

February 2, 2025

Presentation of Our Lord - Candlemas

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 DIALOGUE

God gives us the gift of the incarnation. With one voice, let all people...

Praise God!

Today, the Christ Child is presented in the Temple. With one voice, let all people...

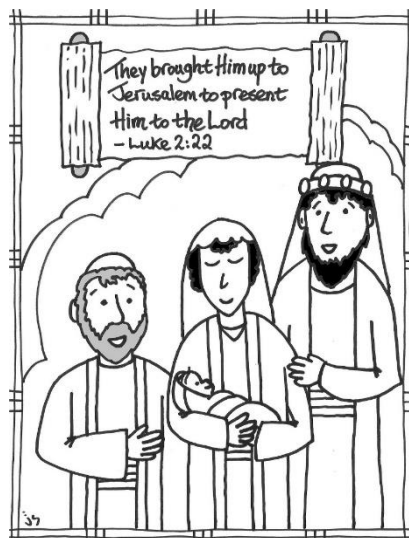
Praise God!

Today, Anna and Simeon and all see God in Christ Jesus. With one voice, let all people...

Praise God!

GATHERING SONG

**Let All Together Praise Our God
RED 287**



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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace to earth be
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, the on - ly Son of God, cre - a - tion's
3 To you a - lone, O God, we cry, the Ho - ly One we



giv - en! Let an - gels sing, let all re - ply; good -
au - thor, O Lamb of God, your death a - lone takes
name you; for you a - lone are God most high, one



will breaks forth from heav - en! Lord God Al - mighty - y,
sin a - way for - ev - er. Stretch out your arms to
liv - ing God we claim you: we wor - ship you, Lord



heav - en's king, we wor - ship you, our thanks we sing, we
ev - 'ry land, and, as you reign at God's right hand, re -
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it ev - er blest, in



praise you for your glo - ry.
ceive our prayer; have mer - cy.
God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. A - - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Most High and ever-living God, Jesus was presented as a child in the temple to be the hope of your people; grant us pure hearts and minds that we may be transformed into his likeness, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Malachi 3:1-4

This reading concludes a larger section in which the prophet speaks of the coming of the God of justice. Malachi looks for that day when the wondrous power of God will purify the priestly descendants of Levi who minister in the temple at Jerusalem.

¹See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. ²But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; ³he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness. ⁴Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18

The writer of Hebrews uses the image of priestly service in the temple as a way of describing the life and saving death of Jesus, the high priest who offers his life on behalf of his brothers and sisters.

¹⁴ Since, therefore, the children share flesh and blood, [Jesus] himself likewise shared the same things, so that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by the fear of death.

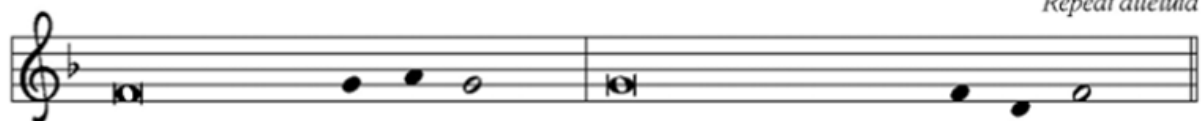
¹⁶ For it is clear that he did not come to help angels, but the descendants of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every respect, so that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make a sacrifice of atonement for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ Because he himself was tested by what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Repeat alleluia



My eyes have seen | your salvation,* which you have prepared in the presence |
of all peoples.

GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-40

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

²² When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, [Mary and Joseph] brought [Jesus] up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord ²³ (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), ²⁴ and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

²⁵ Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. ²⁶ It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. ²⁷ Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, ²⁸ Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

²⁹ “Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,
according to your word;
³⁰ for my eyes have seen your salvation,
³¹ which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
³² a light for revelation to the Gentiles
and for glory to your people Israel.”

