

# All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church

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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.

**Please wear a mask during the service**

**No Scents Makes Good Sense.**

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

# EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 8, 2023.

## GATHERING

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

Prelude

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 – **The First Nowell # 139 (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



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, on this day you revealed your Messiah to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through Jesus Christ our 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 60:1-6*

- <sup>1</sup> Arise, shine; for your light has come,  
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> Nations shall come to your light,  
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- <sup>4</sup> 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.
- <sup>5</sup> 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.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.

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

Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14

- <sup>1</sup> Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,  
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
- <sup>2</sup> **that he may rule your | people righteously  
and the | poor with justice;**
- <sup>3</sup> that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,  
and the | hills, in righteousness.
- <sup>4</sup> **Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,  
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor.**
- <sup>5</sup> May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,  
from one generation | to another.
- <sup>6</sup> **Let him come down like rain upon | the mown  
field,  
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.**
- <sup>7</sup> In his time may the | righteous flourish;  
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon  
shall | be no more.
- <sup>10</sup> **May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay  
tribute,  
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts.**
- <sup>11</sup> May all kings bow | down before him,  
and all the nations | do him service.
- <sup>12</sup> **For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in  
distress,  
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.**
- <sup>13</sup> He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,  
and preserves the lives | of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup> **From oppression and violence he re- | deems  
their lives,  
and precious is their blood | in his sight.**

## Second Reading – *Ephesians 3:1-12*

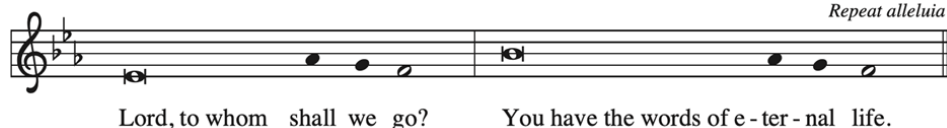
<sup>1</sup>This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles— <sup>2</sup>for surely you have already heard of the commission of God’s grace that was given me for you, <sup>3</sup>and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, <sup>4</sup>a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. <sup>5</sup>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: <sup>6</sup>that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

<sup>7</sup>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. <sup>8</sup>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, <sup>9</sup>and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, <sup>12</sup>in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

### Gospel Acclamation



## Gospel Reading – *Matthew 2:1-12*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, <sup>2</sup>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.” <sup>3</sup>When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; <sup>4</sup>and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. <sup>5</sup>They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

<sup>6</sup>“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.”

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

<sup>8</sup>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.”

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. <sup>11</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>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 – We Three Kings



1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing  
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense  
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,  
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



*Refrain*  
Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

## Prayers

With wonder and thanksgiving for Christ's coming into the world, we pray for the church, the life of the earth, and the whole human family.

*A brief silence.*

Guide the whole church with your wisdom. Nurture ecumenical and interreligious understanding around the globe, especially in places of ethnic and religious strife. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Restore your glory to the earth. Protect fragile ecosystems: rain forests, coral reefs, wetlands, prairies, and shorelines. Guide us to treasure the rich variety of animals and plants that share the world with us, especially those that are endangered. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Bring the nations into the way of justice and peace. Strengthen those who work for human rights, equity, and the protection of the most vulnerable. We pray for all in public office, that they may serve with honesty and honour. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Help those who have no helper. Rescue any who suffer from abuse, neglect, or exploitation. Deliver adults and children who are caught in cycles of poverty. Comfort those who are sick in mind, body, or spirit. We pray especially for: Deacon Chris, Anna-Liisa, Pastor Jeff, Dale, David, Bill, Isa, Benito, John, Bud and those we name before you in our hearts. (brief silence...) As Laura Mann prepares for the funeral following the tragic death of her son Jeff, give Laura, his wife Amanda, and all of Jeff's family and friends a sure confidence in your loving care that they may know the consolation of your love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Accompany the ministries of All Saints in the coming year. Inspire those who lead worship, teach, visit, pray, administer, and serve. Keep us mindful of the needs of others in our communities and neighbourhoods. We pray especially for those marking their baptismal anniversaries this week: Josh Strome, Marisa Artuso, Naomi Artuso, Carolyn Conibear. May the light of their faith so shine before others that all may see your good works and glorify you in heaven. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Reveal your promise by the witness of those who died trusting in you. Receive our thanks for their witness and faith, and guide us by their example until we are gathered with them into your eternal presence. God of grace,  
**hear our prayer.**

Pondering the mystery of eternal love made flesh in Christ Jesus, we commend all for whom we pray to the mercy of God.  
**Amen.**

### Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Merciful Creator,  
**We confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen**

Hear the good news: We are children of God and heirs of God's promises through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. In † Jesus we are forgiven and redeemed. Sing with joy, for all the ends of the earth shall know the salvation of God.  
**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.***

