

February 1, 2026
RIC Sunday

Celebrating Diversity as God's Children



PRELUDE

WELCOME

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF TERRITORY

Created for blessedness,

We come here to be reminded of who we are.

Created for goodness,

We come with open hearts to be filled with everlasting love.

Created as a beloved child of God,

We come in celebration of the diversity of the body of Christ.

Created with a heart for celebrating the rich diversity of creation, we come trusting in the one who creates, redeems, and sustains us as we acknowledge and honour the Attawandaron / Neutral peoples upon whose ancestral homelands we gather, as well as our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours who continue to care for this place - this land - and call it their home.

As we live into the diversity that God has created, may we be bold to tell the whole story, for in knowing the truth of who we have been, we come to know more fully who we are called to be.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are welcomed,
restored, and supported as citizens of the new creation.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the
river of life, you are the everlasting wellspring.

**In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.**

Water may be poured into the font.

We give you thanks for this water that comes to us as a gift
from you, the source of all that is good and life-giving. You
are a generous and loving God who blesses us through
water and who claims all people in the fullness of sexual or
romantic orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity,
gender expression, immigration status, beliefs, and abilities.

**Wash away all that separates us from you and from
one another.**

Empower our witness to your resurrection.

Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
May we live as careful stewards, guardians of this precious
gift, protectors of the health of this planet, builders of
resilient communities, and cultivators of life-giving
relationships that promote peace and unity. **Amen.**

GATHERING SONG All Are Welcome RED 641

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.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.

Refrain



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

Refrain



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of Beauty, you gather your beloved children into your care, each one a unique image of you. You claim us as your own and call us to follow in the ways of mercy, justice, and joy. Strengthen our changing hearts and minds to continue the work of your Son, Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Micah 6:1-8

With the mountains and the foundations of the earth as the jury, God brings a lawsuit against the people Israel.

¹Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.

²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the LORD has a controversy with the people,
and will contend with Israel.

³"O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam."

**C: "With what shall I come before the LORD,
and bow myself before God on high?**

**Shall I come before him with burnt offerings,
with calves a year old?**

**⁷Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams,
with ten thousands of rivers of oil?**

**Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²²For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. ²⁷But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; ²⁸God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, ²⁹so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Word of God. Word of life.
Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,
al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Repeat alleluia

Rejoice | and be glad, * for your reward is | great in heaven.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in

heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,'. The second staff contains the melody for the next two phrases: 'al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The lyrics are written below the notes.

HOMILY - GUEST SPEAKER - REV. ADAM SNOOK

HYMN OF THE DAY God, We Gather As Your People



1 God, we gath - er as your peo - ple to raise our song a -
 2 Oh, we sing for all the chil - dren, that one day they be
 3 Oh, we pray for all the young lives cut short by fear and
 4 God, we're work - ing for the fu - ture when chil - dren far and



bove, and we dare to claim the prom - ise of your love.
 free; and we sing for gen - er - a - tions yet to be,
 shame, so a - fraid of who they are and whom they love.
 wide can . . . live their lives with dig - ni - ty and pride.



Though the day may not yet be here, we
 that they nev - er have a rea - son to
 May the mes - sage now be ban - ished that your
 As they grow in strength and stat - ure, may they



trust it soon will be, when your chil - dren will be free.
 doubt that they are blest. May they, in your love, find rest.
 love is for the few; may their faith in you re - new.
 join us hand in hand, as a - gainst all hate we stand.

Refrain



Oh, may our hearts and minds be o - pened, fling the church doors o - pen



wide. May there be room e - nough for ev - 'ry - one in - side.



For in God there is a wel - come, in God we all be -



long. May that wel - come be our song.

WE PROCLAIM OUR FAITH

Let us join together in proclaiming our faith:

We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Trusting in God's extraordinary love, let us come near to the Creator in prayer.

We pray for our pastors and priests, deacons, bishops, and church leaders, that they may guide us well as we continually grow as a loving, welcoming, and resilient community in Jesus Christ. We give thanks for ReconcilingWorks and all of our Reconciling in Christ ministry partners throughout North America. We pray that the whole church may someday become a blessed community where all our Queer siblings are accepted and celebrated. Spirit, intercede for us,
Send wholeness to the Church.

