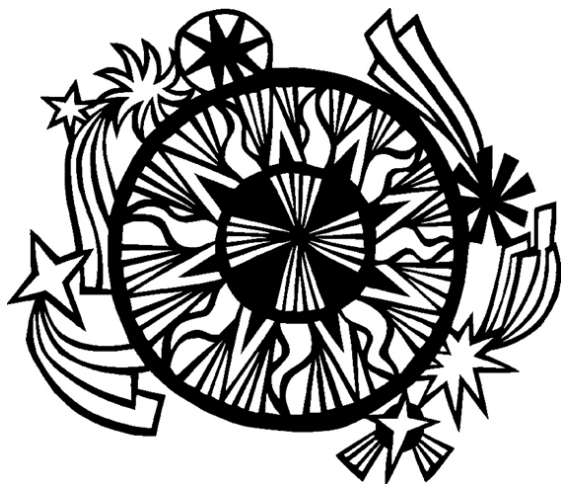


# All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

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Please be aware that our Sunday service is video streamed to our YouTube channel for public viewing. If you feel sensitive to this thought and wish to remain out of the occasional line of view, consider sitting in the back left two rows of pews. Thank you.

*Please remember to wear your nametag.*

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.

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.



**All are truly welcome.**



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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.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

**Sunday, January 4, 2026.**

### Prelude

*(Please help create a quiet space for reflection during the prelude. Thank you)*

### 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 and friendship 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, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.**

### Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty Saviour,  
Prince of Peace.  
**Amen.**

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,  
let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,  
**we yearn for your presence to transform  
our grief, pain, and despair.  
We confess that we have not always prepared  
room in our hearts for your love;  
we have not always recognized  
your presence among us;  
we have not always embraced your message of  
peace.  
We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,  
oppression, and fear.**

**We confess our failure to make room  
for those seeking refuge;  
our participation in violent systems  
that harm your innocent ones;  
our reluctance to embody your good news.  
Be born in us today  
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your  
salvation.  
Amen.**

God's grace upon grace flows over you.  
✠ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.  
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be  
glad!  
**Amen.**

Gathering Hymn— **Angels from the Realms of  
Glory # 143 (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.**

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Most High God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## Reading: *Sirach 24:1-12*

*The figure of Wisdom played a major role in early discussions of Christology. Wisdom is the divine word, coming from the mouth of God, and ruling over all of creation. Wisdom, created at the beginning of time, made her dwelling place in Jerusalem among God's people.*

- <sup>1</sup> Wisdom praises herself  
and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.
- <sup>2</sup> In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth,  
and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:
- <sup>3</sup> "I came forth from the mouth of the Most High  
and covered the earth like a mist.
- <sup>4</sup> I encamped in the heights,  
and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.
- <sup>5</sup> Alone I compassed the vault of heaven  
and traversed the depths of the abyss.
- <sup>6</sup> Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,  
and over every people and nation I have held sway.
- <sup>7</sup> Among all these I sought a resting place;  
in whose inheritance should I abide?
- <sup>8</sup> "Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,  
and my Creator pitched my tent.  
He said, 'Encamp in Jacob,  
and in Israel receive your inheritance.'
- <sup>9</sup> Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,  
and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.

- <sup>10</sup> In the holy tent I ministered before him,  
and so I was established in Zion.
- <sup>11</sup> Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting place,  
and in Jerusalem was my domain.
- <sup>12</sup> I took root in an honored people;  
in the portion of the Lord is my inheritance."

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Wisdom 10:15-21 (*sung together in unison*)



- <sup>15</sup> **A holy people and | blameless race;  
wisdom delivered from a nation | of  
oppressors.**
- <sup>16</sup> **She entered the soul of a servant | of the Lord,  
and withstood dread kings with won- | ders  
and signs.**
- <sup>17</sup> **She gave to holy people the reward | of their  
labours;  
she guided them along a | marvelous way,  
and became a shelter to | them by day,  
and a starry flame | through the night. R**
- <sup>18</sup> **She brought them over | the Red Sea,  
and led them | through deep waters;**
- <sup>19</sup> **but she | drowned their enemies,  
and cast them up from the depth | of the sea.**
- <sup>20</sup> **Therefore the righteous plundered | the  
ungodly;  
they sang hymns, O LORD, to your holy name,  
and praised with one accord your de- | fending  
hand;**
- <sup>21</sup> **for wisdom opened the mouths of those | who  
were mute,  
and made the tongues of in- | fants speak  
clearly. R**

## Gospel Acclamation



All the ends | of the earth\* have seen the victory | of our God.

## Gospel — *John 1:1-18*

The holy gospel of our Lord according to John.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup> He was in the beginning with God. <sup>3</sup> All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being <sup>4</sup> in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. <sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

<sup>6</sup> There was a man sent from God whose name was John. <sup>7</sup> He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup> He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. <sup>9</sup> The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup> He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup> who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup> And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup> (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") <sup>16</sup> From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup> The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



## Homily

Hymn of the Day— **Of Eternal Love Begotten**  
**# 132 (Blue)**

## Prayers

With joy in our hearts because Jesus is born, let us pray for the church, the world, and everyone who needs God's love.

