

**December 15, 2024**

*Advent III*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**



**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY**

**P:** 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.

**C:** **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.**

## BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, O God.

**Open our ears to hear the song of Mary that, rejoicing in your salvation, we would strive for the justice and peace you intend for all people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen**

### O Come, O Come, Emmanuel (verses 1- 3) Red 257

*Three candles on the Advent Wreath are lit as the verses are sung.*



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive  
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things  
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on  
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;  
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law  
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!  
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.  
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

## GATHERING SONG 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.

## 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.**

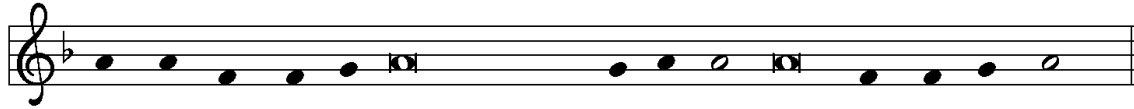
# KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



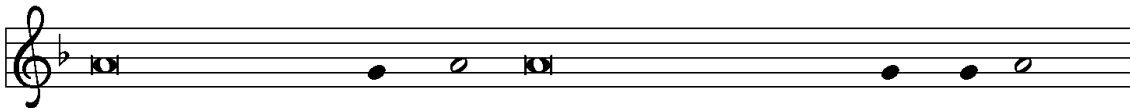
Lord, have mer - cy.



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.

## CHOIR ANTHEM

### FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

*This is the song Hannah sang in gratitude for the birth of her child, Samuel.*

<sup>2</sup> <sup>1</sup>Hannah prayed and said,  
'My heart exults in the LORD;  
my strength is exalted in my God.  
My mouth derides my enemies,  
because I rejoice in my victory.

<sup>2</sup> 'There is no Holy One like the LORD,  
no one besides you;  
there is no Rock like our God.

<sup>3</sup> Talk no more so very proudly,  
let not arrogance come from your mouth;  
for the LORD is a God of knowledge,  
and by him actions are weighed.

<sup>4</sup> The bows of the mighty are broken,  
but the feeble gird on strength.  
<sup>5</sup> Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread,  
but those who were hungry are fat with spoil.  
The barren has borne seven,  
but she who has many children is forlorn.  
<sup>6</sup> The LORD kills and brings to life;  
he brings down to Sheol and raises up.  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD makes poor and makes rich;  
he brings low, he also exalts.  
<sup>8</sup> He raises up the poor from the dust;  
he lifts the needy from the ash heap,  
to make them sit with princes  
and inherit a seat of honour.  
For the pillars of the earth are the LORD's,  
and on them he has set the world.

<sup>9</sup> 'He will guard the feet of his faithful ones,  
but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness;  
for not by might does one prevail.  
<sup>10</sup> The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered;  
the Most High will thunder in heaven.  
The LORD will judge the ends of the earth;  
he will give strength to his king,  
and exalt the power of his anointed.'

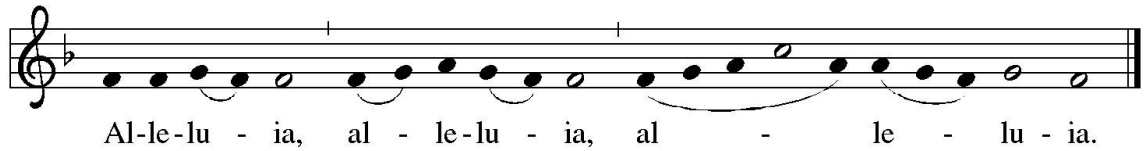
Word of God. Word of Life.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **SECOND READING: James 5:7-10**

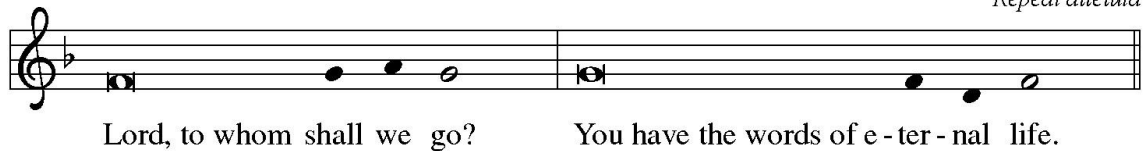
<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

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

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



## GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-56

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, <sup>40</sup>where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. <sup>41</sup>When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit <sup>42</sup>and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. <sup>43</sup>And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? <sup>44</sup>For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy. <sup>45</sup>And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'

<sup>46</sup> And Mary said,  
'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
<sup>47</sup> and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,  
<sup>48</sup> for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

<sup>49</sup> for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

<sup>50</sup> His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation.