We pray for the sustainability of our planet. Guide us to care for creation, be mindful of how much we throw away, reduce how much carbon dioxide our lifestyles add to the air we breathe, and remember how much our choices impact the lives of people in poor and marginalized communities. Spirit, intercede for us,
Send wholeness to Creation.

We pray for our siblings all around the world, that leaders everywhere recognize and respond to the suffering of the poor, marginalized, and persecuted, that governments enact laws that protect and defend the poor, marginalized, and persecuted, and that justice would flourish. Spirit, intercede for us,
Send wholeness to the nations.

We pray for people who have chaos swirling around and within them. We pray for those that have been told they are less than, wrong, or an outcast for who they are. We pray that all of us find true peace, joy, and wholeness in you. We pray for people who are victims of violence because of queerphobia, racism, sexism, and ableism. And we pray for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Ken and Matzi, Andrew, Joan, Alice, Irene, Greg and Mary, Elaine and David, Sue and Earlby, Chris and Joan, Kathryn, Kelly, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary. We pray for your mercy, love, and healing to care for them. Spirit, intercede for us,
Send wholeness to your children.

We pray that our congregation and its ministries uplift and care for all living things in our world. We pray that we work towards justice and peace in our own families and communities. Spirit, intercede for us,
Send wholeness to us.

We pray for 2SLGBTQIA+ saints, all our siblings who have gone before us in the fight for justice, freedom, and peace, even when church and society ignored them. Help us remember and honour the memory of the people who have boldly stood as themselves, showing the substance you created even when the world told them to hide. Spirit, intercede for us,

Send wholeness to all Queer people, Queer communities, and allies.

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy wisdom. **Amen.**

PEACE

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



OFFERTORY Arise, Your LIght Has Come



1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!



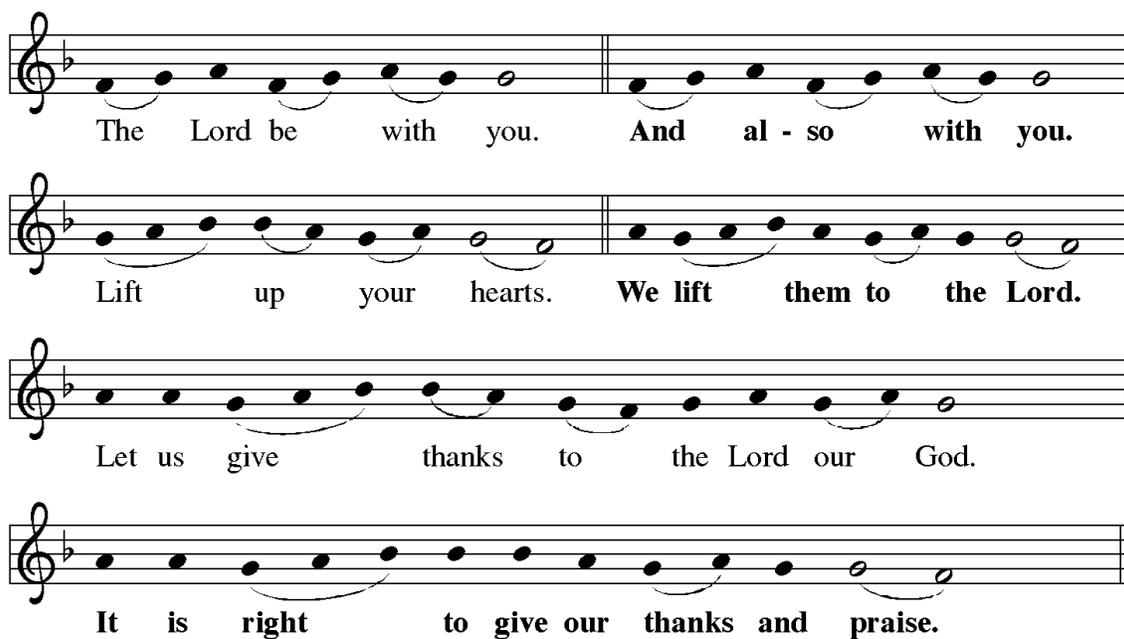
show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

O God, you created not only us as your beloved children but everything we would need to live an abundant lives. As we bring our varied gifts to you, strengthen us as we celebrate the diversity with which you have blessed us. Fill us with what we need and help us to recognize that there is more than enough for all as we work to bring your love to the ends of the earth. **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.

