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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 spray, colognes and after-shave lotion. Please help us provide a scent-free environment.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday, November 27, 2022.

GATHERING

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

Prelude – Aeritgh's Theme, Nobuo Uematsu,
arr. Shigeo Ida
Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

Choir Anthem – Keep Your Lamps! Victor C. Johnson

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 – **Maranatha: Let the Lord Come**

God's day is coming – glorious day
When the old era passes away.
Wake, all you people, heed what you hear,
Keep your lamps burning, the Bridegroom is near.
Maranatha: let the Lord come!

Day when God's Kingdom will be revealed,
Blind eyes be opened, sick souls be healed,
Imprisoned souls will find their release:
Kingdom of justice, Kingdom of peace.
Maranatha: let the Lord come!

With Mary, we expectant attend
This Advent season, till God will send
The Christmas Christ-child, blessed day when
God's Incarnation meets us again.
Maranatha: let the Lord come!

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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.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Stir up your power, O Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection, awaken us to all that separates us from you and from one another, and restore us again for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Light One Candle verse 1 only

#240 (Red)

One candle on the Advent Wreath is lit as the verse is sung.

WORD

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

First Reading: *Isaiah 2:1-5*

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

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

Psalm 122



Psalm 122:1

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¹I was glad when they | said to me,
"Let us go to the house | of the LORD."

²**Now our | feet are standing
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.**

³Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;

⁴**to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of
the LORD. R**

⁵For there are the | thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the | house of David.

⁶**Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:**
"May they pros- | per who love you.

⁷Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.

⁸**For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
I pray for | your prosperity.**

⁹Because of the house of the | LORD our God,
I will seek to | do you good." **R**

Second Reading – *Romans 13:11-14*

¹¹ Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹² the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³ let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴ Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Gospel Acclamation



Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation.

Gospel Reading – *Matthew 24:36-44*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶ “About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷ For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸ For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹ and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. ⁴⁰ Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹ Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴² Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³ But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴ Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day – **“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice
Astounds Us # 110 (Blue)**

Prayers

As we prepare for the fullness of Christ's presence, let us pray for a world that yearns for new hope.

A brief silence.

God of all, your children everywhere cry out for mercy. Awaken the global church to the urgent needs of our time. Break down barriers of culture and custom and unite people of all faiths in your redemptive and healing work. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of wonder, the earth's beauty and abundance is your gift. Teach us your ways of sharing resources and caring for life. Guard fragile habitats, preserve the wild places, and protect endangered plants and animals. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of peace, you judge the nations. Beat our weapons into tools for serving the neighbour. Strengthen the resolve of all who work for an end to war. We pray for lasting peace in the land of Jesus' birth. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of lovingkindness, you desire fullness of life for everyone. Fill those who hunger. Comfort the grieving and attend to those near death. Bring help and hope to any who are sick or needing your care. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Deacon Chris, Anna-Liisa, Pastor Jeff, Jaqueline, John, Dale, David, Bill, Isa, Benito, and those we remember before you in our hearts. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of community, you are present when we gather in your name. Guide congregations in transition or conflict. Give wisdom to church wardens, congregational councils, call committees, and ministry leaders. Keep us alert to

unexpected opportunities for mission. We pray today for Teige Frid and Andrew Usjak as they mark their baptismal anniversaries this week. May the light of Christ shine through them all the days of their lives. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of promise, your goodness is everlasting. We give thanks for the lives of the faithful who now rest in you, especially our sister in faith, Marg Galbraith. We trust that you will bring Marg and all of us into the company of all the saints with rejoicing. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

God of our longing, you know our deepest needs. By your Spirit, gather our prayers and join them with the prayers of all your children. In Jesus' name we pray.
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 Heavens Start to Whisper



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow - ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon - light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis - dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with - in:
Dia - mond bril - liance through the dark - ness shines the hope of com - ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra - grance hours of yearn - ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom - ise, deep - ly plant - ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn - ing star of splen - dor, gleams with - in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang - er, in the out - cast, hid from view;



Like the soil be - neath the frost - line, hearts grow soft to wel - come him.
Heav - en's em - ber fans to full - ness; hearts grow warm to wel - come him.
Child who comes to grace the man - ger, teach our hearts to wel - come you.

