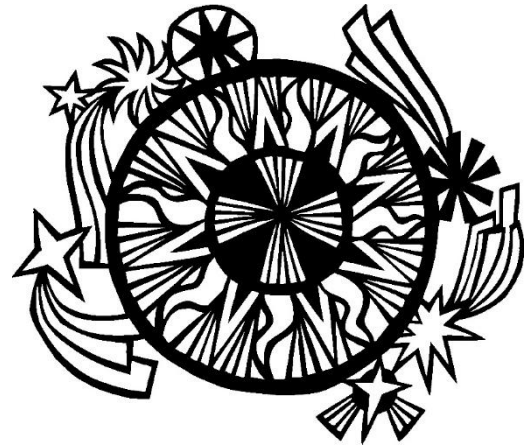


January 4, 2026
Christmas II



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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty Saviour,
Prince of Peace.
Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,
let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,
**we yearn for your presence to transform
our grief, pain, and despair.**
**We confess that we have not always prepared
room in our hearts for your love;
we have not always recognized
your presence among us;
we have not always embraced your message of peace.**
**We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,
oppression, and fear.**

**We confess our failure to make room
for those seeking refuge;
our participation in violent systems
that harm your innocent ones;
our reluctance to embody your good news.**
**Be born in us today
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.**
Amen.

God's grace upon grace flows over you.
✝ Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!
Amen.

GATHERING SONG Angels from the Realms of Glory
BLUE 143

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.

Most High God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

READING: Sirach 24:1-12

The figure of Wisdom played a major role in early discussions of Christology. Wisdom is the divine word, coming from the mouth of God, and ruling over all of creation. Wisdom, created at the beginning of time, made her dwelling place in Jerusalem among God's people.

- ¹ Wisdom praises herself
and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.
- ² In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth,
and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:
- ³ "I came forth from the mouth of the Most High
and covered the earth like a mist.
- ⁴ I encamped in the heights,
and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.
- ⁵ Alone I compassed the vault of heaven
and traversed the depths of the abyss.
- ⁶ Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,
and over every people and nation I have held sway.
- ⁷ Among all these I sought a resting place;
in whose inheritance should I abide?
- ⁸ "Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,
and my Creator pitched my tent.
He said, 'Encamp in Jacob,
and in Israel receive your inheritance.'

- ⁹ Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,
and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.
- ¹⁰ In the holy tent I ministered before him,
and so I was established in Zion.
- ¹¹ Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting place,
and in Jerusalem was my domain.
- ¹² I took root in an honored people;
in the portion of the Lord is my inheritance."

Word of God. Word of Life.
Thanks be to God!

PSALMODY: Wisdom 10:15-21 (*sung together in unison*)



- ¹⁵ **A holy people and | blameless race;
wisdom delivered from a nation | of oppressors.**
- ¹⁶ **She entered the soul of a servant | of the Lord,
and withstood dread kings with won- | ders and signs.**
- ¹⁷ **She gave to holy people the reward | of their labours;
she guided them along a | marvelous way,
and became a shelter to | them by day,
and a starry flame | through the night. R**
- ¹⁸ **She brought them over | the Red Sea,
and led them | through deep waters;**
- ¹⁹ **but she | drowned their enemies,
and cast them up from the depth | of the sea.**
- ²⁰ **Therefore the righteous plundered | the ungodly;
they sang hymns, O LORD, to your holy name, and
praised with one accord your de- | fending hand;**
- ²¹ **for wisdom opened the mouths of those | who were
mute,
and made the tongues of in- | fants speak clearly. R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: John 1:1-18

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

⁶There was a man sent from God whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who

received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

¹⁴ And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. ¹⁵ (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") ¹⁶ From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. ¹⁷ The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. ¹⁸ No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY Of Eternal Love Begotten BLUE 132

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

With joy in our hearts because Jesus is born, let us pray for the church, the world, and everyone who needs God's love.

(A short time of silence.)