<sup>51</sup> He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

<sup>52</sup> He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly;

<sup>53</sup> he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.

<sup>54</sup> He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy,

<sup>55</sup> according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

<sup>56</sup> And Mary remained with her for about three months and then returned to her home.

The gospel of Christ.

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

**HOMILY**



# HYMN OF THE DAY

# Filled With Hope and Gratitude



1 Filled with hope and grat - i - tude and filled with ver - y  
 2 God's e - ter - nal mer - cy, meant for all of hu - man -  
 3 Hun - gry peo - ple eat good things and find an hon - ored  
 4 Filled with hope and grat - i - tude and filled with ver - y



God, I sing with soul and spir - it ex - ul -  
 kind, is giv - en as de - liv - 'rance from op -  
 place; the rich are sent a - way though they are  
 God, I sing with soul and spir - it ex - ul -



ta - tion, for God has smiled up -  
 pres - sion. The pow - er - ful and  
 hun - gry. The prom - ise to our  
 ta - tion, for God has smiled up -



on the hum - ble ser - vant who will give her  
 haugh - ty find that they are now cast down, the  
 fore - bears God re - news for us to - day: the  
 on the hum - ble ser - vant who will give her



own sweet milk to Christ, the world's sal - va - tion.  
 low - ly raised be - yond this world's de - ri - sion.  
 world is filled with God's a - bun - dant mer - cy.  
 own sweet milk to Christ, the world's sal - va - tion.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

God who reforms, fill your church with courage to do your will. Empower your people in taking risks that bear fruit. Raise up leaders who will proclaim the good news. We pray especially for leaders in their various roles in the national bodies of the Anglican, Lutheran, and Moravian Churches in Canada. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God who creates, you hold in balance diverse ecosystems. Encourage efforts to protect wild lands from devastation. Care for animals and people in the path of destructive fires, storms, and other disasters. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God who leads, this world cries out for true justice. Guide legislatures, judges, and lawyers in actions steeped in love and restoration. Increase the desire to advocate for all who are confronted with discrimination and oppression based on race, gender, sexuality, class, or age. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God who embraces, help us notice the places where your people are hurting or sick. Show your compassion and remember your people in love. We pray especially for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Gwen and Nolan, Orland, Isa, Zoilita, Bill, Barrie, Irene, Kelly, God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God who abides, you dwell among the people of this congregation. Deepen our relationships with one another, and make us aware of the diverse talents and gifts among us. God, in your mercy, **receive our prayer.**

God who consoles, we thank you for the time we have had with loved ones who have died. Comfort us with the promise of everlasting life in you. God, in your mercy,  
**receive our prayer.**