Offering Prayer

Let us pray:

Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, money, and food,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Saviour.

Amen

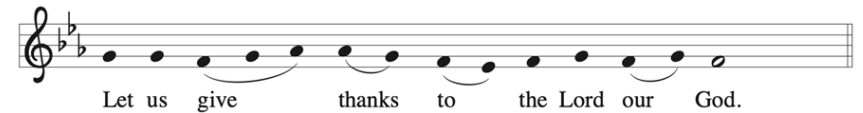
Great Thanksgiving



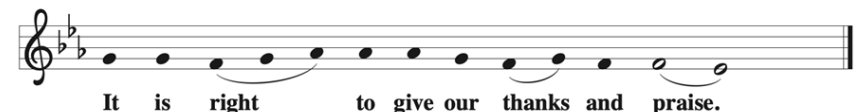
The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.



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



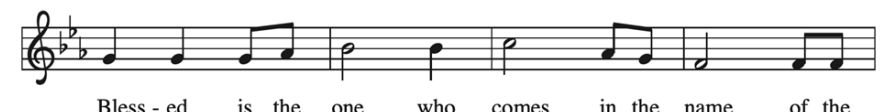
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and



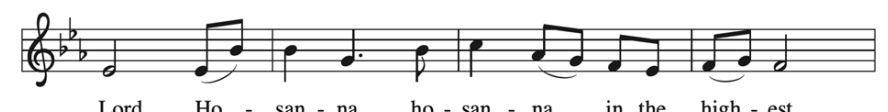
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your



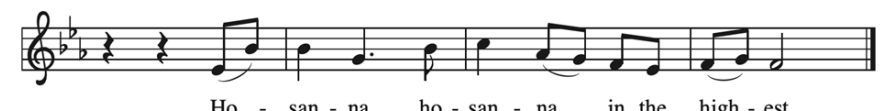
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



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

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for Christ Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

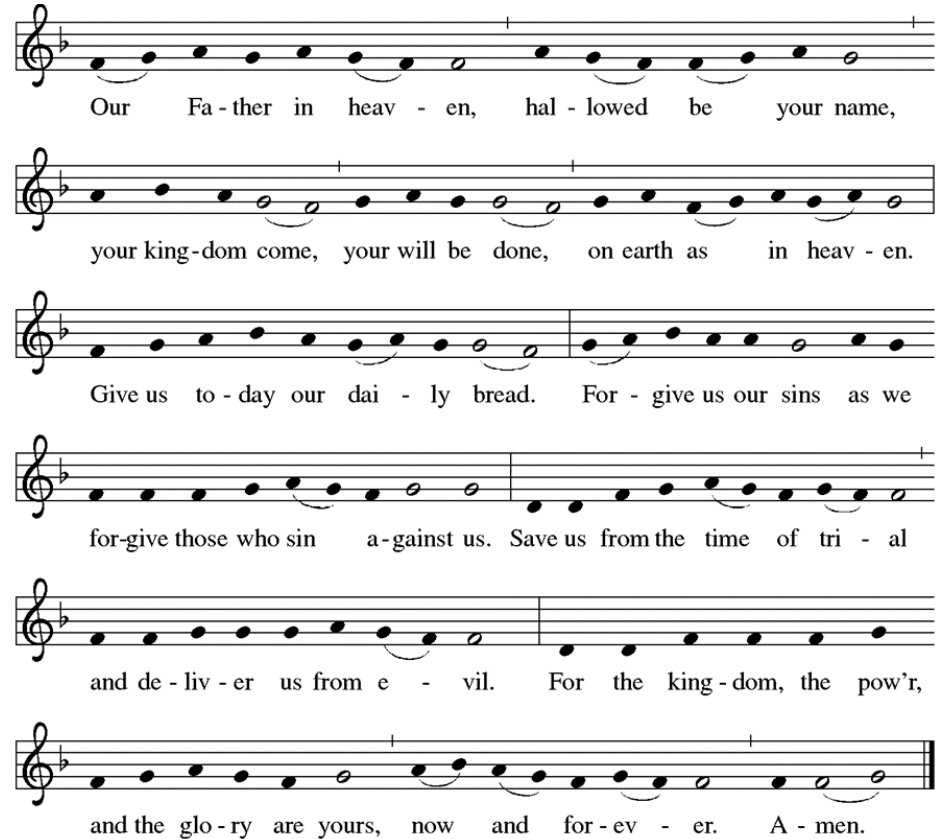
With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.
Come, Lord Jesus.

