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Cell Number: 519-830-8084 E-mail address: pastorbwilker@gmail.com Honourary Assistant - Rev. Canon William Thomas Deacon - Rev. Christine Clatworthy 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. e welcome people facing physical or mental challenges

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.



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.

Please wear a mask during the service

No Scents Makes Good Sense.

Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair sprays, colognes, ad after-shave lotions. Please us provide a scent-free environment.

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD NEW MEMBER SUNDAY Sunday, January 15, 2023.

GATHERING

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

Prelude – Menuet, Maurice Ravel Now Behold the Lamb, arr. J. Bert Carlson The Only Son from Heaven. arr. Joseph A Bognar

Choir Anthem - Come Share the Lord, Bryan Jeffrey Leech

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 – **Down Galilee's Slow Roadways** # **45 (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.**

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn of Praise



Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God in whose image we are all made, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior 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 42:1-9

¹ Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.
² He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
³ a bruised reed he will not break, and a dimly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.
⁴ He will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.
⁵ Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out,

who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people upon it and spirit to those who walk in it: ⁶ I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness, I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations, ⁷ to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.
⁸ I am the LORD, that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to idols.
⁹ See, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.** Psalm 29



¹Ascribe to the | LORD, you gods,

ascribe to the LORD glo- | ry and strength.

- ²Ascribe to the LORD the glory | due God's name; worship the LORD in the beau- | ty of holiness.
- ³The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of | glory thunders;

the LORD is upon the | mighty waters.

⁴The voice of the LORD is a pow-[|] erful voice; the voice of the LORD is a [|] voice of splendor. R

- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the | cedar trees; the LORD breaks the ce- | dars of Lebanon;
- ⁶ the LORD makes Lebanon skip | like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a | young wild ox.

⁷The voice | of the LORD

- bursts forth in | lightning flashes.
- ⁸The voice of the LORD[|] shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilder- [|] ness of Kadesh. R

⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the [|] forests bare. And in the temple of the LORD all are [|] crying, "Glory!"

 ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned a- | bove the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king for- | evermore.

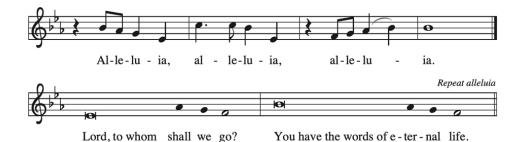
¹¹ O LORD, give strength | to your people; give them, O LORD, the bless- | ings of peace. **R** Second Reading - Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Peter began to speak to [Cornelius and his household]: "I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ-he is Lord of all. ³⁷That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; 40 but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

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



Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading – Matthew 3:13-17

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

¹³ Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. ¹⁴ John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ¹⁵ But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. ¹⁶ And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. ¹⁷ And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

The gospel of Christ. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Homily

Hymn of the Day – Wind upon the Waters # 408 (Blue) Affirmation of Baptism and Reception of New Members

The following people desire to join All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church by affirmation of baptism:

Let us pray,

Merciful God, we thank you for these sisters and brothers whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We pray in Jesus' name. **Amen**

PROFESSION OF FAITH

People of God, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus.

Do you believe in God, the Source of all Being? I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Eternal Word? 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God, the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

COMMITMENT

You have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism:

to live among God's faithful people, to hear the Word and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of Christ in word and deed, to serve all people following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Each person responds individually:

I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

People of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church, will you support and encourage these new members in their life in our community; will you work with them in ministry for the building up of the body of Christ; and will you pray for them?

We will.

It is with joy that I welcome you as members of All Saints!

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Let us pray,

Most Holy God, by the love of Jesus you draw people to yourself and welcome them into the household of faith. May we show your joy by embracing these new brothers and sisters with thanksgiving as we bear your creative and redeeming word to all the world. Keep us close together in your Spirit, in the breaking of bread and the prayers, and in service to others, following the example of Jesus Christ, our servant and Lord. **Amen**

Hymn Baptized and Set Free # 453 (Red) (verses 1 and 4 only)

We are people created, chosen by God. Then we're washed ever gently, in mercy and love. Sin has power no more. Jesus opened the door. to a fountain bringing healing, and wholeness and more.

Now with praise and thanksgiving, we join the song. All are welcome! We gather to sing loud and strong. Not enslaved, but set free! From now on we will be One in Jesus, one in water, baptized and set free!

New members return to their seats. The service continues with the prayers.

Prayers

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Gracious God, you speak with power to your church. Open our hearts and minds to the new things you are declaring. Strengthen bishops, priests, pastors, deacons, lay leaders, and teachers of the faith. Equip the baptized for your reconciling and redeeming work. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You provide the waters of the earth and in Jesus' baptism you reveal the waters of life. Cleanse and protect oceans, rivers, and watersheds. Bring relief to parched lands and to communities without access to safe water. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** You never weary of establishing justice. Increase cooperation and constructive dialogue between nations. Guide local, national, and international authorities to govern with equity, vision, and integrity. We pray for those in military service, for peacemakers, and for our enemies. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Your mercy is steadfast. Give sanctuary to people who flee from oppression, war, poverty, and famine. Sustain health care workers, caregivers, first responders, counselors, and all who help and heal. Comfort those who are grieving or experiencing crisis. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers, especially: Deacon Chris, Anna-Liisa, Pastor Jeff, Dale, David, Bill, Isa, Benito, John, Bud and those we name before you in our hearts... Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In Christ you gather the beloved community. Kindle the gifts of your Spirit in your people. Inspire diocesan and synodical leaders and congregational councils to serve with imagination and wisdom. We pray for Natasha Weigel and John McFatridge as they mark their baptismal anniversaries this week. May they hold fast to all that God has promised in their baptisms. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Your faithfulness endures throughout all generations. We give thanks for those who have died in Christ, trusting that we will be united with them and all the saints in Christ's resurrection life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified. **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: We Are All One in Mission # 576 (Red)

