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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.

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.



**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.

EPIPHANY SUNDAY

Sunday, January 5, 2025.

GATHERING

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

Prelude — Love Has Come,
Hazel Montealegre Heaney, solo
The First Noel

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.

(please stand)

Gathering Song — **Brightest and Best of the Stars**
#303 (Red)

Greeting

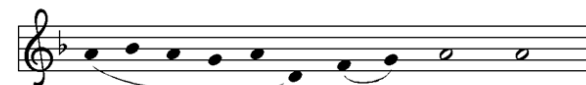
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

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.

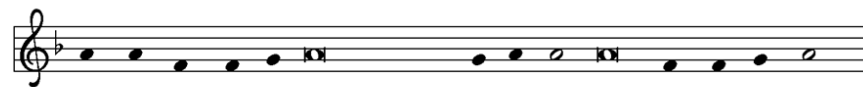
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



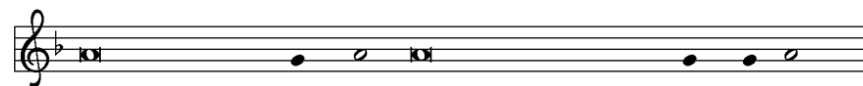
Lord, have mer - cy.



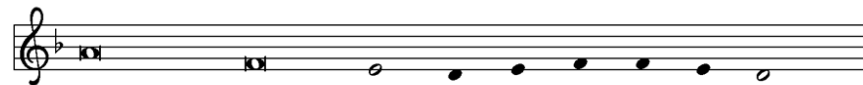
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



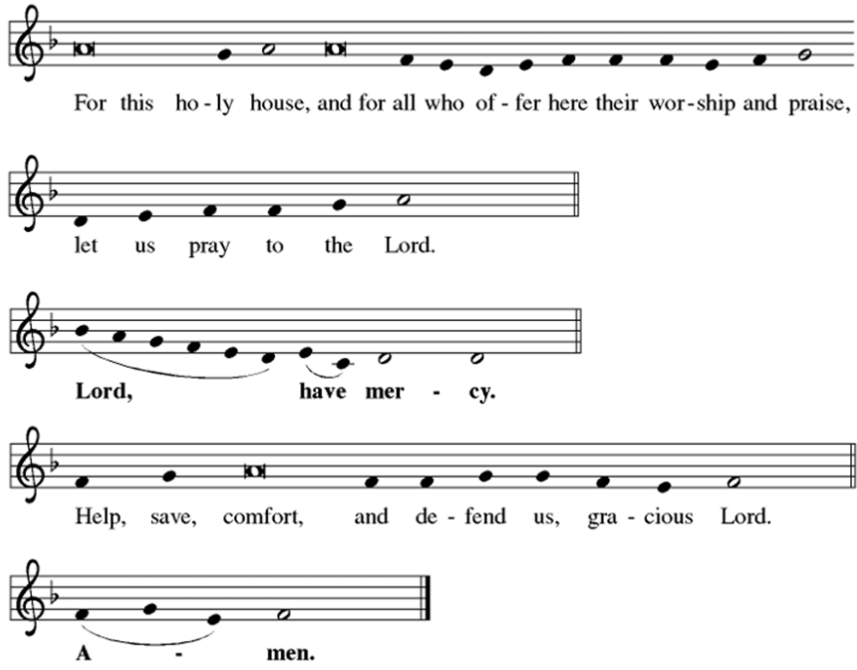
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho-ly house, and for all who of-fer here their wor-ship and praise,
 let us pray to the Lord.
 Lord, have mer-cy.
 Help, save, comfort, and de-fend us, gra-cious Lord.
 A - men.

Hymn of Praise



1 All glo-ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
 2 Lord Je-sus Christ, the on-ly Son of God, cre-a-tion's
 3 To you a-lone, O God, we cry, the Ho-ly One we
 giv-en! Let an-gels sing, let all re-ply; good-
 au-thor, O Lamb of God, your death a-lone takes
 name you; for you a-lone are God most high, one
 will breaks forth from heav-en! Lord God Al-might-y,
 sin a-way for-ev-er. Stretch out your arms to
 liv-ing God we claim you: we wor-ship you, Lord
 heav-en's king, we wor-ship you, our thanks we sing, we
 ev-'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re-
 Je-sus Christ, with God the Spir-it ev-er blest, in
 praise you for your glo-ry.
 ceive our prayer; have mer-cy.
 God the Fa-ther's glo-ry. A - men.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.
 Most High and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Christ by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

Choir Anthem

WORD

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

First Reading – *Isaiah 60:1-6*

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because the light of God's presence is in her midst.

- ¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ² For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- ³ Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses'
arms.
- ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

Hymn—**Arise, You Light Has Come! # 314 (Red)**
(Please remain seated)

Second Reading – *Ephesians 3:1-12*

¹ This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles — ² for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³ and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴ a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵ In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶ that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷ Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸ Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹ and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰ so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹ This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹² in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

Repeat alleluia

Gospel Reading – *Matthew 2:1-12*

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ² asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.”

³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.

⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.”

⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day— **Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom # 161 (Blue)**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the
virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

Your glory fills the earth. Bless the work of all who engage in dialogue with people of other traditions and faiths.

Bridge our differences with a shared mission of revealing your boundless love to the world. We give you thanks for the leaders and teachers in our Anglican, Lutheran, and Moravian churches who help us engage in ecumenical and interfaith dialogue. God of grace,

receive our prayer.

Restore the glory of creation. Send rain to water-parched lands. Revive ecosystems and habitats threatened by a changing climate and protect the peoples and creatures who live in them. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Give the rulers your justice and reveal your righteousness to those who govern. Frustrate the plans of tyrants and oppressors. Encourage the work of community organizers and activists who speak out against injustice. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Help those who have no helper. Draw near to those who have no one to advocate for them or those who feel forgotten. Deliver those who call to you. We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Gwen and Nolan, Orland, Gail, Zoilita, Bill, Barrie, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*) Precious are they in your sight. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Liberate this congregation from a yearning for the past that forgets the future. Fuel in us a passion for discovery. Give us the boldness to dream and to imagine our ministries in new and different ways. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We give thanks for your holy ones who now rest in your radiant glory. Make us, with them, sharers in the boundless riches of Christ, our hope and promise. God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and 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 heaven and earth, from the beginning, you have called forth life, in which you take delight. The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy. Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty, that we may join the chorus of creation to tell of your salvation from day to day. **Amen**

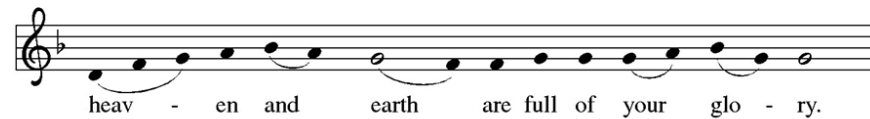
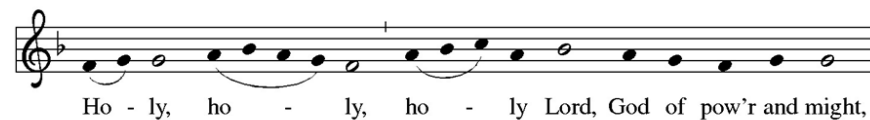
Great Thanksgiving



Preface

... and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and
resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
 Come among us.
 Bless this meal.
 May your Word take flesh in us.
 Awaken your people.
 Fill us with your light.
 Bring the gift of peace on earth.
Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
 Holy One of Israel,
 Word of God incarnate,
 Power of the Most High,
 one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Our Fa - ther in heav - en, hal - lowed be your name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heav - en.
 Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we
 for - give those who sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow'r,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for - ev - er. A - men.

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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you
 take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy
 on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
 sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.

Brightest and Best

159 (Blue)

Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

385 (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

Merciful God,
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness,
send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted,
and share the good news of great joy. **Amen**

Post Communion Canticle

Light Dawns on a Weary World #726 (Red)

Announcements

SENDING

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

Benediction

The God of love,
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,
lavish you with grace,
illumine your path,
and increase your joy,
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.**

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

Dismissal

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly!
Thanks be to God!

Postlude — Let Our Gladness Have No End

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Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Laura F Mann	Penny Richards
Servers	Marilyn Bleach Schranz Kishan Gunawardene	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze
Reader	Kate Stuttaford	Pearl Robinson
Greeters	Lily Flewelling	Andrew Usjak
Ushers	Richard & Linda Zytner	Richard & Linda Zytner
AV booth	Michele Altermann Brain Janzen	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Christine Morrison Suzanne Worthen Merike Rutten	Christine Morrison Suzanne Worthen Merike Rutten
Counters	Kate Stuttaford Dennis Kunze	Laura F Mann Dennis Kunze
Flowers		
Coffee Hour		Sheila Chappel & Maureen Mercer

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. Jason Andersen, president of the Western District Executive Board of the Moravian Church Northern Province.

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.



Calendars: Some people are looking for calendars. If you have some to give away please drop them off in the box in the narthex.

Silvercreek Community Market: We regularly need rice and red lentils! We currently have 250 families registered so please consider buying the specific items listed below in advance of each month – **for January we need school snacks, peanut butter, canned fruit and vegetables.**



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

Caring Conversations: Your help is needed! The Reconciling in Christ Team is looking for participation in collecting your questions or topics, thoughts and experiences with the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, to help us prepare for Caring Conversations on **Sunday January 26, 2025.** Join us for soup and conversation. Please write down your thoughts on the cards provided and drop them off in the box on the table in the narthex. You can also email Pastor Brian or any of the RIC Team. *Thank you.*



LOOKING AHEAD: January 6—January 12

Monday 6	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Committee Parlour
Wednesday 8	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
Thursday 9	9:30 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Saturday 11	9:00 a.m.	Taking down Christmas decorations—Nave
Sunday 12	8:30 a.m.	Baptism of Our Lord Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Baptism of Our Lord Holy Communion—Nave

Church Office Hours

Tuesday— Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.