Saviour of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.  
**Amen**

## PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!  
**And also with you.**

## OFFERTORY



1 Come, thou long-ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



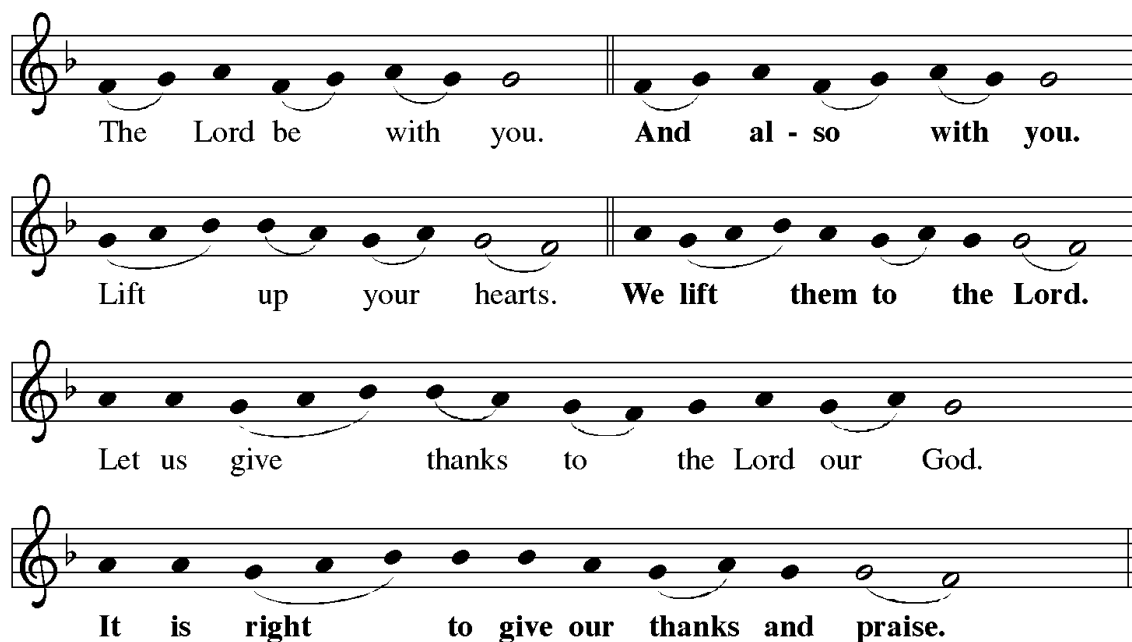
dear de - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and yet you draw near to feed each one of us. We praise you for these gifts of bread and wine. Strengthen us with this food that we may live in expectation for the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

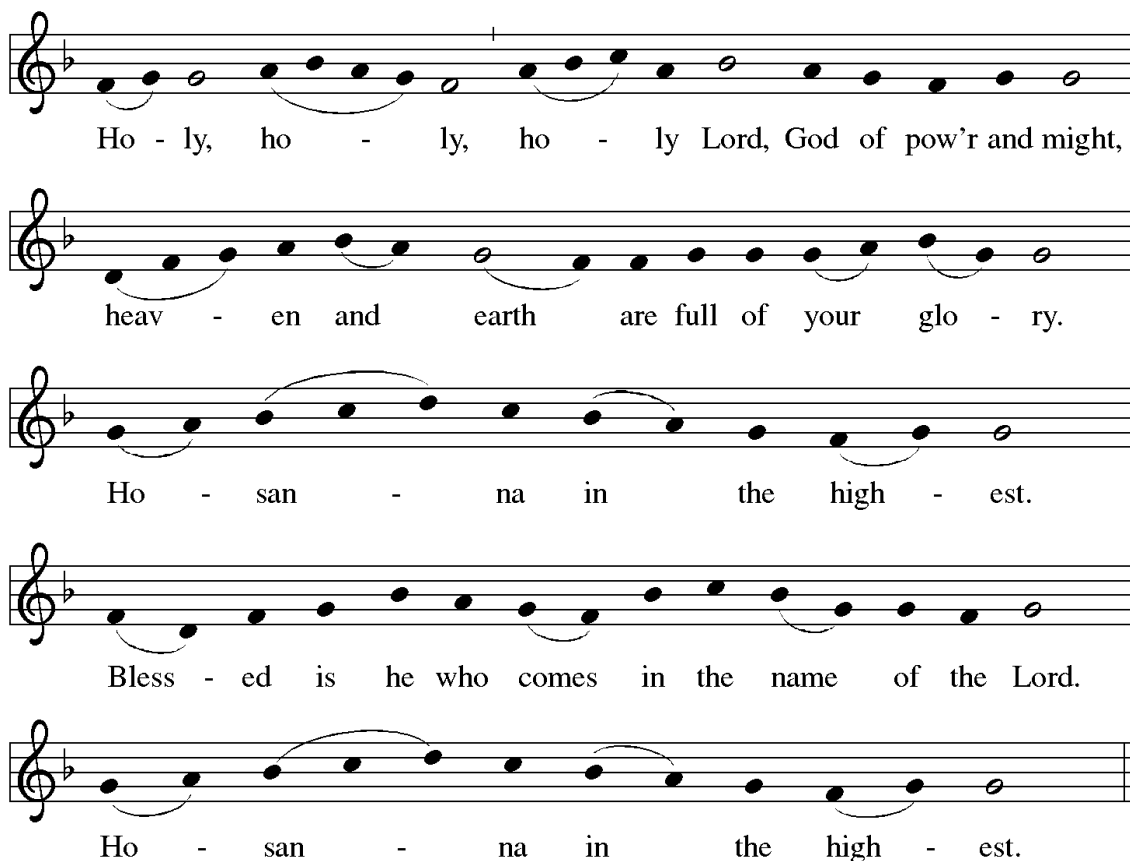
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

## PREFACE

... and join thiern unending hymn:

## SANCTUS



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

## EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

God feeds us with tender mercy.