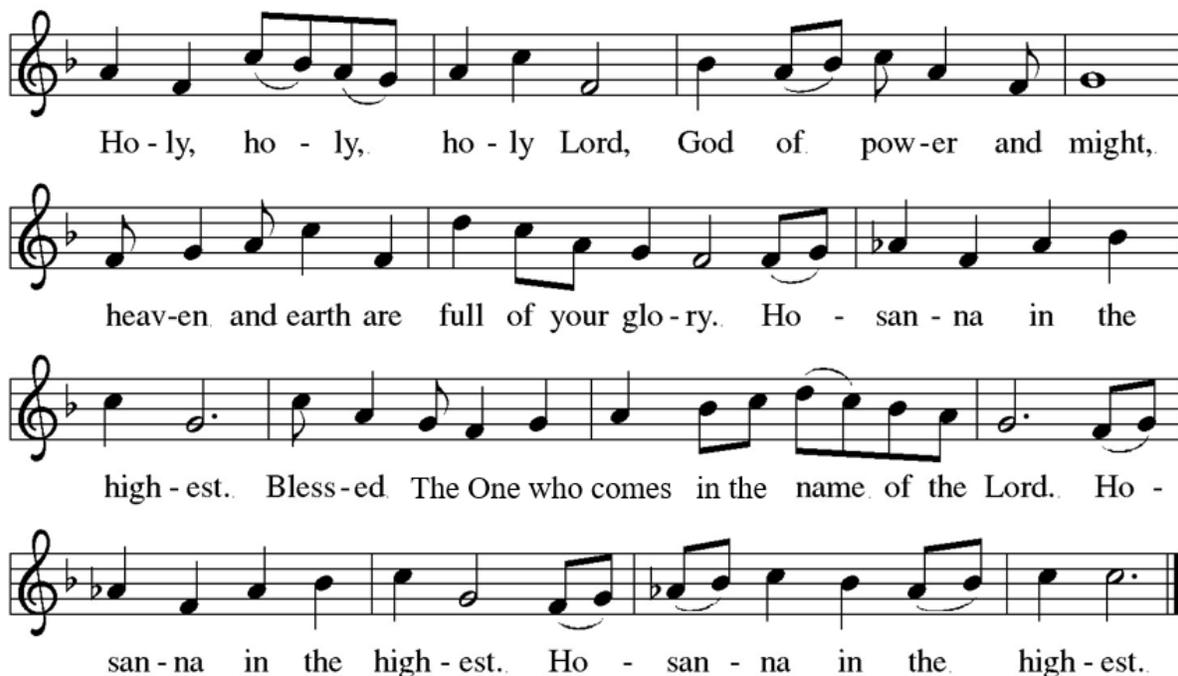
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures: 'The Lord be with you.' and 'And al - so with you.'. The second staff has two measures: 'Lift up your hearts.' and 'We lift them to the Lord.'. The third staff has one long measure: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.'. The fourth staff has one long measure: 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'. The notes are simple, mostly quarter and eighth notes with slurs.

PREFACE

... and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



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 The One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, Creator of this wild and wonderful world. In the beginning, you called forth light from the shadows;
you filled land and sea with life;
you filled us with your own Spirit.
you so loved your own creation that you set your bow in the sky;
you promised life in a world that brings death;
and you sent Jesus to gather us close to you.

Who, on the night in which he was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this, and remember me.

Again, after supper, Jesus took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to those gathered at the table, saying: This cup is the new promise in my blood, shed for your and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this, and remember me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink from this cup, we
proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

