# 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.

# FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Sunday, December 29, 2019

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

Prelude

Welcome

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Gathering Song : Hark! The Herald Angels Sing # 138 (CP)

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

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, 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: Hebrews 2: 10 - 18

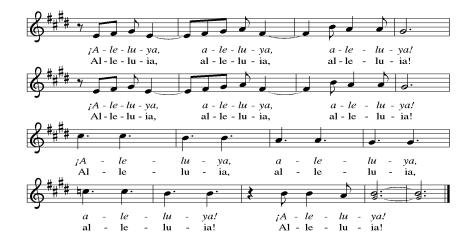
It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saving, "I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters, in the midst of the congregation I will praise you." And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Here am I and the children whom God has given me." Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, he himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death. For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham.

Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

### The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm - # 309 (CP)

## **Gospel Acclamation**



Gospel Reading : Matthew 2 : 13 - 23

The holy gospel according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after [the wise men] had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you; for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt, and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, "Out of Egypt I have called my son." When Herod saw that he had been tricked by the wise men, he was infuriated, and he sent and killed all the children in and around Bethlehem who were two years old or under, according to the time that he had learned from the wise men. Then was fulfilled what had been spoken through the prophet Jeremiah: "A voice was heard in Ramah, wailing and loud lamentation, Rachel weeping for her children; she refused to be consoled, because they are no more." When Herod died, an angel of the Lord suddenly appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, "Get up, take the child and his mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who were seeking the child's life are dead." Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was ruling over Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. And after being warned in a dream, he went away to the district of Galilee. There he made his home in a town called Nazareth, so that what had been spoken through the prophets might be fulfilled, "He will be called a Nazorean."

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

# Hymn of the Day - That Boy-Child of Mary # 293 (ELW)

Sermon

## Prayers of Intercession

Gathered with all who seek the Christ child, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Praise is on our lips and in our hearts, Holy One, for the gracious deeds and acts that you have bestowed upon your church. In the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, and other faith communities around the world, give to your whole church, open hearts that we might work together to share your good news in Christ Jesus. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Praise to you, Creator of all, for you have created a rich diversity of nature and creatures: sun, moon, stars, mountains and all hills, oceans and rivers, the Eramosa and Speed and Grand Rivers. Sustain all that you made and keep us faithful in our care for creation. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

We bless you, Ruler of all, for the communities and nations of which we are a part. Gather into your arms the many peoples of the world and grant humility to all leaders, so that all may find blessing and peace. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

O Holy One, you overcame death and freed us from all fear. Give courage to all who are afraid and comfort to all who suffer in any way, especially.....

Give patience and compassion to those who provide care. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Nurturing God, you care for your children in any danger. Grant courage to our congregation, that we are present with children who need our love and protection, with parents who grieve the loss of children, and with those who seek safety from hurtful situations. Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Light of life, you claim us as your children forever. We praise you for those who have gone before us in the faith, serving as witnesses to your presence especially...

Hear us, O God.

# Your mercy is great.

Into your gracious hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your steadfast mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

# MEAL God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering

Offering Hymn - Love Has Come # 292 (ELW)

**Offering Prayer** 

Generous God, you have given us life, this community, and these gifts of the earth that become the meal of your grace. Move in our hearts, that we might use your gifts to bring hope and blessing wherever we go, through Christ our Lord.

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.

Holy, Holy, Holy



Preface

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.



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Invitation to Communion

Love has come : God's love for all people. Come and eat, for Christ invites you. **Thanks be to God** 

#### Lamb of God



### **Communion Hymns**

#137 (CP) - What Child is This
#146 (CP) - 'Twas in thee Moon of Wintertime
# 140 (CP) - It Came upon the Midnight Clear
# 126 (CP) - Away in a Manger

# Table Blessing

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

Prayer after Communion

Emmanuel, God is with us, you grace us with life and breath and give us bread for the journey. Send us out in service to this world that you love, telling the amazing news of your coming too be Saviour and Lord of all.

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

Grace from God's own heart, peace from the (+)Child in the manger, and strength from the Spirit of life be blessings for you today and forever. **Amen** 

Announcements

# Sending Song - Cold December Flies Away # 299 (ELW)

Dismissal

# Christ is born! Go tell it on the mountain and everywhere......**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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#### **Announcements and Information**

*We pray for* Director Joe Vecsi and Director Hannah Goschy and the staff of Communications and Information Resources and Financial Management. We also pray for

Lyle McKenzie, Assistant to the ELCIC National Bishop for Worship.

Greeters: Thanks to Bruce and Jean Howard.

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

**Today's flowers** in the chancel area are given to the glory of God in memory of Mrs. T. Munro by her brothers, sisters, and children .

*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 Rehearsal* on Thursday, January 2nd has been cancelled. Choir resumes on Thursday, 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.

#### Thank you's to ....

Canon Bill Thomas for preaching and presiding as Pastor Jeff is on holidays.

Ann Sanders for her musical direction at the organ.

#### LOOKING AHEAD: December 30 – January 5

Wednesday 1		New Years Day
Sunday 5	8:30 am	Epiphany of Our Lord Holy Communion -Sanctuary
	10:00 am	Epiphany of Our Lord Holy Communion -Sanctuary

#### Staff

Peter West, Organist **Church Office Hours** Tuesday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.