³³ And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

³⁴ Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed ³⁵ so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

³⁶ There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age,

having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage, ³⁷ then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day. ³⁸ At that moment she came and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

³⁹ When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. ⁴⁰ The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY In His Temple Now Behold Him
RED 417

BLESSING OF CANDLES

All the people hold their unlighted candles up high.

Sisters and brothers, today we give thanks to God and we seek God's blessing as we set apart these candles to the glory of God.

Let us pray,

We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for you have enriched our lives with every good and perfect gift. You have commanded us to show your splendor to our children, and you have invited us to praise you with lives of love, justice, and joy.

Send Your blessing on these candles, which we set apart today; may they be to us a sign of Christ, the light of the world, the light no darkness can overcome.

To you, O God, be all glory and honour through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

God of generations, you instilled in Anna and Simeon faith, dreams, and the welcome of a child. Bless elders who embody faith and hope; bless the newly baptized. Energize us to share faith from generation to generation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of creation, in you the sparrow finds a home and we find lush valleys and living water. Bless the birds of the air, the animals of the valley, and renew our stewardship of this bountiful creation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the nations, strengthen our resolve to care for all children and strive for peace among nations. Refine our nation where we have failed to root out racism, especially as we begin to mark Black History Month, and guide us in truth-telling and reconciliation. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of hope, many long to see your presence revealed amid challenging circumstances. We hold in prayer all longing for sustainable housing, secure employment, access to medical care, and health and wellness. We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Gwen and Nolan, Orland, Gail, Irene, Connie, Zoilita, Bill, Barrie, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*brief silence...*) God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of the people, you are made known in caring ministries. Bless those who serve as homebound visitors, baptismal sponsors and godparents, and as prayer support for all our people. Reveal yourself in the neighbourly care we give and receive. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

God of life, we thank you for Jesus' life and for his death that has destroyed death. We remember the dearly departed as they dwell with you in your holy courts now and forever. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.
Amen.

PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

Now the Silence

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

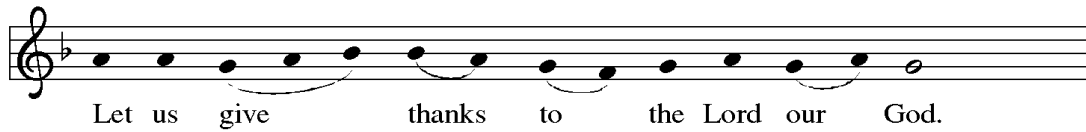
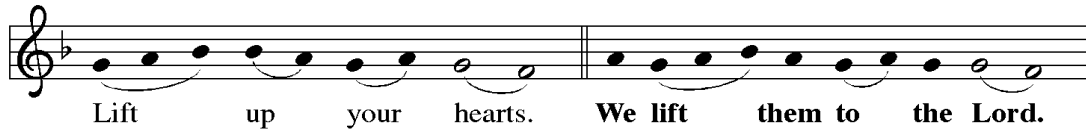
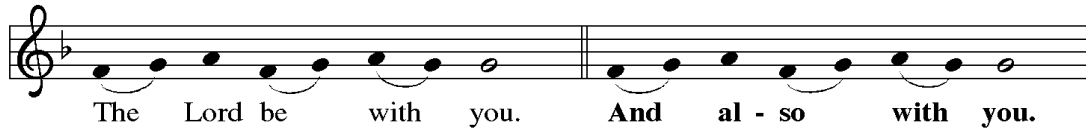
Let us pray:

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.

Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.

Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and
always. **Amen**

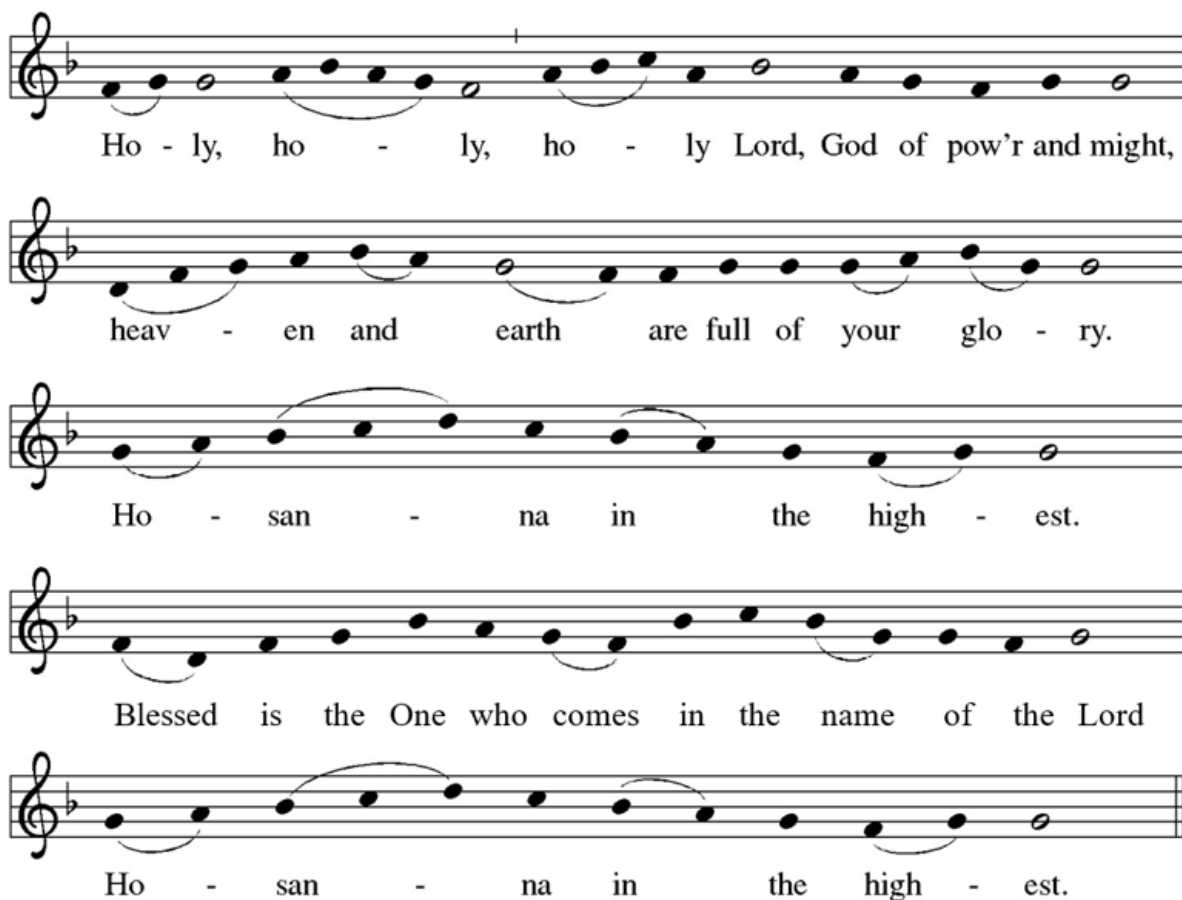
GREAT THANKSGIVING



PREFACE

... and join their 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.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O holy God:
you are the Life and Light of all.
By your powerful word you created all things.
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to
the nations.
Blessed are you for Jesus.
He is your Light, shining in our darkness
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

