

**All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church**  
 210 Silvercreek Parkway North, Guelph, ON N1H 7P8

**LOOKING AHEAD: – December 17 – December 23**

Tues. 18	9:00 am	Sunday Bulletin Announcement Deadline – <b>Including Flower Announcements</b> for the rest of the year
	9:30 am	Hymn Selection Mtg. - Sanctuary
	5:00 pm	Men's Fellowship Dinner – Fellowship Hall
Thurs. 20	2:00 pm	Silvercreek Market – Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Fri. 21	9:15 am	Scrapbooking – Fellowship Hall
Sun. 23	8:30 am	Advent 4 – Sanctuary – Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Advent – Sanctuary – Holy Communion



**Staff**

Church Office Hours  
 Wednesday - Friday  
 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Jennifer Liersch, Administrative Assistant  
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**\*Please note:** The Church office will be close for Christmas Friday, December 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. and will be reopen on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

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## **WELCOME**

We welcome you to our worship today.

### ***Hymnbooks:***

Our community uses two hymnbooks.

**(ELW)** Evangelical Lutheran Worship has a cranberry cover.

**(CP)** Common Praise has a blue cover.

You will find either **(ELW)** or **(CP)** beside each hymn number to indicate which book we are singing from.

### ***Communion: All are welcome.***

Our current practice is to distribute communion in a continuous fashion. We encourage you to take the time you need when receiving both the bread and the wine. For those who desire a time of kneeling, after receiving the bread and wine, you are invited to kneel at the rail (cushions have been provided), or return to your seats and use the kneeling rails in the pews.

We make available grape juice and gluten free bread. Please inform one of the Communion Servers that you wish to have one or both of these elements during the distribution of Communion.

***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.

***We welcome all children*** to our worship. We also have a child friendly space in the fellowship area at the back of the church. Drink boxes, activity bags and youth bulletins are in a basket near the entrance to the church. Please help yourself.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**Sunday, December 16, 2018**

## **GATHERING**

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

Prelude

Acknowledgement of Territory

Welcome / Children's Message

Call to Worship

*Who will set us free?*

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

*Silence*

Gathering Songs – # **246 ELW**, # **250 ELW**,  
# **261 ELW**, # **253 ELW**

*During this time, the assembly is invited to come forward, choose a Chrismon, and place it on the tree.*

Blessing of the Christmas Tree

God our creator, we praise you for this Christmas tree, gift of the earth and sign of your evergreen presence. As we illumine this tree, let your

blessing come upon us. Send us your Son, the tender branch of Jesse, who brings us light and life. May we who stand in its light eagerly welcome the true Light that never fades. All glory be yours now and forever.

**Amen.**

Greeting

The grace of our 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

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the preaching of John, that, rejoicing in your salvation, we may bring forth the fruits of repentance; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

A reading from Philippians.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Isaiah 12: 2 – 6

**WORD**

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

First Reading – Philippians 4: 4 – 7



In your midst is the Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

Isaiah 12:6

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**2**Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not | be afraid,

for the Lord God is my strength and my might, and has become | my salvation.

**3**With joy you | will draw water

from the wells | of salvation. R

**4**And you will say in that day: Give thanks to the Lord, call | on God's name;

make known the deeds of the Lord among the nations; proclaim that this name | is exalted.

**5**Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done | gloriously;

let this be known in | all the earth.

**6**Shout aloud and sing for joy, O | royal Zion,

for great in your midst is the Holy | One of Israel. R

Gospel Acclamation

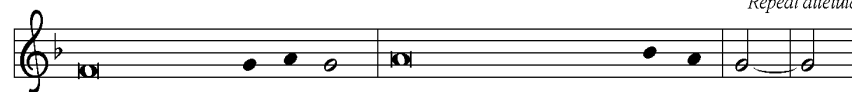


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,



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*Repeat alleluia*



**I am sending my messen- | ger before you,\*  
who will prepare your | way before you.**

Gospel Reading – *Luke 3: 7 – 18*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Or*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?”