Gracious God, you promise to be present whenever people gather in your name. Be close to us now – not only through the story of Jesus born in a manger and raised to life, but through the friends, mentors, and strangers who show your love today. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You show yourself in living water – in the womb where life begins, in streams and oceans that flow with energy, and in the waters of baptism that remind us we are yours. Teach us to protect this planet and care for all creation as gifts from you. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You show yourself in the beauty of difference – in every culture, every language, every body, and every story. Open our eyes to see you in people who don't look or live like we do, and help us celebrate the full diversity of your family. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You are present whenever something new begins. As we begin a new year, be with those starting new jobs, new schools, new relationships, or new adventures. Bring comfort to people rebuilding their lives after loss, and healing to all who need your care today. We pray especially for: We pray especially for: 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, Brenna, Kathryn, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary, the people of Venezuela who continue to live under the threat of invasion, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*). Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You make yourself known when we share meals together. Bless everyone who offers food, friendship, or a safe place to belong – in this church and in our neighbourhoods. Make every table a sign of your welcome. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You promise to bring joy out of sorrow and hope out of grief. We remember those who have died and trust that they rest in your light and peace. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With joy in the birth of Christ and hope in your promises, we bring our prayers to you, trusting in your endless love; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

OFFERTORY Each Winter As the Year Grows Older



1 Each win - ter as the year grows old - er, we each grow old - er,
2 When race and class cry out for trea - son, when si - rens call for
3 Yet I be - lieve be - yond be - liev - ing that life can spring from
4 So e - ven as the sun is turn - ing to jour - ney to the
5 O Child of ec - sta - sy and sor - rows, O Prince of peace and



too. The chill sets in a lit - tle cold - er; the
war, they o - ver - shout the voice of rea - son and
death, that growth can flow - er from our griev - ing, that
north, the liv - ing flame, in se - cret burn - ing, can
pain, bright - en to - day's world by to - mor - row's, re -



ver - i - ties we knew seem shak - en and un - true.
scream till we ig - nore all we held dear be - fore.
we can catch our breath and turn trans - fixed by faith.
kin - dle on the earth and bring God's love to birth.
new our lives a - gain; Lord Je - sus, come and reign!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of glory,
great are your wonders among us
and many are the blessings you bestow.
Use us and these your gifts for the needs of the world,
that all the ends of the earth may rejoice in your saving
grace,
through Christ our Saviour.

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!

DISTRIBUTION

Communion Hymns:

Break Forth O Beauteous Heavenly Light

BLUE 147

See Amid the Winter's Snow

BLUE 148

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Incarnate God, you are among us at this table.

May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts
the mystery of your presence.

Move us to discover the wonders of your love
in the everyday moments of our lives,
through Christ born in us.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The triune God,
glorious Mystery,
holy Incarnate One,
abiding Comforter,
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy.

**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 Go Tell It On the Mountain RED 290

DISMISSAL

Glory to God in the highest!
And peace to God's people on earth!
Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

We pray for:

ACC Sheilagh McGlynn, Youth Ministries Animator; the Rev.
Canon Dr. Scott Sharman,
Animator for Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

ELCIC Deacon Gretchen Peterson, Assistant to the National
Bishop, Youth and Leadership; Rev. Paul Gehrs, Assistant to the
National Bishop, Justice and Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations

MOR The Rev. Dr. Betsy Miller, Ecumenical Officer, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the School of Theology at Moravian University

| | Today | Next Sunday |
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| Assisting Minister | Laura F Mann | Laura B Mann |
| Servers | Jan Nielsen Denis Kunze | Julianna Stephens Laura F Mann |
| Reader | Sue Wakefield | John Szymanski |
| Greeters | Sheila Chappel | Carole Mozauritis |
| Ushers | Mark & Janet Weigel | Mark & Janet Weigel |
| AV booth | Michele Altermann Brian Janzen | Michele Altermann Brian Janzen |
| Altar Guild | Janet Weigel Merike Rutten | Janet Weigel Merike Rutten |
| Counters | Mark Weigel Chris Heaney | Mark Weigel Chris Heaney |
| Flowers | | |
| Coffee Hour | | |

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

Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — January we need **peanut butter, canned fruit & vegetables, school snacks and cooking oil. We always need rice and lentils.** *We do not need any plastic bread tabs or reuseable grocery bags at this time. Thank you.*

LOOKING AHEAD: January 5 — 11

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| Wednesday 7 | 9:00 a.m. | Announcements due to Office |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Faith Forum via Zoom |
| Thursday 8 | 9:00 a.m.— 3:00 p.m. | Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice Nave |
| Saturday 10 | 9:00 a.m. | Taking down decorations Nave |
| Sunday 11 | 8:30 a.m. | Epiphany Holy Communion—Nave |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Epiphany Holy Communion—Nave |

Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Tuesday to Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.