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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 22, 2019

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

Prelude

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 God

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 (ELW)

Gathering Song : Saviour of the Nations, Come # 263 (ELW)

Acknowledgement of Territory

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.

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

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

First Reading-Isaiah 7:10-16

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: "Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted."

Word of God, word of life

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80: 1 - 7, 17 - 19



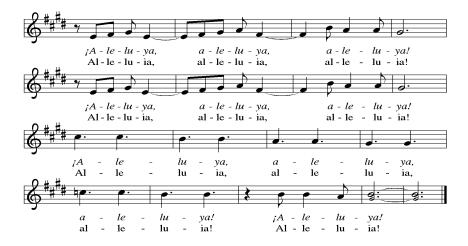
Psalm 80:7

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- ¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph | like a flock; shine forth, you that are enthroned up- | on the cherubim.
 - ²In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, | and Manasseh, stir up your strength and | come to help us.
 - ³Restore | us, O God; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
 - 40 Lord | God of hosts, how long will your anger fume when your | people pray? R
 - ⁵You have fed them with the | bread of tears; you have given them bowls of | tears to drink.
 - ⁶You have made us the derision | of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh | us to scorn.
 - ⁷Restore us, O | God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved.
 - ¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at | your right hand, he one you have made so strong | for yourself.
 - ¹⁸And so will we never turn a- | way from you; give us life, that we may call up- | on your name.
 - ¹⁹Restore us, O Lord| God of hosts; let your face shine upon us, and we | shall be saved. R

Psalm Prayer

Gospel Acclamation



Holy Gospel: Matthew 1:18 - 25

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."

All this took place to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: "Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel," which means, "God is with us." When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - **Unexpected and Mysterious**# 258 (ELW)

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.

Hear your church, O God, as we pray for all who belong to Jesus Christ. Where the church is scorned, preserve it; where the church is privileged, grant it humility. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear your earth, O God, as we pray for its healing and care. Protect the grapevine and the mighty cedar, the mountains and seas and all that is in them. Give life, that all life may call on your name. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear the nations, O God, as we pray for those who hold power and authority over people and lands. Help those who create and uphold good laws and those working to reform what is unjust, that the world might better reflect your grace. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear those in need, O God, as we pray for all who face uncertainty: refugees and immigrants, those who are imprisoned, and those without work, housing, food, or health care. Help us to bring good news to all in need of hope, especially those we name aloud and in the silence of our hearts.....

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear this community of faith, O God, as we pray for families and friends who gather in this season, for travelers and hosts, and for those who will work or serve others this Christmas. Let the peace of Emmanuel, God-with-us, shine in every heart. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Hear all who mourn, O God, as we remember the lives of our beloved dead. Encourage the living to learn from our ancestors in faith as we follow your call. Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

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. 7 & 8 (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



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



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Invitation to Communion

Come now with joy to Emmanuel's table. Feast at the banquet of hope and love.

Lamb of God



Communion Hymns

269 (CP) - Heavenly Message
112 (CP) - Behold! The Mountain of the Lord
265 - (ELW) The Angel Gabriel from Heaven
Came
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 – Canticle of the Turning # 723 (ELW)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.

Thanks be to God

Postlude--

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Announcements and Information

We pray for ACC Director Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully and the staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry as well as ELCIC Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop for Justice, Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations, and Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop for Youth.

Greeters: Thanks to Ross and Karen Cressman.

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

Today's flowers are given with love by the family of Chris and Joan Fischer as they celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary, December 25, 1959. Please join us during coffee hour to celebrate this wonderful occasion as well as Chris' Christmas day birthday.

The offering envelopes for 2020 are now in the mailboxes. Please pick up your envelopes and take them home. If there are corrections to the address labels, please let the office know immediately.

The church office will be closed during the Christmas holidays from Friday, December 20, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. and will reopen Tuesday, January 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Choir Rehearsals on Thursday December 26 and January 2nd have been cancelled. Choir resumes January 9th.

Pastor Jeff will be on holidays from December 25 - 31st. For pastoral emergencies, please leave a message on the church office phone. Messages will be checked regularly.

Last day to make any 2019 donations to the church will be Tuesday, December 31, 2019, by 2:00 p.m.

Christmas Day Services: Although there is no Christmas Day service at All Saints, members are welcome to attend services at either Church of the Apostles or St. George's Anglican beginning at 10:00 am.

Church Directory Photos are again being taken today.

LOOKING AHEAD: December 23 – December 29

Tuesday 24	5:00 pm	German Candlelight Service Holy Communion
	7:00 pm	Family Candlelight Service Holy Communion
	9:30 pm	Candlelight Service Holy Communion
Wednesday 25		Christmas Day - No Services
Sunday 29	8:30 am	Christmas 1 Holy Communion -Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Christmas 1 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.