In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” Even tax

collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Or

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sunday school Pageant –  
***Starry Christmas* December 2018**  
by All Saint's Sunday School

**Song - # 127 CP**

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**Congregation will be asked to join us with following hymns (seated). We will perform two songs alone (not included).**

### **Song 1: Away in a Manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
the stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

### **Song 2: O Little Town of Bethlehem**

O little town of Bethlehem  
How still we see thee lie  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light  
The hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight

### **Song 3: Hark the Herald Angels Sing**

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled."  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,

Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th' angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."  
Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new-born King!"

#### **Song 4: We Three Kings of Orient Are**

We three kings of Orient are  
Bearing gifts we traverse afar  
Field and fountain, moor and mountain  
Following yonder star

O Star of wonder, star of night  
Star with royal beauty bright  
Westward leading, still proceeding  
Guide us to thy Perfect Light

#### Hymn of the Day – # **266 ELW**

Prayers of Intercession

God of love,  
**hear our prayer.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God,  
who comes to wake us from sleep,  
who leads us into the light of grace.

**Amen.**

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing  
our sin against God and neighbour.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

God of all time,

**we confess that we have not prepared  
for your merciful reign among us. We  
ignore our neighbours in need and  
fail in the labour of justice and peace.  
In your mercy forgive us. Grant us  
wisdom to welcome your light and to  
seek the things that will endure until  
Christ comes again in glory. Amen.**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.  
In (+) Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all  
things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!  
**Amen.**

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.  
**And also with you.**

**MEAL**

***God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.***

Offering / Choir Anthem

- Keep your Lamps!

Offering Hymn – # **257 vs. 5 & 6 ELW**

Offering Prayer

God of abundance, we bring before you the precious fruits of your creation, and with them our very lives. Teach us patience and hope as we care for all those in need until the coming of your Son, our Saviour and Lord.

**Amen.**

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

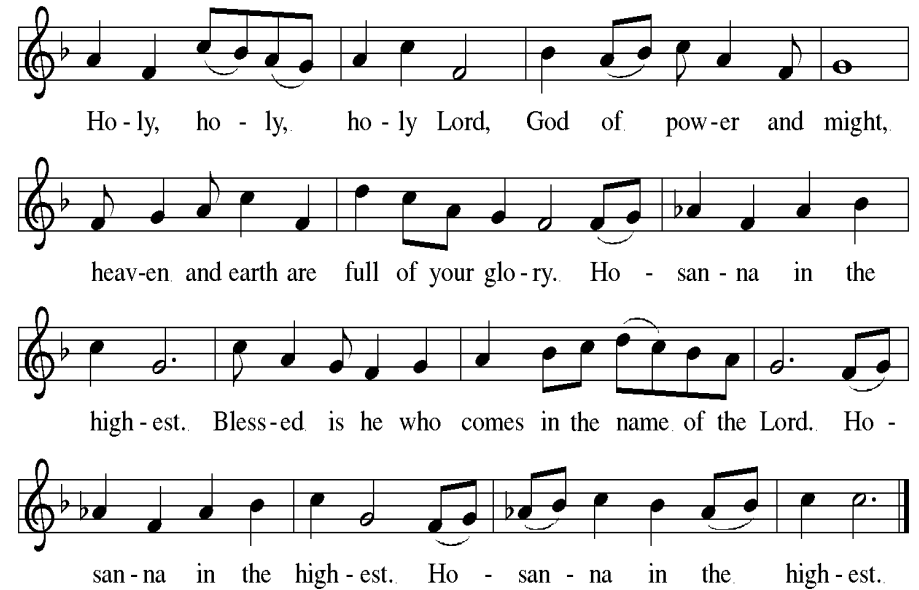
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er 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. Ho - san - na in the high-est.

Thanksgiving at the Table

...proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

... hope for his coming.

**Come, Lord Jesus.**

... peace on earth.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

The 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

God fills the hungry with good things.  
 Taste and see that the Lord is good.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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.