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.

Christ spreads a table before you.

Gather here with all the saints.

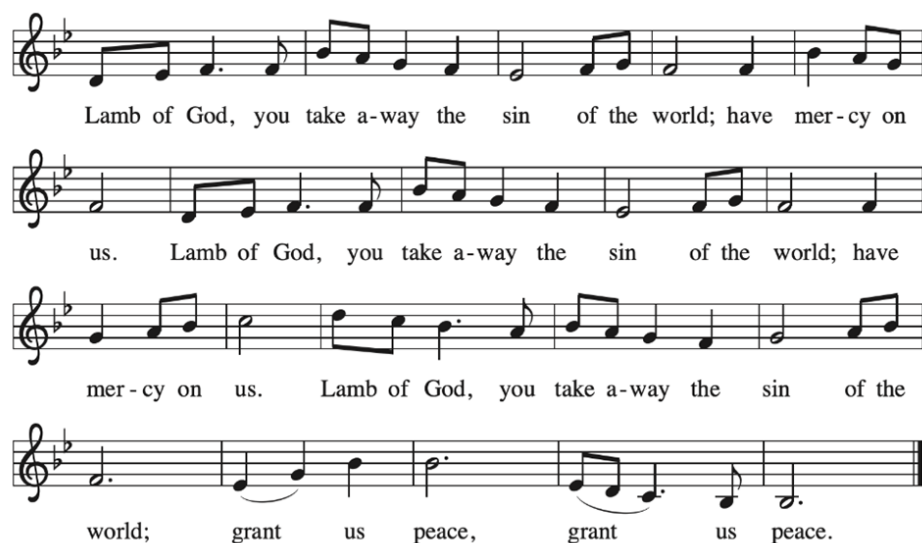
Thanks be to God!

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.

Wait for the Lord

262 (Red)

Creator of the Stars of Night

245 (Red)

Come, Thou Long-expected Jesus

88 (Blue)

Table Blessing

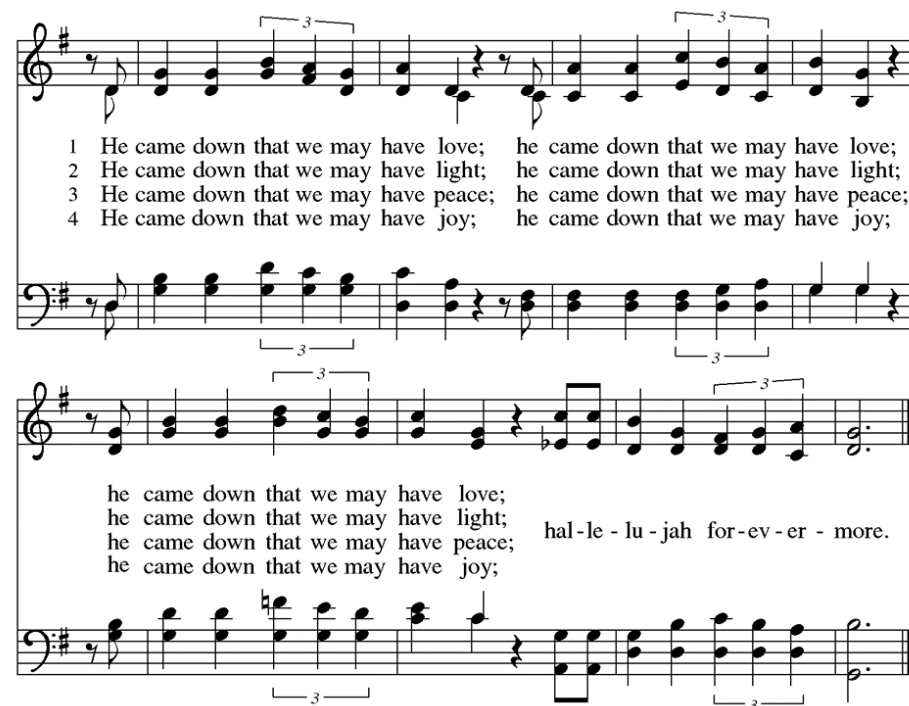
May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever.

