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LOOKING AHEAD: - February 25 - March 3

Tues. 26	7:00 pm	Choir Practice - Sanctuary
Wed. 27	9:30 am	Sunday Bulletin Announcements
		are Due – This includes flower
		announcements
	7:00 pm	Church Council Mtg. – The Parlour
Sun. 3	8:30 am	Transfiguration of Our Lord
		– Sanctuary
		– Holy Communion
	10:00 am	Transfiguration of Our Lord
		– Sanctuary
		 Holy Communion
		– Sunday School
	11:30 am	Intercessory Prayer Workshop
		– Fellowship Hall

<u>Staff</u> Church Office Hours

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

Jennifer Liersch, Administrative Assistant Peter West, Organist

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.

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.

Acknowledgement of Territory

We are on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinabe, Mississauga and Metis neighbours. We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to be here today.

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

Prelude – Hymn arrangements

Welcome

Gathering Song – #5 CP

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.

Canticle of Praise



O Lord Jesus, make us instruments of your peace, that where there is hatred, we may sow love, where there is injury, pardon, and where there is despair, hope. Grant, O divine master, that we may seek to console, to understand, and to love in your name, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Children's Message

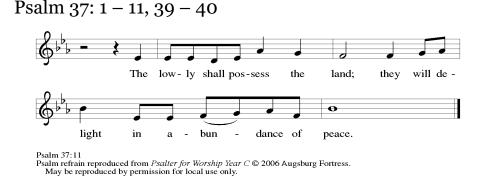
WORD God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading – Genesis 45: 3 – 11, 15

A reading from Genesis.

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.



¹Do not be provoked by | evildoers; do not be jealous of those | who do wrong.
²For they shall soon wither | like the grass, and like the green grass | fade away. ³Put your trust in the Lord| and do good; dwell in the land and | find safe pasture.

4Take delight | in the Lord,

who shall give you your | heart's desire. R 5Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord,

and see what | God will do.

⁶The Lord will make your vindication as clear | as the light

and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.

⁷Be still before the Lord and wait | patiently. Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in | evil schemes.

⁸Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone; do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to

evil. R

9For evildoers shall | be cut off,

but those who hope in the Lord shall pos- | sess the land.

- ¹⁰In a little while the wicked shall | be no more; even if you search out their place, they will | not be there.
- ¹¹But the lowly shall pos- | sess the land; they will delight in abun- | dance of peace.

³⁹But the deliverance of the righteous comes from | you, O Lord;

you are their stronghold in | time of trouble. ⁴⁰You, O Lord, will help them and | rescue them;

you will rescue them from the wicked and

deliver them, because in you | they seek refuge. R

Psalm Prayer

God our strength, give us the humility to trust in your loving care, and the patience to be faithful in seeking your way, that we may come to share in the inheritance of your saints; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

Amen.

Gospel Acclamation



Love your enemies, and you will be children of | the Most High;* forgive, and you will | be forgiven.

Gospel Reading – *Luke 6: 27 – 38*

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.** *or* **Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

[Jesus said:] "But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you. "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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

Sermon

Hymn of the Day - # 171 CP

Apostles' Creed I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

United as one body in Christ, let us pray for the church, the world, and all those in need, responding to "Hear our prayer" with our sung response:

Lord, through our lives may others hear your living waters drawing near.

We pray for the church, especially the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and other faith communities throughout the world. Fill us with a spirit of generosity and care. Lead us to forgive as we have been forgiven. Show us new ways to be helpful to others. Hear our prayer.

(Sung response)

For the earth. Grant seasonable weather for the planting and harvesting of crops. Protect farms, orchards, and gardens from damage. Bless those who till fields, those who care for livestock, and all who provide food. Hear our prayer.

(Sung response)

For the nations. For all researchers and leaders who work to resolve complex issues; for all who teach peace and reconciliation to communities in conflict; for those affected by earthquake, drought, or storms, and all who come to their aid. Hear our prayer.

(Sung response)

For those in need. For those who lack adequate food, shelter, or access to medical care; for those

unable to find gainful employment. Heal the sick, and comfort the grieving *(especially)*. Hear our prayer.

(Sung response)

For this assembly. Inspire us to be good stewards of the resources you have entrusted to us. Teach us to give freely of ourselves and to offer our lives in service. Hear our prayer.

(Sung response)

With thanksgiving, we remember those who have died *(especially)*. Even in the midst of death, give us faith to trust your promise of everlasting life. Hear our prayer.

(Sung response)

Receive our prayers and fill us with the radiance of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 – Ubi Caritas

Offering Hymn – # 312 vs. 3 & 4 ELW

Offering Prayer

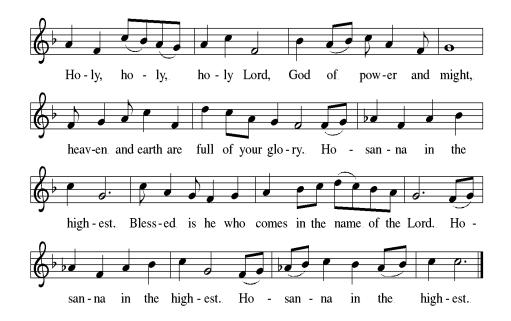
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

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



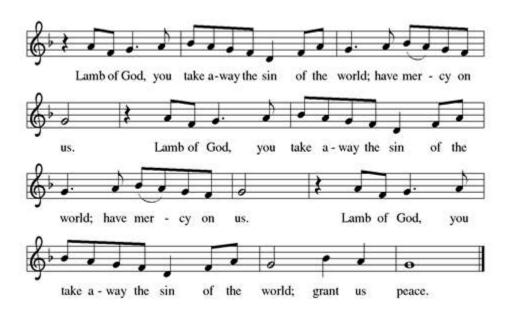
Thanksgiving at the Table ...proclaim the mystery of faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

> ... hope for his coming. Come, Lord Jesus.

... peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.** The Lord's Prayer



Invitation to Communion Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you. **Thanks be to God.**



Communion Hymns # 615 ELW, # 708 ELW, # 716 ELW, # 814 ELW

Table Blessing

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

Amen.

compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

Blessing

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.

Benediction

The God of glory dwell in you richly, name you beloved, and shine brightly on your path; and the blessing of almighty God, the Father, and the (+) Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song - # 383 CP

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ. Thanks be to God.

Prayer after Communion

We thank you, O God, that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond

Postlude – Fantasia Chromatica, Sweelinck

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Diocese of Fredericton. **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada** – The dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern Synod.

Do you pray? Then you have the experience necessary to prepare (and lead if you wish) the **Prayers of Intercession** used every Sunday at All Saints. A twoday training opportunity for new and returning intercessors will be offered on Sunday, February 24 and Sunday, March 3 from 11:30 - 1:00. Please speak with Kathryn Smith if you are interested or would like more information.

All articles for the *March Connections* are due Sunday, today, please submit articles to Christine Morrison (Box # 44) <u>cjmorrison263@gmail.com</u>.

Announcements and Information

February Altar Guild: Robin Smart, Michele Altermann & Marilyn Schranz

We pray for: Anglican Church of Canada – Bishop David Edwards, clergy, and people of the