way for us and have now joined the great cloud of witnesses especially.... Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You hear the cries of our hearts, O Lord. Fill us with hopeful expectation, that in each day and hour we may love and serve our neighbours, in Jesus' name.

**Amen.**

Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

***God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ***

Offering / Choir Anthem - All Earth is Hopeful  
Alberto Taule

Offering Hymn -- **O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**  
**# 257 vss. 5 & 6 (ELW)**

Offering Prayer

Giver of every good thing,  
We set before you the gifts that you have already  
given to sustain our lives and share with others.  
Help us to be good stewards of the earth and all  
that is in it, and let our lives be a testimony to the  
abundant feast you prepare for all who hunger.

**Amen**

## 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.**

### Preface:

It is indeed right, our duty and joy, that we should at all times and places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that, beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join in their unending hymn:

## Holy, Holy, Holy

San - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, san - to, es el Se - ñor,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; san - to, es el Se - ñor.  
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la  
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que vie - ne en el  
earth. . . . . Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el  
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high - est, ho - san - na here on earth. . . . .

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.  
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

## Thanksgiving at the Table

...proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

...hope for this coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

...peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

### The Lord's Prayer

David Haas 1986

Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, Hal-low-ed be your  
name, your king-dom come, your will be done on earth as in hea-ven.  
Give us to-day our dai-bread, for - give us our  
sin, as we for-give those who sin a - gainst us.  
Save us from the time of trial, 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.

## Invitation to Communion

Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table.

Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

### Lamb of God

Cor - de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .  
ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, have . . mer-cy up - on us, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, have . . mer-cy up - on us.  
Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .  
ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, have . . mer-cy up - on us, ten pie-dad de no - so - tros, have . . mer-cy up - on us.  
Cor-de - ro de Dios, tú que qui-tas el pe-ca-do del mun-do;  
O Lamb of . . God, you . . take a-way the sin of the world; . .  
da - nos tu paz, grant us your peace, da - nos tu paz. grant us your peace.



## Communion Hymns

- # **261 (ELW) – As the Dark Awaits the Dawn**
- # **255 (ELW) – There's a Voice in the Wilderness**
- # **247 (ELW) – Come Now, O Prince of Peace**
- # **262 (ELW) - Wait for the Lord**

## Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

## Prayer after Communion

God of abundance, we give you thanks that in this holy meal you have invited us to feast with you and one another. May the taste of your love remain with us, and may our words and our work in your name invite others into your bountiful grace. Send us from your table to proclaim your presence, even as we await the glorious coming of Christ our Saviour.

**Amen**

## SENDING

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

## Blessing

**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.**

## Benediction

May God, who gathers us in love, lead you in pathways of righteous and justice.

May God who knows us more deeply than we know ourselves, lead you in pathways of forgiveness and freedom.

May God, who fills us with good things, lead you in pathways of equity and abundance.

The blessing of the Holy Trinity, + one God, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen**

## Announcements

Sending Song – **When the King Shall Come Again**  
**# 109 (CP)**

## Dismissal

Go in peace, Christ is with you  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude--Recessional (William Matthias)

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## Announcements and Information

**We pray for** General Secretary Archdeacon Michael Thompson, and national staff of the Anglican Church of Canada as well as Trina Gallop and Kyle Giesbrecht, Assistants to the National Bishop and the staff of Finance and Administration of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

**Greeters:** Thanks to David and Marie Karn.

**Altar Guild for December:** Kathryn Smith, Christine Morrison, and Janet Weigel.

**The flowers** have been given by Reinhard and Klare Purfurst to the glory of God and in loving memory of their parents and beloved grandson Brandon.

**The offering envelopes for 2020** are now in the mailboxes. Please pick up your envelopes and take them home.

Today we will begin to take photographs for our new All Saints Photo Directory. These informal photos will be taken by Brian and Michele at the back of the Sanctuary following the 10:00 a.m. service. Please come prepared with your contact information.



**Cookie Walk:** A heartfelt thank you to the bakers and volunteers who made the cookie walk a success. We raised \$2800.00 for the Community Market. Well done all!

**Bulletin Announcements** - All announcements for the bulletins December 22, 29, and January 5th must be submitted to the church office no later than **Tuesday, December 17th.**

## LOOKING AHEAD: December 16 – December 22

Tuesday 17	1:00 pm	Scrapbooking - Fellowship Hall
	5:00 pm	Men's Fellowship Dinner Fellowship Hall
Wednesday 18	9:00 am	Sunday Bulletin Deadline for Announcements including Flowers
Thursday 19	2:00 pm	Silvercreek Market - Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Choir Rehearsal--Sanctuary
Sunday 22	8:30 am	Advent 4 Holy Communion -Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Advent 4 Holy Communion -Sanctuary

## Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm – German Candlelight Service

7:00 pm – Family Candlelight Service

### Staff

Peter West, Organist

### **Church Office Hours**

Tuesday – Friday

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.