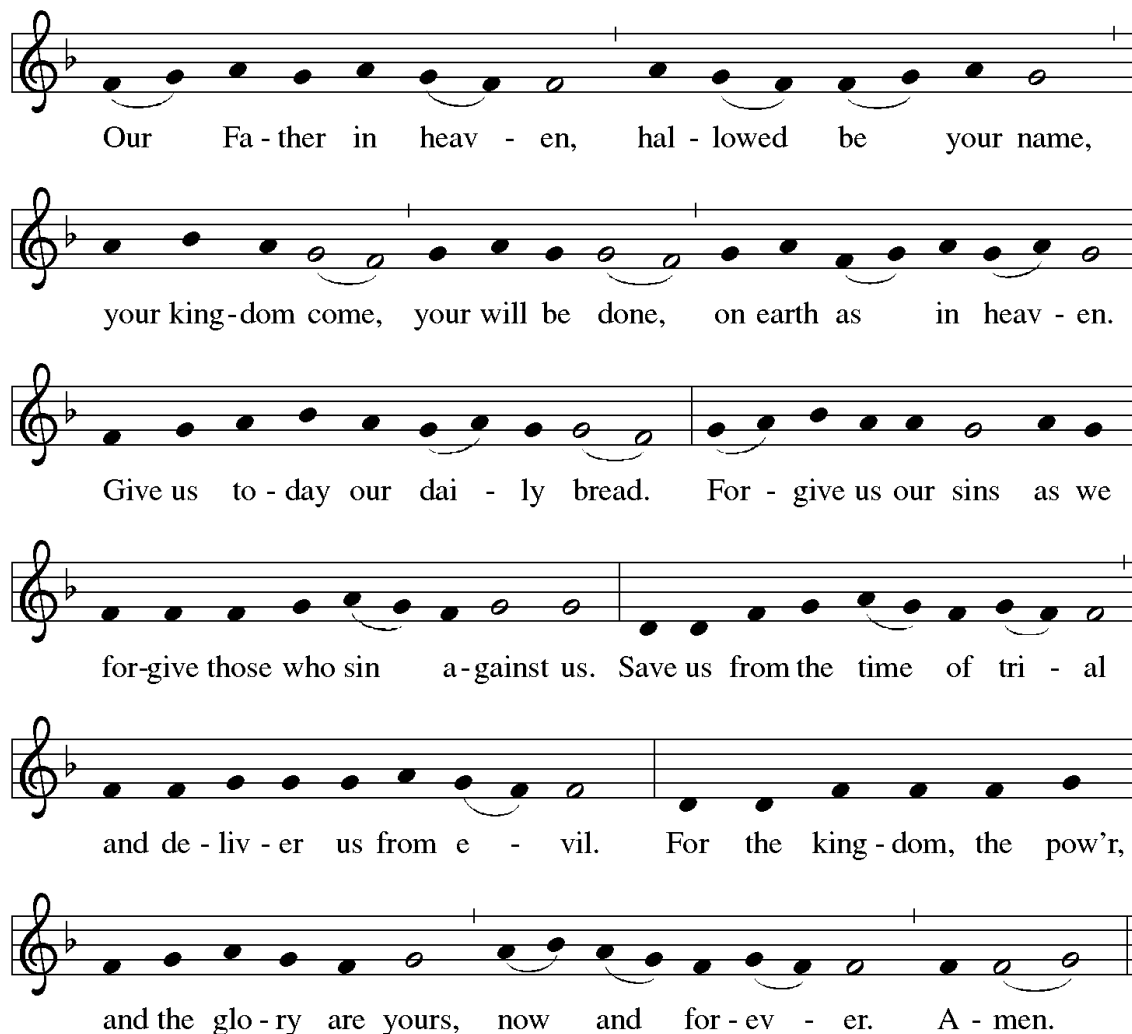
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

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 preaching and healing,
his dying and rising,
and his promise to come again,
we await that day when all the universe
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this bread and cup,
that, held and nourished by you,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of Christ
through whom all glory and honor is yours,
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,
in your holy Church,
both 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 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.**

