

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

**LOOKING AHEAD: – December 24 – December 30**

Mon. 24	5:00 pm	Christmas Eve German Service with Holy Communion – Sanctuary
	7:00 pm	Christmas Eve Family Service – Sanctuary
	9:30 pm	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with Holy Communion – Sanctuary
Sun. 30	8:30 am	Christmas 1 – Sanctuary – Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Christmas 1 – 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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**Sunday, December 23, 2018**

**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.

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**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 Song – # **239 ELW**

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.**

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.

For the peace from above, 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer 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.

### Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the

sin that binds us, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen.**

### WORD

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

First Reading – Malachi 5: 2 – 5a

A reading from Malachi.

But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days. Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel. And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth; and he shall be the one of peace.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm – Luke 1: 46b – 55



Luke 1:52  
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**46<sup>b</sup>My soul proclaims the greatness | of the Lord,  
47my spirit rejoices in | God my Savior,  
48for you, Lord, have looked with favor on your  
| lowly servant.**

**From this day all generations will | call me  
blessed:**

**49you, the Almighty, have done great | things for  
me**

**and holy | is your name.**

**50You have mercy on | those who fear you,  
from generation to | generation. R**

**51You have shown strength | with your arm  
and scattered the proud in | their conceit,**

**52casting down the mighty | from their thrones  
and lifting | up the lowly.**

**53You have filled the hungry | with good things  
and sent the rich | away empty.**

**54You have come to the aid of your | servant  
Israel,**

**to remember the prom- | ise of mercy,**

**55the promise made | to our forbears,  
to Abraham and his chil- | dren forever. R**

Gospel Acclamation - # **258** ELW

Gospel Reading – *Luke 1: 39 – 45*

The holy gospel according to Luke.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Or*

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Or*

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – # **723** ELW

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, in your mercy,

**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

- Gabriel's Song

Offering Hymn – # **257 vs. 7 & 8 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.

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.

### 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.**

### 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

### The Lord's Prayer

**Amen.**



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.

### 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.**

### Communion Hymns

# 101 CP, # 117 CP, **Magnificat** (sung by choir)

#### 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.

### 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 - # **91 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:** Ella Bubenik & Carole Mozuraitis

***We pray for:* Anglican Church of Canada –** General Secretary Archdeacon Michael Thompson, and national staff of the Anglican Church of Canada.  
**Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada –** Director Trina Gallop, and staff of Communications and Stewardship of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and Director Kyle Giesbrecht, and staff of Finance and Administration.

***The flowers*** in the Chancel area are given by Ross and Karen Cressman and family to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara Cressman, dear sister-in-law and aunt, Barbara Cressman, dear mother and grandmother, and Norma Lounsbury, dear mother and grandmother.

***Coffee hour*** today is hosted by the Heaney Family. We offer them thanks for supporting this important ministry.

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

***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.

***The offering envelopes for 2019*** are now in the mailboxes. Please pick up your envelopes and take them



home. Any envelopes left in mailboxes after Easter will be removed unless you have informed the office you would like to keep your offering envelopes in your mailbox throughout the year.

***Last day to make any 2018 donations*** to the church will be Monday, December 31, 2018, by 2:00 p.m.

***The church office will be closed*** for Christmas holidays Friday, December 21, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. and will reopen Wednesday, January 2, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

***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).

The **Magnificat** sung by the choir today was written by the Rev. Nigel Bunce. We thank Nigel for this gift and Michelle Normandin for sharing it with us.

## 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**

