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With God's grace, the faith community of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church in Guelph Ontario welcomes you.



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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.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY RECONCILING IN CHRIST SUNDAY

Sunday, January 26, 2025.

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

Prelude — Hail to the Lord's Anointed arr. Aaron David Miller O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing, arr. Thomas Pavlechko

Welcome Statement

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Communal Lament (Based on Psalm 10)

In response to the ways that people have been excluded and condemned for whom they love and their gender identities or expressions, let us call out to the God who knows the depths of our sorrows and shares the grief in our hearts. O God, when racism, intolerance, and queerphobia, homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia feel inescapable and it is hard to imagine justice and a love that welcomes all of your children to our community, you seem hidden and far away. Come close and dwell among us. Encouraging us as we strive to build resilient and just communities in your name.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

You see and know the harm and suffering of so many beloved children, especially those whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not follow the patterns of patriarchy. Challenge us to disrupt this way of treating people who need our love and support. **Come near to us. Show us the way.**

You see and know the harm and suffering of so many people, especially those whose race, ethnicity, or immigration status cause us to ignore needs as we tolerate racism, xenophobia, and the lack of equity in our society that keep so many of your beloved children from full belonging.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

Help us to remember that you see us and know us: our troubles and grief, the broken relationships that undermine community, our weakness and lack of courage in confronting evil. You hold our pain. We can leave it all to you. You are our helper.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

Help us to remember that you listen to our desires and calm our troubled hearts. We can cry out to you. You will not abandon us.

Come near to us. Show us the way.

Come, O God, and comfort us so we no longer have to be afraid. Lead us to trust in the hope and promise of a resilient community, with justice for the oppressed, afflicted, and excluded. **Amen!**

(please stand) Gathering Song — God, We Gather as Your People



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.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Holy God, your Word teaches us, calls us, and shapes us, that we will become the wisdom of God and the body of Christ for others. On this Reconciling in Christ Sunday may your word turn us toward what is good and holy and just, that all your beloveds of all sexual and romantic orientations, identities, and expressions will know we are seen, known, and loved by you, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ whose life, death, and resurrection shows us and makes possible the way of life for your whole creation. **Amen**

Choir Anthem — Shine like the Sun by John Ylvisaker

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

First Reading - Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

The exiles have returned and rebuilt the city of Jerusalem, the walls, and the temple. Now Ezra the priest gathers the people so that they might hear together the Law of Moses.

When the seventh month came and the people of Israel were settled in their towns, all the people gathered together in the area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Instruction scroll from Moses, according to which the LORD had instructed Israel.

So, on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Instruction before the assembly. This assembly was made up of anyone who could understand what they heard. Facing the area in front of the Water Gate, he read it aloud, from early morning until the middle of the day. He read it in the presence of those who could understand, and everyone listened attentively to the Instruction scroll.

Standing above all of the people, Ezra the scribe opened the scroll in the sight of all of the people. And as he opened it, all of the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all of the people answered, "Amen! Amen!" while raising their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

They read aloud from the scroll, the Instruction from God, explaining and interpreting it so the people could understand what they heard.

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Don't mourn or weep." They said this because all the people wept when they heard the words of the Instruction. "Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet," he said to them, "and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our LORD. Don't be sad, because the joy from the LORD is your strength!"

> Blessed are they who seek wisdom. Who treasure her ways and follow her paths.

Psalm 19:7-14 (Sung responsively between the choir and the congregation.)



⁷ The teaching of the LORD is perfect and re- | vives the soul;

the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom | to the simple.

⁸ The statutes of the LORD are just and re- | joice the heart;

the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light | to the eyes.

9 The fear of the LORD is clean and en- | dures forever; the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous | altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, more than | much fine gold,

sweeter far than honey, than honey | in the comb. R

¹¹ By them also is your ser- | vant enlightened, and in keeping them there is | great reward.

- ¹² Who can detect one's | own offenses? Cleanse me from my | secret faults.
- ¹³ Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion | over me;
 - then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a | great offense.

 ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable | in your sight, O LORD, my strength and | my redeemer. R

Second Reading-1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others.

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.

Certainly, the body isn't one part but many. If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell?

But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? But as it is, there are many parts but one body.

So, the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you." Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it. You are the body of Christ and parts of each other. In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they?

Use your ambition to try to get greater gifts.

Blessed are they who seek wisdom. Who treasure her ways and follow her paths.

Gospel Acclamation



The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the <u>poor,*</u> and to proclaim release to the captives.

Gospel Reading - Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

> The Spirit is upon me, because God has anointed me. God has sent me to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, to liberate the oppressed, and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.

Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

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

Homily

Hymn of the Day— **Sing a New World into Being** (Tune: Camrose)

- Sing a new world into being. Sound a bold and hopeful theme. Find a tune for silent yearnings. Lend your voice and dare to dream; dream a church where all who worship find their lives and loves belong. Sing a new world into being. Sing as Christ inspires your song!
- 2. Sing a new world into being where each gender, class and race brings its rainbow gifts and colours to God's limitless embrace; where the lines that once divided form instead the ties that bind. Sing a new world into being: risk transforming heart and mind!
- 3. Sing a new world into being where the homeless find a home, where no children ever hunger but are filled in God's shalom; where all people work for justice, where all hate and vengeance cease. Sing a new world into being: raise the harmonies of peace.
- 4. Sing a new world into being. Join the ancient prophet's cry for a time of health and plenty when all tears have been wiped dry; when compassion flows like waters, pouring balm for all who grieve. Sing a new world into being: live the promise you believe!

Prayers

Called by the Holy Spirit into relationship with a loving God, we pray for the church, all in need, and the whole creation.

Holy One, you are the strength of your church. Inspire the proclamation of our bishops, pastors, priests, and deacons by the power of the Spirit so that all the baptized are bold to share your expansive and affirming good news with all. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

The heavens declare your glory, and the sky proclaims your handiwork. Where creation groans because of human misuse, waste, and neglect, bring healing and renewal. Open us to heed creation's lament so that all creatures can thrive and sing your praise. Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Your statutes are just, and your commandments are clear. Direct leaders of nations, cities, and towns to pursue justice and equity for our neighbours who are hurting, vulnerable, and held captive to unjust systems. Strengthen us in our resolve to build your beloved community on earth as it is in heaven. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

Jesus showed us that, in your reign, the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the leapers and cleansed, and the deaf hear. Send us out to care for all who are hurting in mind, body, or spirit. We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Gwen and Nolan, Orland, Gail, Irene, Zoilita, Bill, Barrie, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, and those we name before you in our hearts. *(silence...)* Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

You call us together as one body in Christ, and you create each member with unique gifts and identities. Renew our commitment to celebrate the diversity among us as people of all gender identities and expressions, sexual and romantic orientations, and racial and ethnic identities. Empower this assembly of All Saints to recognize and uplift the voices and skills of those who are overlooked in the mission of your church. Shape us into an adaptive, resilient community that does not relent in proclaiming your good news and caring for one another. Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

Your teaching revives the weary soul. Inspire faith formation ministries that foster in us a sense of wonder and curiosity. Make us attentive to your word, and fashion us into a people who never stop asking questions and who never stop learning more about your word and your world. Merciful God,

Receive our prayer.

With the body of Christ around us, we rejoice for the witness of the body of Christ who has gone before us. We give thanks for the saints of this community who have died, for leaders of the early church, and for all your holy ones whose lives bore witness to your ever-expansive love and whose example inspires us to do the same. Merciful God, **Receive our prayer.**

We entrust these our prayers, spoken and silent, and our sighs too deep for words, to your abundant mercy, through Christ our Lord. **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.

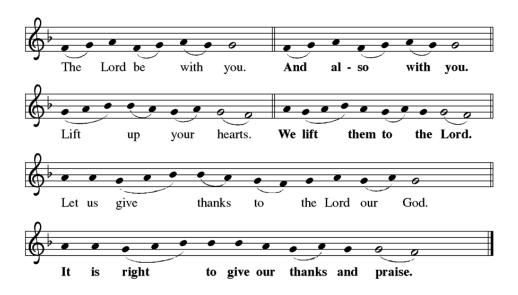
Offertory: Now the Silence #460 (Red)

Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen**

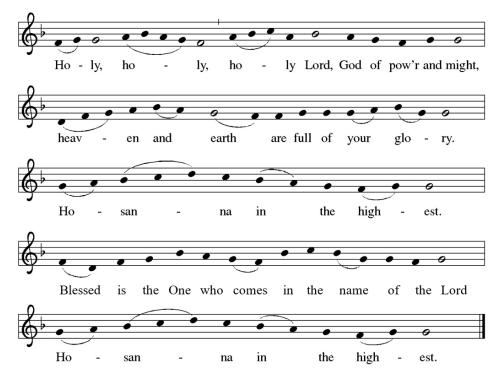
Great Thanksgiving



Preface

... and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

All thanks and praise are yours, O God, for in Christ you became incarnate in a human body. By your flesh we are freed from sin, death, and all that holds us captive. You have been revealed to us as one who breathes, and you breathe into us new life.

Therefore, we breathe your loving Spirit:

(Moment of silence to breathe prayers of praise and longing.)