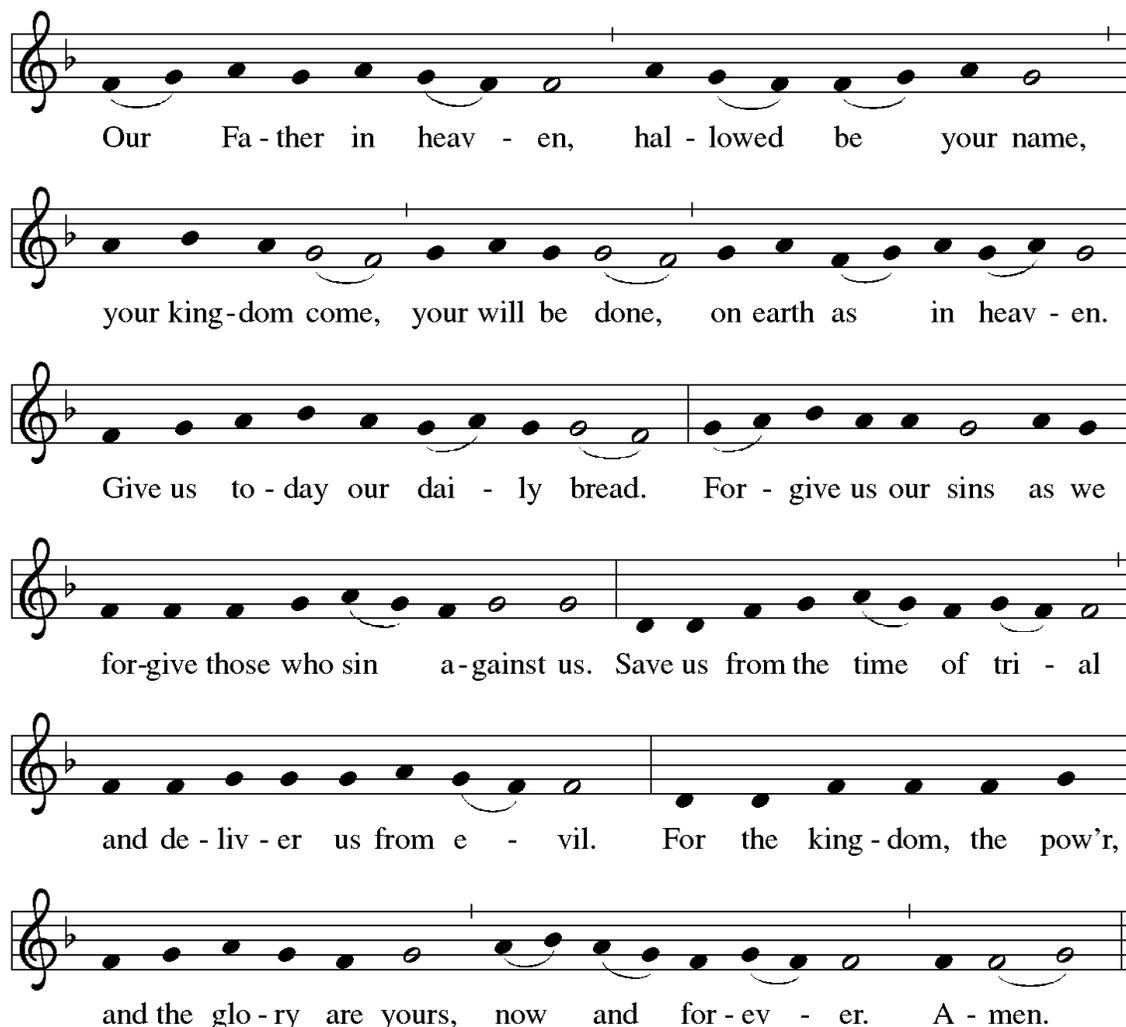
O God of many names, pour out your Spirit upon us and on
these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this meal of shared life
for the sake of the world, and fill us with your own thirst for
beauty and hunger for justice, that we might continue in the
ways of Christ.

All things bright and beautiful are entrusted to us by you,
and with all creation we praise you, O God, blessed and holy
Trinity, now and always.



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

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 light that has come into the world.

We who walk in darkness have seen a great light. May Christ, the Light of the world, shine in our hearts forever.