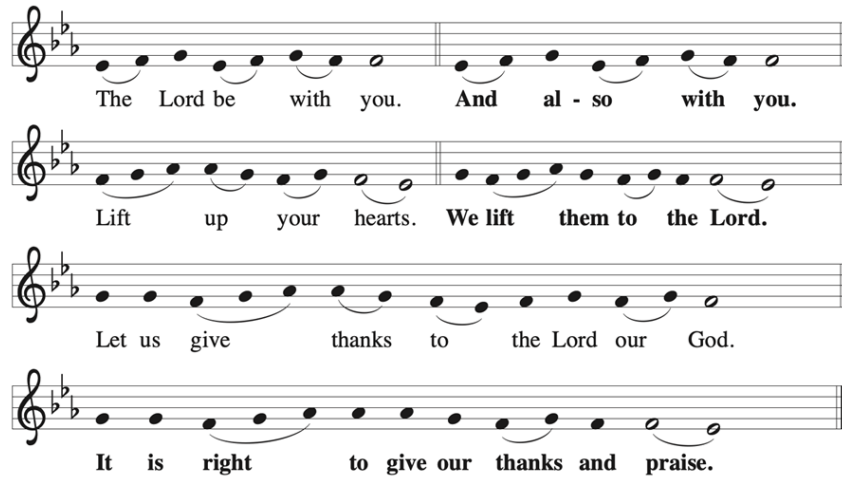
Offertory: **We Are All One in Mission # 576 (Red)**

### Offering Prayer

Let us pray:

God of abundance,  
receive and bless these gifts we have offered.  
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,  
and gather us at your table of celebration.  
Strengthen us to share with all the world  
the abundance of your grace upon grace,  
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
**Amen.**

## Great Thanksgiving



The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

## Preface

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

## Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and  
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your  
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

## 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



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.**

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



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, grant us peace.



# Lullay, Thou Little Tiny Child

(THE COVENTRY CAROL)

ROBERT CROO, 1534

English Melody, 1591

1. Lul - lay, Thou lit - tle ti - ny Child, By, by, lul - ly, lul - lay;  
2. O sis - ters, too, how may we do, For to pre - serve this day;  
3. Her - od the King, in his rag - ing, Charg - ed he hath this day;  
4. Then woe is me, poor Child, for Thee, And ev - er mourn and say;

— Lul - lay, Thou lit - tle ti - ny Child, By, by, lul - ly, lul - lay.—  
— This poor Young - ling for whom we sing, By, by, lul - ly, lul - lay.—  
— His men of might, in his own sight, All chil - dren young, to slay.—  
— For Thy part - ing nor say nor sing, By, by, lul - ly, lul - lay.—

As with Gladness Men of Old

# 160 (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

God our redeemer,  
you have fed us at this table  
with gifts of grace, truth, and life.

As you have gathered us in joy,  
send us forth as messengers of your peace.

Make us shine with the good news of your glory,  
born to us in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

## Announcements

### SENDING

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

### Benediction

God bless you and keep you,  
† Jesus grant you grace and truth,  
and the Spirit send peace upon your hearts,  
now and forever.

**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 – Sing of God Made Manifest

# 162 (Blue)

### Dismissal

Christ the Saviour is born!  
Go in peace. Proclaim this good news.  
**Thanks be to God!**

### Postlude

***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***

## Announcements and Information

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

**ACC:** Dr. Andrea Mann, Director, and the staff of Global Relations; Ryan Weston, Lead Animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice.

**ELCIC:** The Assistants to the Bishop and the staff of the Eastern Synod.

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

**Coffee Hour:** Thank you to the Julianna and Geoff Stephens for hosting the coffee hour today. If you would like host a coffee hour please sign up in the Narthex.

**Connections:** The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is Sunday, January 15, 2023. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at [cjmorrison263@gmail.com](mailto:cjmorrison263@gmail.com)

**Envelopes:** Envelopes for 2023 are ready to pick up in your mailboxes. Thank you.

**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!

**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. Everyone is welcome!

**Ushers needed:** More ushers are needed for the 10:00 am service. If you have served as an usher or if you are interested in serving, training is provided. Please contact Jan Nielsen [jannielsen@rogers.com](mailto:jannielsen@rogers.com) or let the office know. Thank you.

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

**Puzzle Library:** We have started a puzzle library located in the small bookcase in the narthex. Please feel free to borrow from or add puzzles to the pile!

## **LOOKING AHEAD: Jan 9 — Jan 15**

Tuesday 10	7:00 p.m.	Faith Forum via Zoom
Wednesday 11	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
Thursday 12	9:45 a.m.	Creative Crafting Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Saturday 14	8:00 a.m. —5:00 p.m.	Rental group Rose Head Hall
Sunday 15	8:30 a.m.	Baptism of Our Lord Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Baptism of Our Lord 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.

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