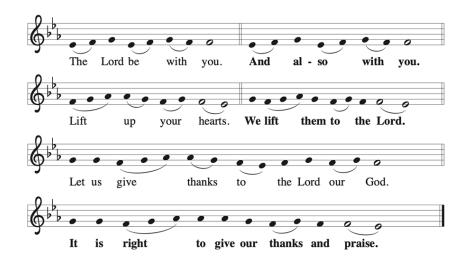


Let us pray:

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings of money, bread, and food in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore through lesus our Saviour

You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Saviour, **Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving



Preface

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

Blessed are you, O holy God: you are the Life and Light of all.By your powerful word you created all things.Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.

Blessed are you for Jesus. He is your Light, shining in our darkness and revealing to us your mercy and might.

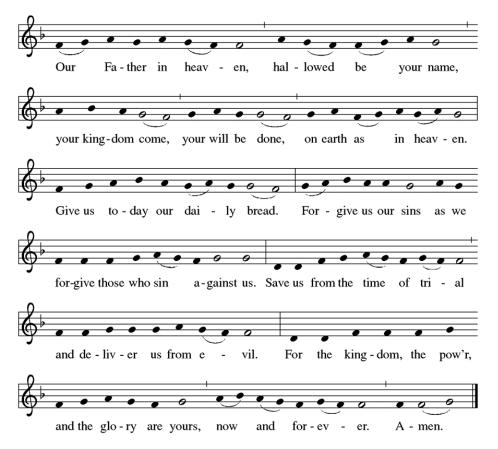
In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 preaching and healing, his dying and rising, and his promise to come again, we await that day when all the universe will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup, that, held and nourished by you, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of 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



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.

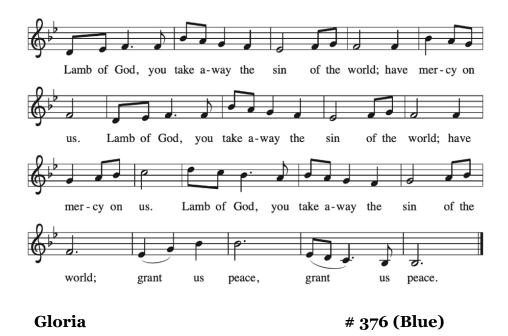
Come and taste the joy of God! Thanks be to God!

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



Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song # 635 (Blue)

Mark How the Lamb of God's Self-Offering # 165 (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

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Song – Songs of Thankfulness and Praise # 310 (Red)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude – Hail to the Lord's Anointed, arr. Emily Maxson Porter

Offerings can be placed in the trays at the back of the pews until the end of the Gathering Hymn.

Please take this bulletin home with you for recycling. Thank you

SENDING

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

Benediction

The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod + bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. **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.

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Announcements and Information

We pray for:

ACC: Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund.

ELCIC: Executive Director, Karin Achtelstetter, and staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief

ACC/ELCIC: The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Altar Guild for January: Thank you to Janet Weigel and Suzanne Worthen.

Coffee Hour: Thank you to our Church Council for hosting the coffee hour today. If you would like host a coffee hour please sign up in the Parlour.

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **Sunday, January 22, 2023**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

The AV Campaign is still on! Check out our progress each week of our AV fundraising campaign on the sign in the narthex. Can you help? Write **AV project** on your envelope or etransfer! **Please note there will be limited access to the nave and narthex next week as the installation of the new system takes place.**

Parish Care: The next Wellness Workshop is scheduled for January 17, 2023 in Rose Head Hall at 1:30 pm. The topic is "**Affordability for Seniors**" and the guest speaker is Lloyd Longfield. With an unprecedented rise in health and affordability issues, we face unprecedented challenges. This will be a supplement to October's Community Services Workshop.

RIC Workshop: Another presentation by Bella Harris - "**What Does an Ally Do?** - How to actively create a welcoming space for 2SLGBTQIA+ people." will take place in Rose Head Hall on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. Creating an inclusive space for 2SLGBTQIA+ folk requires intentional, consistent and ongoing work. In this workshop, we will learn about the impact we have as individuals and as a community through our actions and inactions. We will discuss the ways inclusion is seen and heard, how it feels to be in a welcoming space, and what actions we are willing to make the spaces we're in inclusive of 2SLGBTQIA+ folks. Everyone is welcome!

Silvercreek Community Market: We are in particular need of red lentils and cooking oil. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD: Jan 16 – Jan 22

Monday 16	9:45 a.m.	Creative Crafting Choir Room
	7:00 p.m.	RIC meeting via Zoom
Tuesday 17	1:30 p.m.	Parish Care Workshop Rose Head Hall
	5:30 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Rose Head Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class Parlour
Wednesday 18	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
Thursday 19	11:00 a.m. —3:00 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave / narthex
Friday 20	3:00—6:30 p.m.	Children's Reading Room—Lost & Found program RHH
Sunday 22	8:30 a.m.	Epiphany 3 Holy Communion—Nave
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Organist Peter West

Staff Michele Altermann, Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.