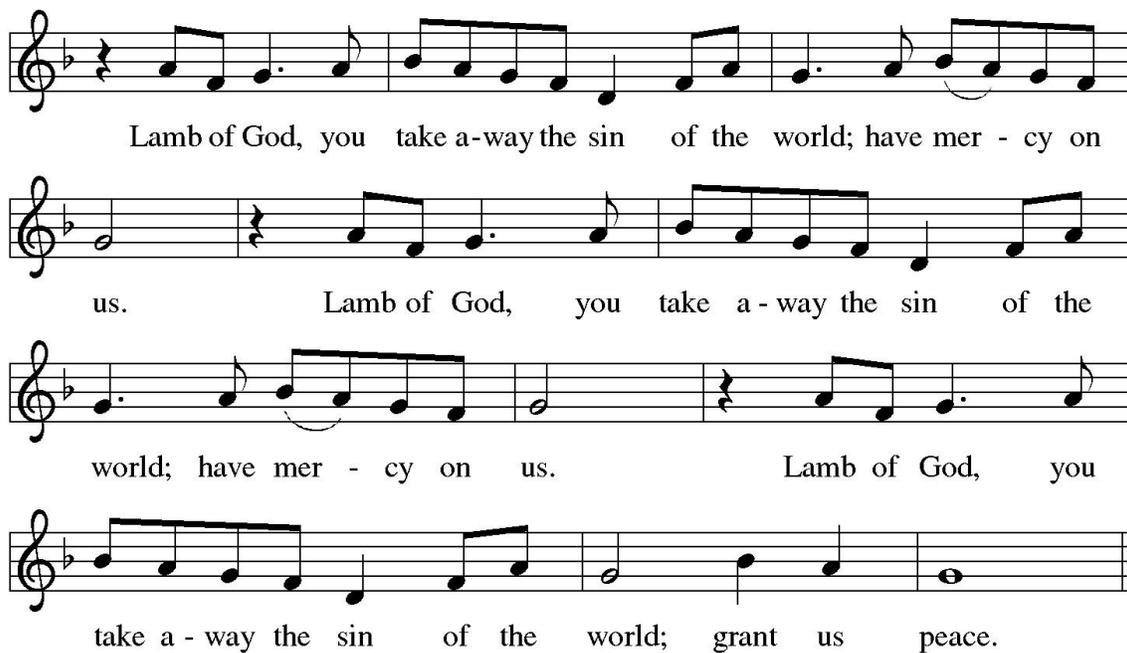
God is now in flesh appearing.

Come to the feast of joy!

Thanks be to God!

COMMUNION HYMNS:

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.

Laudate Omnes Gentes
One Bread, One Body

BLUE 314
RED 496

All The Colours

1. All the co - lours of the rain-bow live un - seen in dai - ly light,
 2. All the bo - dy's parts are wan - ted, nor can one de - spise the rest:
 3. Ev - ery lang - uage gains more mu - sic when the words for peace ap - pear:
 4. Teach us, God, our need of oth - ers; through them help us ful - ly live.

but their splen - dors find ex - pres-sion when re - leased to hu - man sight;
 head and hand must work to - get - ther, as must eye and ear and chest;
 Pax, Sa - laam, Ei - ri - ni, Hei - wa, Pa - ce, San - ti, Frie - den, Mir.
 Wean us from our sel - fish hab - its; let us list - en, learn, for - give.

so the church re - veals most beau - ty where di - ver - si - ty is real:
 so the church needs all its mem - bers for a range of min - i - stries:
 Though our tongues make sounds that va - ry all be - speak a com - mon home:
 May we see your longed - for im - age in each hu - man heart and face,

breadth of race and class and gen - der, room for doubt and space to heal.
 var - ied gifts with one great mis - sion, "Do this for the least of these."
 long - ing for the end of con - flict and a new life in God's Sha - lom.
 and be - hold how those a - round us can be chan - nels of your grace.

Look Who Gathers



1 Look who gath - ers at Christ's ta - ble! Hear the sto - ries
 2 Clouds of light sur - round the ta - ble; an - cient fol - low -
 3 Their sad sto - ries are re - peat - ed in a thou - sand
 4 Bring your joy and bring your sad - ness, and pre - pare to



that they bring. Some are weep - ing; some are laugh - ing;
 ers ap - pear, saints con - fess - ing how they wres - tled
 dif - f'rent ways, but they share one thing in com - mon:
 be sur - prised by the host whose hands are wound - ed,



some have songs they want to sing. Oth - ers ask why they're in -
 with their guilt, their doubt and fear. Pe - ter tells of his de -
 they all end in thanks and praise for the host who has in -
 who will o - pen wide your eyes when he bless - es bread and



vit - ed, bur - dened by the wrong they've done. Christ in - sists they
 ny - ing Christ was ev - er in his sight; Paul re - lates his
 vit - ed north and south and east and west to con - verge a -
 breaks it— truth and man - na from a - bove!— and then pass - es



all are wel - come. There is room for ev - 'ry - one.
 fruit - less ef - ferts to ob - lit - er - ate the light.
 round this ta - ble, where all life is fed and blest.
 wine that wa - kens in your heart the taste of love.