Come to the table.

**Thanks be to God!**

## DISTRIBUTION

### 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.

### Communion Hymns:

## Wait for the Lord



Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.



Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

**Creator of the Stars of Night**

**BLUE 96**

**Each Winter as the Year Grows Older**

**RED 252**

### **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**



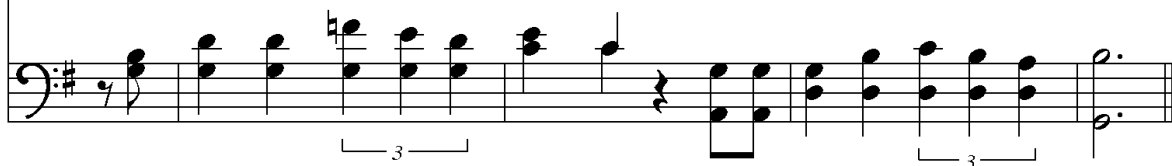
## POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BENEDICTION

God of endings and beginnings,  
God in the darkness and the light,  
God, our hope for the journey,  
✠ bless and keep 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 HYMN My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness



1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!  
2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer-cy ev - er flows.  
3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.  
With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem-ing hearts ex - pose.  
the prom-ise to our par-ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless-ing shall pro - claim—  
The ruth-less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;  
Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.  
the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.  
and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

## Announcements and Information

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Anne Stuart	Christine Morrison
<b>Servers</b>	Penny Richards Michelle Normandin	Laura B Mann Laura F Mann
<b>Reader</b>	Bill Clatworthy	Sue Wakefield
<b>Greeters</b>	Bill & Jette Thomas	Ken & Matzi King
<b>Ushers</b>	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze	Jan Nielsen Dennis Kunze
<b>AV booth</b>	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders
<b>Counters</b>	Christine Morrison Matzi King	Christine Morrison Chris Heaney
<b>Flowers</b>	Brian Janzen	Carole Mozauritis
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		

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

**ACC:** The Venerable Alan Perry, General Secretary, and the staff of the General Secretary's Office.

**ELCIC:** Peace Anthony-Idoko, Director of Finance and Administration, and the staff of Finance and Administration.

**MOR:** Mr. David Jones, District President, and the members of Board of Elders of the Canadian District 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.

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

**The Associates** The next meeting is **Tuesday, December 17, 2024, at 1:00 p.m.** in the Parlour. Caregivers and their partners with dementia are both welcome to learn, share, socialize and find solace.

**Christmas Eve Family Service:** We are hoping to bring the Christmas story to life at the Family Service. But we need help! If you will be attending with children who would like to participate please let Lucy Reid know (416-890-1332, [lreid08@gmail.com](mailto:lreid08@gmail.com)) or contact the office.

**Silvercreek Community Market:** We still need more **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 also do not need any more reuseable grocery bags 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.*

**2025 Offering Envelopes** are available in your mailboxes now. *Please note that all offerings for 2024 must be received by noon on December 31, 2024, electronic transfers must be dated December 31, 2024. Thank you.*

### **Christmas Eve Services**

5:00 p.m. German Service with Holy Communion

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Family Service with Holy Communion

9:00 p.m. Candlelight Service with Holy Communion



### **Christmas Day Service**

10:00 a.m. Lessons and Carols

### **LOOKING AHEAD: December 16 – 22**

Tuesday 17	1:00 p.m.	The Associates, Parlour
	5:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 18	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to office
Thursday 19	9:00 am— 3:00 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, Nave
Sunday 22	8:30 a.m.	Advent 4 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Advent 4 Holy Communion—Nave

### **Organist**

Peter West

### **Staff**

Michele Altermann, Administrative Assistant

### **Church Office Hours**

Tuesday— Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Closed December 24, 2024 to January 1, 2025