Communion Hymns

# 171 CP, # 103 CP, # 588 CP,

God Beyond All Names

John L Bell

God be - yond all names, ne - ver ful - ly known,  
 Mys - ter - y of mys - ter - ies,  
 call - ing us your own.

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ  
 strengthen you and keep you in his grace.



**Amen.**

### Prayer after Communion

Holy One, we give you thanks that in this bread and cup we have feasted again on your endless love. Let that love overflow more and more in our lives, that we may be messengers to prepare your way, harvesters of justice and righteousness, and bearers of your eternal Word, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

### SENDING

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

### Blessing

**Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel the way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind. And the blessings of God, Creator, Christ and Spirit go with you this day. Go in peace.**

### Benediction

May God direct your ways in peace, make you abound in love for one another and for all, and strengthen your hearts until the coming of our

Lord Jesus. Almighty God, Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

### Announcements

Sending Song - # **95 CP**

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

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### **Announcements and Information**

***December Altar Guild:*** Kathryn Smith, Janet Weigel & Christine Morrison

***Greeters:*** Bill and Judy Rogers

**We pray for: Anglican Church of Canada** – Director Rev. Dr. Eileen Scully and staff of Faith, Worship, and Ministry. **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada** – Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the National Bishop for Justice and Leadership, and Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the Bishop for Youth.

**The flowers** in the Chancel area are given by Reinhard and Klare Purfurst to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our grandson Brandon who passed away 5 years ago, but will live in our hearts forever.

**Pastor Jeff will be on short term disability** for the months of November and December 2018. During this time Pastor Jeff will be unavailable so please contact Jennifer in the church office or Brian Janzen at 519-824-5469 with all pastoral emergencies, and they will forward your concern to the on call pastor.

**Thank you Rev. Joan Lee** for leading us in worship today while Pastor Jeff is away.

**Saturday Night Supper January 5<sup>th</sup>** – We will be serving meatballs and mashed potatoes with cookies / squares and clementine's. Food and workers are requested to arrive at the Royal City Life Center at 5:15 p.m. If you are staying to help please have close-toed shoes, wear long hair back or u. Please see Robin Smart, [robin.smart@rogers.com](mailto:robin.smart@rogers.com) or Val Webb, [rvwebb@rogers.com](mailto:rvwebb@rogers.com).

Thank you for supporting the **Silvercreek Community Market** with non-perishable items. We especially need:  
Peanut butter, Jasmine rice, Dry red lentils, Pasta sauces, Canned fruits, Pasta, Cereal, Canned vegetables, Legumes such as chick peas and various types of beans (without meat).

**Coffee hour** today is provided by Geoff and Julianna Stephens. We offer them thanks for supporting this important ministry.

We thank the Sunday School that during this busy season they have reminded us all about the true meaning of Christmas.

- Gabby.....Celeste
- Ava..... Brightness
- Imogen .....Twinkle
- Huxley.....Joseph "S"



- Faye..... Mary “M”
- Adrianna.....Head Angel “A”
- Hazel.....Angel “R”
- Grace.....Angel “T”, “S”
- Cole.....Wiseman “I”
- Madden.....Wiseman “H”
- Carl..... Wiseman “C”
- Amelia.....Angel “I”
- Blyth.....Angel “I”
- Daniel.....Shepherd “I”

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Written and directed by Jean Hein, with lots of advice and guidance from children, teachers, parents & grandparents. Thank you to Michelle Altermann and Deborah Syzmanski-Potts for making some of the new costumes this year. Thanks to everyone who helped get the children ready for this celebration!

## Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm – German Candlelight Service\*\*  
7:00 pm – Family Carol & Candlelight Service  
9:30 pm – Candlelight Service\*\*

**\*\*Services with Holy Communion**

## Christmas Day Services

Please note there will be no Christmas Day service at All Saints. We invite you to worship at:

***Church of the Apostles*** – (519) 822-1061  
86 Glasgow St. North, Guelph  
Service at 10:00 a.m.

***St. George’s Anglican Church*** – (519) 822-1366  
99 Woolwich Street, Guelph  
Service at 10:00 a.m.