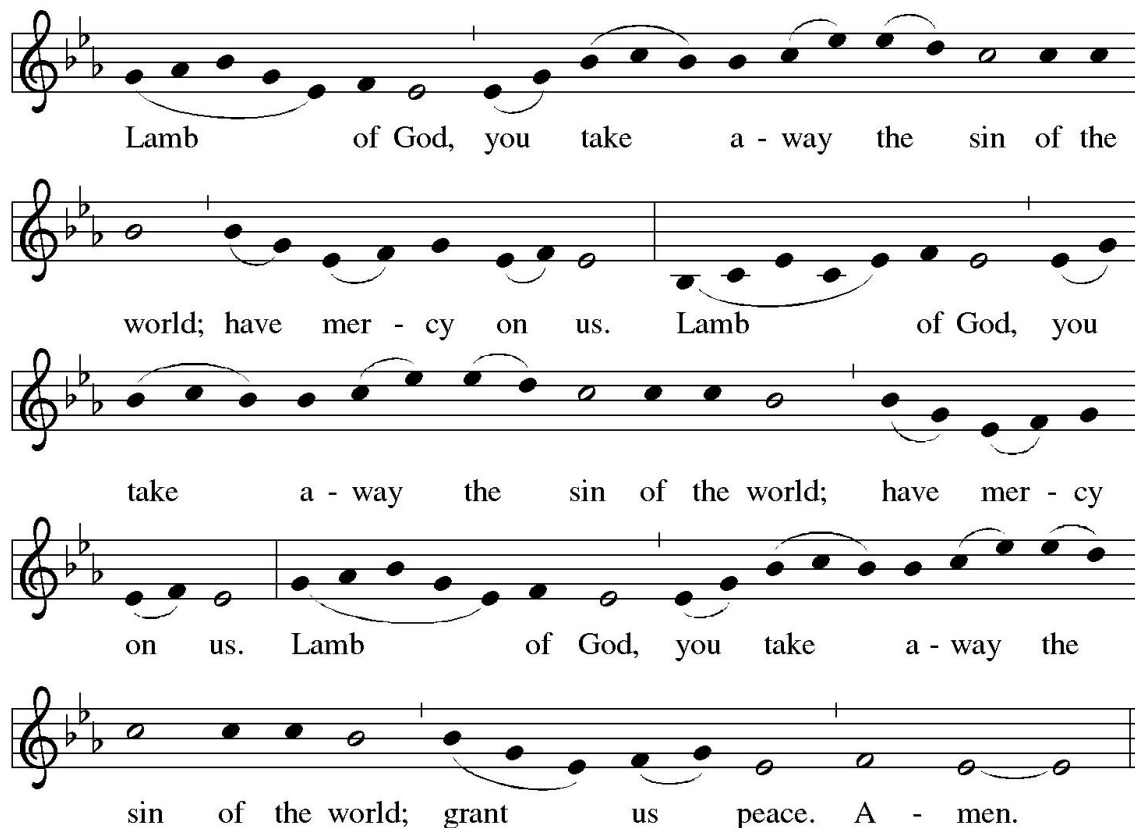
The joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness!

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:

Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo	BLUE 376
The God Whom Earth and Sea and Sky	BLUE 267
Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence	BLUE 48

TABLE BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
strengthen, keep, and unite us now and forever. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world,
for we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CANDLEMAS PROCESSION

During the singing, the flame is distributed and shared. Tip unlighted candles toward lighted candles to pass the flame.



1 Come, be - lov - ed of the Mak - er, come, be -
2 See the Morn - ing - star now beck - on to those
3 Fol - low to the birth of new - ness; fol - low
4 There we too will burn and bright - en, God's re -
5 Christ, bright im - age of the Mak - er, God, whose



hold the First - born One; see re - vealed cre - a - tion's
bound to doubt and night; "Fol - low me," Christ calls in
to the life of peace; fol - low to the hill of
splen - dent work be - gun; glo - ry will as - cend and
glo - ry none may pass, Spir - it, sun of love and



splen - dor crowned in glo - ry like the sun.
wel - come, "come from dark - ness in - to light."
an - guish; fol - low to the gar - den bliss.
height - en, crown - ing us with glo - rious sun.
splen - dor, bear us in - to light at last.