*(A short time of silence.)*

Gracious God, you promise to be present whenever people gather in your name. Be close to us now – not only through the story of Jesus born in a manger and raised to life, but through the friends, mentors, and strangers who show your love today. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You show yourself in living water – in the womb where life begins, in streams and oceans that flow with energy, and in the waters of baptism that remind us we are yours. Teach us to protect this planet and care for all creation as gifts from you. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You show yourself in the beauty of difference – in every culture, every language, every body, and every story. Open our eyes to see you in people who don't look or live like we do, and help us celebrate the full diversity of your family. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You are present whenever something new begins. As we begin a new year, be with those starting new jobs, new schools, new relationships, or new adventures. Bring comfort to people rebuilding their lives after loss, and healing to all who need your care today. We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Ken and Matzi, Andrew, Joan, Alice, Irene, Greg and Mary, Elaine and David, Brenna, Kathryn, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary, the people of Venezuela who continue to live under the threat of invasion, and those we name before you in our hearts. *(silence...)*. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You make yourself known when we share meals together. Bless everyone who offers food, friendship, or a safe place to belong – in this church and in our neighbourhoods. Make every table a sign of your welcome. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

You promise to bring joy out of sorrow and hope out of grief. We remember those who have died and trust that they rest in your light and peace. Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

With joy in the birth of Christ and hope in your promises, we bring our prayers to you, trusting in your endless love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

**And also with you.**

## Offertory— Each Year As the Winter Grows Older



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,  
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for  
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from  
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the  
5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the  
war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and  
death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that  
north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can  
pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.  
scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.  
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.  
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.  
new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

## Offertory Prayer

Let us pray:

God of glory,  
great are your wonders among us  
and many are the blessings you bestow.  
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the  
world,  
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your sav-  
ing grace,  
through Christ our Saviour. **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.**

## Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God,  
creator of all and Source of life,  
at the birth of time  
your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Word, born of Mary,  
to shine in our darkness  
and to make us your children.

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 birth and life among us,  
his death and resurrection,  
we await his coming again and again,  
when all things are restored in him.

By your Spirit, bless us and this bread and cup,  
that, held and nourished by you,  
we may live as your children,  
shining with the light of Christ,  
through whom all glory and honour is yours,  
almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
now and forever. **Amen**

## Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven.**  
**Hallowed be thy name.**  
**Thy kingdom come,**  
**thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**  
**Give us this day our daily bread,**  
**and forgive us our trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us.**  
**And lead us not into temptation,**  
**but deliver us from evil.**  
**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the**  
**glory, forever and ever. Amen**

## Invitation to Communion

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us,  
bring us to light and life.**

Glory to God in the highest!  
Come to the table of peace.

**Thanks be to God!**

## Communion Hymns

**Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light**  
# 147 (Blue)

**See Amid the Winter's Snow** # 148 (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

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.  
May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts  
the mystery of your presence.  
Move us to discover the wonders of your love  
in the everyday moments of our lives,  
through Christ born in us.  
**Amen.**

## Announcements

## Benediction

The triune God,  
glorious Mystery,  
holy Incarnate One,  
abiding Comforter,  
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

**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 — **Go Tell It on the Mountain**  
# 290 (Red)

## Dismissal

Glory to God in the highest!  
**And peace to God's people on earth!**  
Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## Postlude

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## Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Laura F Mann	Laura B Mann
<b>Servers</b>	Jan Nielsen Denis Kunze	Julianna Stephens Laura F Mann
<b>Reader</b>	Sue Wakefield	John Szymanski
<b>Greeters</b>	Sheila Chappel	Carole Mozauritis
<b>Ushers</b>	Mark & Janet Weigel	Mark & Janet Weigel
<b>AV booth</b>	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Weigel Merike Rutten	Janet Weigel Merike Rutten
<b>Counters</b>	Mark Weigel Chris Heaney	Mark Weigel Chris Heaney
<b>Flowers</b>		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		

### ***We pray for:***

ACC Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev. Canon Dr. Scott Sharman,

Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

ELCIC Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National Bishop, Youth and Leadership; Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

MOR The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, Ecumenical Officer, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the School of Theology at Moravian University

***Greeters:*** If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact the church office.  
*Thank you.*



***Silvercreek Community Market:*** Please consider buying the specific items listed below — January we need **peanut butter, canned fruit & vegetables, school snacks and cooking oil. We always need rice and lentils.** *We do not need any plastic bread tabs or reuseable grocery bags at this time. Thank you.*



## **LOOKING AHEAD: January 5 — 11**

Wednesday 7	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Forum via Zoom
Thursday 8	9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Saturday 10	9:00 a.m.	Taking down decorations Nave
Sunday 11	8:30 a.m.	Epiphany Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Holy Communion—Nave

### **Organist**

Peter West

### **Staff**

Michele Altermann, Administrative Assistant

### **Church Office Hours**

Tuesday to Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.