With all of creation, we cry out:

Breathe on us, that we may live!

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.

Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to this resilient community.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do. **Amen**

Lord's Prayer





Invitation to Communion

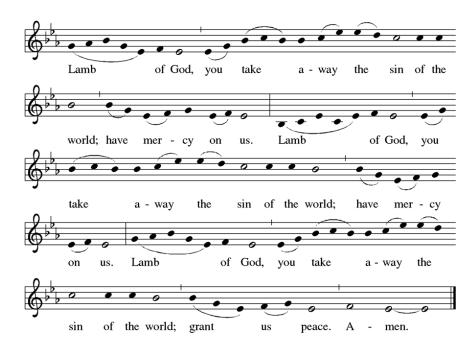
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation. **Thanks be to God!**



Communion Hymns

Lamb of God



Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo	# 376 (Blue)
One Bread, One Body	# 73 (Blue)
The Voice of God Goes Out	# 627 (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

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world, for we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen**

Post Communion Canticle: United at the Table #498 (Red)

Announcements

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

Benediction

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God, you will want for nothing. God alone suffices. *[Teresa of Avila]*

May the blessing of God, Holy One and + Holy Three, be with us today and every day, building us into a resilient community that practices justice and radical inclusion. **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 – Let Stream of Living Justice # 575 (Blue)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Practice resilient justice . Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Hark the Glad Sound, arr. Kristina Langlois

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Dennis Kunze	Christine Morrison
Servers	Julianna Stephens Kishan Gunawardene	Laura F Mann Michelle Normandin
Reader	Judy Rogers	Kate Stuttaford
Greeters	Carole Mozauritis	Kate Stuttaford
Ushers	Richard & Linda Zytner	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze
AV booth	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Christine Morrison Suzanne Worthen Merike Rutten	Michele Altermann Marilyn Coleman
Counters	Norman Frid Ena Sookraj	Norman Frid Matzi King
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	Caring Conversations	

We pray for:

ACC The Most Rev. David Edwards, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern Synod MOR The people and ministries of Millwoods Moravian Church in Edmonton

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.



The Associates The next meeting is **January 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m**. in the Narthex. Caregivers and their partners with dementia are both welcome to learn, share, socialize and find solace. This month's topic: *The effects of caregiving on your own health and wellbeing* **Caring Conversations:** The Reconciling in Christ Team invites you to join our Caring Conversation on **Sunday January 26, 2025** after the service. Join us for soup and conversation. Please sign up in the narthex is you plan to attend. There is also a sign up list for anyone who can help with making soup. *Thank you*.

RIC Sunday Free Will Offering: Today we are collecting a



free will offering to support the work that **ReconcilingWorks** does on behalf of the ELCIA/ELCIC. This is part of our commitment to this ministry and being an RIC congregation.

There will be a rainbow colour jar on the offering plate for any contributions you may consider making. *Thank you for your support*.

Annual Reports: Please submit all committee and team reports to Janet Weigel at



jweigel0220@rogers.com by the end of this month. (January 31, 2025) *Thank you.*

Silvercreek Community Market: We regularly need rice and



red lentils! We currently have 270 families registered so please consider buying the specific items listed below in advance of each month – for Februarywe need school snacks, canned fruit and vegetables and cooking oil.

We do not need any more reuseable grocery bags or plastic bread tabs at this time. Thank you.

The Stories Bones Tell: Fundraiser for the Ecumenical Campus Ministry. Join us on Thursday February 20th at 10 a.m. in the Anatomy Museum of the Ontario Veterinary College, U of Guelph, for a fascinating look at skeletons! This oneof-a-kind event will be hosted by Dr. Jeff Thomason, who taught Veterinary Anatomy for 30 years. There will be a number of skeletons on display - fish, bird, and several mammals including a lynx, rat, bear, rabbit, dog, and more. Jeff will give a brief introduction on the special features of the species on display, and what to look for on each one. Then you will get to wander among the skeletons looking for those features and enjoying the stories that the skeletons tell about the animals they supported. You should come away with a better understanding of your own skeleton, and an appreciation of the variety and uses of this remarkable structure in different animals. And you will have fun while learning! The cost is \$25, with all funds raised going to support the ECM. Speak to Lucy Reid to sign up, or email her at lreido8@gmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD: January 27–February 2

Tuesday 28	1:00 p.m.	The Associates Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	Church Council Parlour
Wednesday 29	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	3:00 p.m.	Hymn Selection Parlour
Thursday 30	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Sunday 2	8:30 a.m.	Epiphany 4 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany 4 / Candlemas Holy Communion—Nave

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