Amen

Post-Communion Prayer

Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be
fulfilled, sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future, coming to birth in
Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Post Communion Canticle



1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light;
he came down that we may have peace; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.
he came down that we may have joy;

Announcements

SENDING

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

Benediction

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you 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 – Fling Wide the Door # 259 (Red)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is near!
Thanks be to God

Decorating the Christmas tree with Chrismons - please
come forward and select a Chrismon of your choice to add
to the tree.

Postlude – Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying,
arr. Robert Benson

***Offerings can be placed in the trays at the back of
the pews until we can pass plates again.***

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

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Peter West

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Michele Altermann, Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

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

Announcements and Information

We pray for:

ACC: The people of the Anglican Church of Canada.

ELCIC: The people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

Altar Guild for November: Thank you to Val Burley and Judy Rogers.

Thank you to Gord and Bonnie Evans for their faithful service as ushers and coffee hour hosts at the 8:30 services.

Coffee Hour: Join us today for Chili After Church and Talent Show. There is no coffee hour this week. If you would like host a coffee hour please sign up in the Narthex.

Mary Guse Giving Tree and Chalmers Bags: Next week, Dec 4, is the last day to bring these to church.

Solstice Feast: Saturday Dec. 17, 2022 at 5:00 pm. Please register to attend (call or email the office) **today**.

Annual Budget Meeting: Sunday Dec. 4, 2022 at 11:30 am via Zoom. The link will be posted closer to the date. Copies of the budget are available in the narthex.

Guelph Male Choir: Christmas Concert 2022, December 4, 3:00 pm, "The Holly and the Ivy" \$15 tickets are available from Sigi Schranz or at the door.

Lessons and Carols: Surround yourself with friends and music at our annual Advent Lessons and Carols event on **Sunday Dec 4 at 7:00 pm.** A display of creches will help bring the music and words of the service to life. Enjoy seasonal treats with friends afterwards to complete the Advent experience.

Readers are needed for Lessons and Carols on Dec. 4 and Christmas Eve. If you can be a reader for either of these services please contact the office as soon as possible.

Parish Care: Sleep Well, Workshop. Tuesday December 6, 2022 at 1:30 pm in Rose Head Hall. Kathy Somer from the University of Guelph will host the Wellness Workshop, followed by Carol Singing and goodies to put you in the Christmas spirit.

The AV Campaign is on now!: 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!

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 or let the office know. Ushers are also needed for Dec 4 at 7:00 pm and Christmas Eve services. Thank you.

Poinsettias for December: If you wish to donate flowers during December please contact Christine Morrison. Also a reminder that the flower chart is located beside the coat room. Thank you.

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

LOOKING AHEAD: Nov. 28- Dec 4

Monday 28	9:45 am	Creative Crafting Choir Room
	7:00 pm	Church Council Parlour
Tuesday 29	6:30 - 8:00 pm	Confirmation Class Parlour
Wednesday 30	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
Thursday 1	11:00 a.m. - 3:30 pm	Silvercreek Community Market Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Friday 2	3:30 - 6:30 pm	Children's Reading Room Rose Head Hall
Saturday 3	900 am - 1:00 pm	Children's Reading Room Rose Head Hall
	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Ballroom Dancing Rose Head Hall
Sunday 4	8:30 am	Advent 2 Holy Communion - Nave
	10:00 am	Advent 2 Holy Communion - Nave
	11:30 am	Budget Meeting via Zoom
	3:00 pm	Guelph Male Choir concert Nave
	7:00 pm	Lessons and Carols Nave