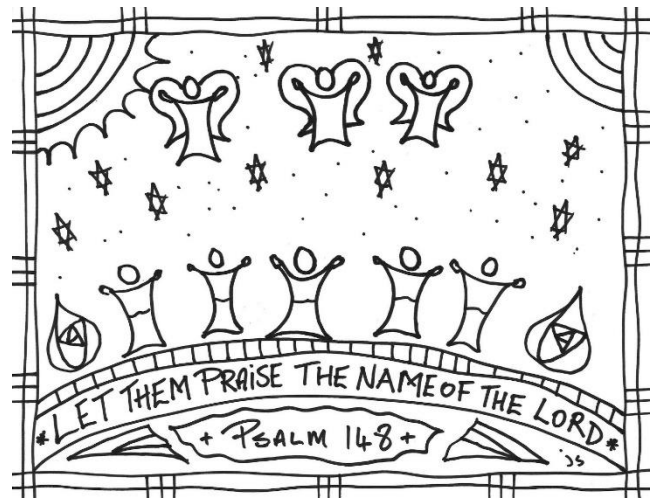


**December 29, 2024**  
*Christmas I*



**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT 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 and friendship 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, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.**

**GATHERING SONG      Good Christian Friends Rejoice**  
**RED 288**

### **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

### **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26**

*Having dedicated her son Samuel to God's service, Hannah visits him every year when she and her husband Elkanah come to the temple to offer sacrifices.*

<sup>18</sup> Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. <sup>19</sup> His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. <sup>20</sup> Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

<sup>26</sup> Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **PSALM: Psalm 148**

- 1 Hallelujah! Praise the Lord from the heavens;  
praise God in the heights.**
- 2 Praise the Lord, all you angels;  
sing praise, all you hosts of heaven.**
- 3 Praise the Lord, sun and moon;  
sing praise, all you shining stars.**
- 4 Praise the Lord, heaven of heavens,  
and you waters above the heavens.**
- 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
who commanded, and they were created,**
- 6 who made them stand fast forever and ever,  
giving them a law that shall not pass away.**
- 7 Praise the Lord from the earth,  
you sea monsters and all deeps;**
- 8 fire and hail, snow and fog,  
tempestuous wind, doing God's will;**
- 9 mountains and all hills,  
fruit trees and all cedars;**
- 10 wild beasts and all cattle,  
creeping things and flying birds;**
- 11 sovereigns of the earth and all peoples,  
princes and all rulers of the world;**
- 12 young men and maidens,  
old and young together.**
- 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord,  
whose name only is exalted, whose splendor is  
over earth and heaven.**
- 14 The Lord has raised up strength for the people  
and praise for all faithful servants,  
the children of Israel, a people who are near  
the Lord. Hallelujah!**

## **SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17**

<sup>12</sup> As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup> Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup> Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Word of God. Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>41</sup> Now every year [Jesus'] parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup> And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.

<sup>43</sup> When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. <sup>44</sup> Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup> When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

<sup>46</sup> After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.

<sup>48</sup> When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great

anxiety.”<sup>49</sup> He said to them, “Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father’s house?”<sup>50</sup> But they did not understand what he said to them.

<sup>51</sup> Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

<sup>52</sup> And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

The gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

**HYMN OF THE DAY      That Boy-Child of Mary      RED 293**

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

You come to us in gatherings of your church across the globe. Unite us with those who celebrate your birth even when they are weighed down by grief, loss, poverty, hunger, or injustice.

Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You come to us in the diverse splendour of the universe. Grant us the humility to trust our place in the network of creation, that we live in service to you and the natural world. Merciful God,

**receive our prayer.**

You come to us through relationships of many kinds: families, friendships, communities, and nations. Guide us in these

relationships, that we recognize the Christ-child in one another and show your love to the most vulnerable. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You come to us through people that the world rejects and forgets. Send your Spirit to all who are imprisoned, struggling with addiction, unwell, or in any need this day. 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, and those we name before you in our hearts. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

You come to us in acts of justice and forgiveness. Open our hearts to forgive one another, without permitting injustice. Supply us with the wisdom to be clothed with love, binding all things together in perfect harmony. Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in your Word made flesh among us, we commend these prayers to you, confident of your grace and love made know to us in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

## **PEACE**

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

**OFFERTORY**

**All Earth is Hopeful**

**RED 266**

## **OFFERTORY 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**

## **THE 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.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Holy God,  
creator of all and Source of life,  
at the birth of time  
your word brought light into the world.

In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Word, born of Mary,  
to shine in our darkness  
and to make us your children.

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 birth and life among us,  
his death and resurrection,  
we await his coming again and again,  
when all things are restored in him.

By your Spirit, bless us and this bread and cup,  
that, held and nourished by you,  
we may live as your children,  
shining with the light of Christ,  
through whom all glory and honour is yours,  
almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
now and forever. **Amen**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven.  
Hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen**



## **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.**

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

**Thanks be to God!**

## **COMMUNION HYMNS:**

**In the Bleak Midwinter                      Blue 122**

**O Little Town of Bethlehem              Blue 121**

## **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 Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **BENEDICTION**

The God of love,  
Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,  
lavish you with grace,  
illumine your path,  
and increase your joy,  
today and always.

**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    Cold December Flies Away    RED 299**

## **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. The Word of God dwells in you richly!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION

	<b>Today</b>	<b>Next Sunday</b>
<b>Assisting Minister</b>	Dennis Kunze	Laura F Mann
<b>Servers</b>	Julianna Stephens Kishan Gunawardene	Marilyn Bleach Schranz Kishan Gunawardene
<b>Reader</b>	Kate Stuttaford	Deborah Szymanski-Potts
<b>Greeters</b>		
<b>Ushers</b>	Chris & Riza Heaney	Richard & Linda Zytner
<b>AV booth</b>	John Szymanski Brian Janzen	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders	Christine Morrison Suzanne Worthen Merike Rutten
<b>Counters</b>	Kate Stuttaford Chris Heaney	Kate Stuttaford Dennis Kunze
<b>Flowers</b>		
<b>Coffee Hour</b>		

***We pray for:***

**ACC** Henrieta Paukov, Director, and the staff of General Synod Communications and Information Resources; Amal Attia, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer and the staff of Financial Management and Administration  
**ELCIC** Trina Gallop Blank, Assistant to the National Bishop, Communications and Resource Generation, and the staff of Communications

***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.

**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.*

**LOOKING AHEAD: December 30 — January 5**

Sunday 5	8:30 a.m.	Epiphany Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany Holy Communion—Nave

**Please note the Church Office will be closed December 24, 2024 to January 1, 2025**