Let us pray.

Blessed are You, O God, source of light eternal. You shine the light of Christ among us. Illumine our hearts and make them fit to be your temple of mercy. By the power of your spirit, dispel all sorrow, renew every hope, and give us the strength to serve you here as at your eternal temple's throne of love, where you live and reign, with Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

At this font, we end the celebration of the birth of the Christ-child.

God, born in us,

grace us with life that has no end.

At the table, we have cradled in our hands and touched to our lips the Christ-Child.

God, born in us,

make us bread for the hungry.

In this place, with faithful Simeon and Anna, we have sung praises to the Christ-child.

God, born in us,

inspire us to trust your eternal promises.

With this light, we have seen the Christ-child.

God, born in us,

make us always bear you, the light of the world.

The candles are extinguished.

SENDING HYMN

**I Want To Walk As A Child of
the Light RED 815**

BENEDICTION

The Spirit of the triune God
✠ bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

**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.**

DISMISSAL

Go in the light and peace of Christ.
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 Elaine Maguire at (519) 658-0509 or let the office know. Thank you.

Church office hours: Michele will be on vacation Feb. 5—7. She will be in the office on Monday and Tuesday next week (Feb. 3rd & 4th). All announcements for Feb 9 are due by 9:00 am Feb. 3.

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Christine Morrison	Anne Stuart
Servers	Laura F Mann Michelle Normandin	Marilyn Bleach Schranz John Szymanski
Reader	Kate Stuttaford	Hazel Heaney
Greeters	Kate Stuttaford	Sheila Chappel
Ushers	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze
AV booth	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Michele Altermann Marilyn Coleman	Laura B Mann Marilyn Coleman
Counters	Norman Frid Matzi King	Jan Neilsen Matzi King
Flowers		Marisela McDougall
Coffee Hour	Pearl	The Phillips Family

Chi Rho: The next meeting will take place **February 13** at 1pm in the Narthex. This is a great social time for fellowship, fun and laughter amongst fellow church members. Bring your Scrabble, rummoli, cards or other favourite game to play with others this month. Refreshments follow.

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **Sunday, February 16, 2025**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

Parish Care Workshop: Tuesday February 18 at 1:00 pm in the Narthex. This month's topic discusses *Low Back pain: Strategies and Management*. Bring your friends for a lively discussion following the video.

Silvercreek Community Market: We regularly need rice and red lentils! We currently have 270 families registered so please consider buying the specific items listed below in advance of each

month — **for February we need school snacks, canned fruit and vegetables and cooking oil.**

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

The Stories Bones Tell: Fundraiser for the Ecumenical Campus Ministry. Join us on **Thursday February 20th** at 10 a.m. in the Anatomy Museum of the Ontario Veterinary College, U of Guelph, for a fascinating look at skeletons! This one-of-a-kind event will be hosted by Dr. Jeff Thomason, who taught Veterinary Anatomy for 30 years. There will be a number of skeletons on display - fish, bird, and several mammals including a lynx, rat, bear, rabbit, dog, and more. Jeff will give a brief introduction on the special features of the species on display, and what to look for on each one. Then you will get to wander among the skeletons looking for those features and enjoying the stories that the skeletons tell about the animals they supported. You should come away with a better understanding of your own skeleton, and an appreciation of the variety and uses of this remarkable structure in different animals. And you will have fun while learning! The cost is \$25, with all funds raised going to support the ECM. Speak to Lucy Reid to sign up, or email her at lreid08@gmail.com.

LOOKING AHEAD: January 27—February 2

Monday 3	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
Tuesday 4	4:00—11:00 p.m.	Eastern Star, Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 5	7:00 p.m.	Faith Forum, via Zoom
Thursday 6	9:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market, RHH
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, Nave
Sunday 9	8:30 a.m.	Epiphany 5 Holy Communion—Nave
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