BENEDICTION

May God,
Creator, Redeemer, and † Sustainer,
fill us with all joy and peace in believing,
so that we may live in hope of a blessed community where
humanity's diversity is celebrated. **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 You Are Holy RED 525 (sung 2x)

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

We pray for:

ACC The Provincial Synod of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

ELCIC The dean, council, and congregations of the Ottawa,
Ottawa Valley and Seaway Areas of the Eastern Synod

MOR The people and ministries of Heimtal Moravian Church in
Leduc County, AB

Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry
please contact the church office. *Thank you.*

Candlemas: We will celebrate Candlemas on **Sunday February
8, 2026**, at both services. Please bring your candles from home
for this blessing.

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Anne Stuart	Dennis Kunze
Servers	Chris Heaney Julianna Stephens	Jan Neilsen John Szymanski
Reader	Kate Stuttaford	Deborah Szymanski-Potts
Greeters	Marisela McDougall	Sheila Chappel
Ushers	Connie Shaw Linda Zytner	Richard & Linda Zytner
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Michele Altermann Marilyn Coleman	Michele Altermann Marilyn Coleman
Counters	Norm Frid Bill Clatworthy	Norm Frid Bill Clatworthy
Flowers	ASAP Team	
Coffee Hour	ASAP Team	Laura F. Mann, Connie Shaw, Christine Morrison

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Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **February 15, 2026**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

Annual Reports: Please be aware that reports are due by **Sunday February 15, 2026**. Please send your reports to Janet Weigel at jweigel0220@rogers.com

Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — for February we need **pasta sauce, school snacks and cooking oil (1L)**.

We do not need any plastic bread tabs or reuseable grocery bags at this time. Thank you.

2025 Donation Receipts: Please check your mailbox to collect your 2025 Donation Receipt for income tax purposes. Thank you.

Recent legislation in Alberta and Saskatchewan restrict the rights, dignity, and safety of transgender and gender-diverse people. These provinces are using the “notwithstanding clause” to shield this legislation from judicial review, thereby preventing Charter challenges from being heard. If you have not already done so, please consider signing a petition in support of human rights – the link is below. Thank you.

House of Commons Petition e-7207:

<https://www.ourcommons.ca/petitions/en/Petition/Details?Petition=e-7027>



Dear All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church,

On behalf of Chalmers, I would like to express our deep gratitude for your support of our Christmas Bag Program. Since 1997, Chalmers has been providing fresh and canned food, hygiene products, pet food and diapers to food insecure individuals and families on a weekly basis. In 2025, we distributed **19,941 food baskets**. Our guests are often newcomers, elders, and multi-generational families. **Fifty-three percent** of these food baskets were for children. During our drop-in morning cafés, Chalmers served a staggering **4006** guests in 2025, up from 1060 in 2024. Many of these guests are unsheltered and greatly appreciate having a place to go to get warm and have breakfast.

The Christmas Bag Program is an integral part of Chalmers. In 2025, we distributed **525 bags**. All of our guests were so excited and happy to receive their Christmas bags. They look forward to it all year, often telling us that it is the only gift that they receive

during the holiday season. Your incredible generosity made this possible. Chalmers recognizes the time and effort, as well as cost, that it took to purchase all of the items and put them together and Chalmers is truly grateful to you.

Chalmers could not do this without you! Thank you for helping create a community, without poverty, where people flourish with dignity and respect.

With gratitude,

Crytelle Avery



LOOKING AHEAD: Feb 2 — 8

Tuesday 3	9:30 a.m.	Food Drive Sorting, Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 4	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Forum, via Zoom
Thursday 5	9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market, RHH
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, Nave
Sunday 8	8:30 a.m.	Epiphany 5 & Candlemas Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany 5 & Candlemas Holy Communion—Nave



**Happy 22nd RIC
Anniversary All Saints**