

January 11, 2026

Epiphany Sunday

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 Brightest and the Best of the Stars
303 (Red)**

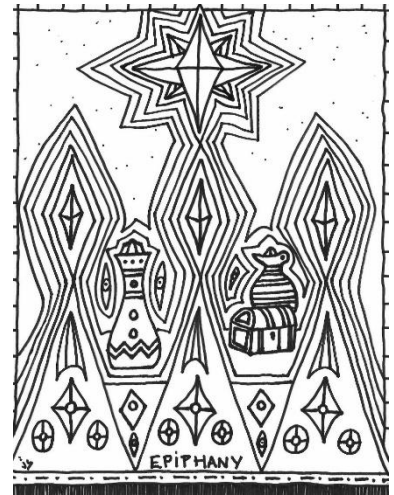
GREETING

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

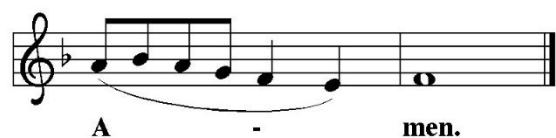
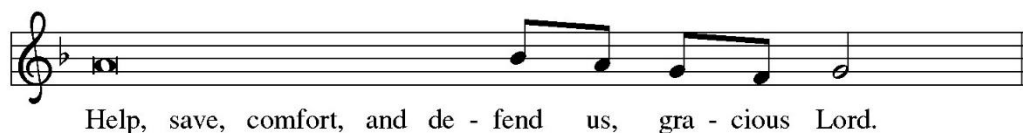
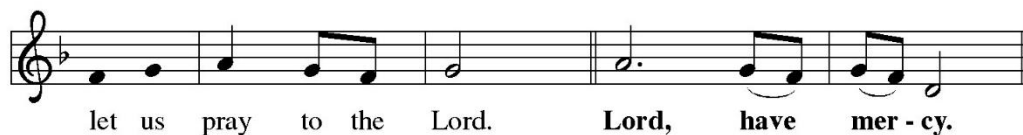
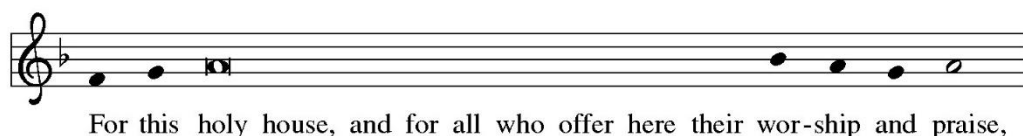
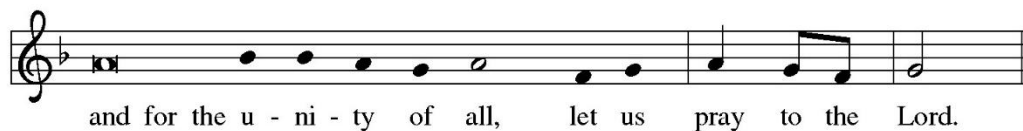
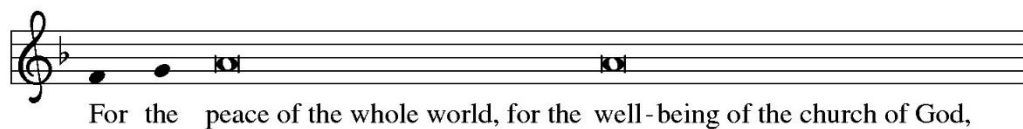
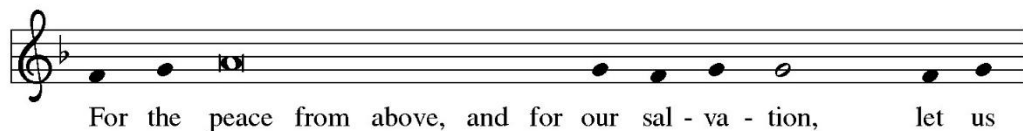
And also with you.

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



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.

O God, on this day you revealed Jesus to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6

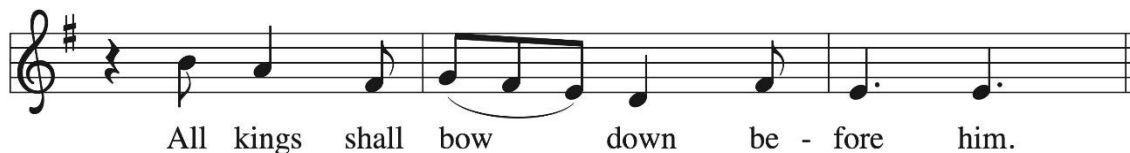
Daunted by many challenges upon their return to Jerusalem from exile, the prophet affirms God's favour upon Israel and the significance of their mission to the world.

- ¹ Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- ² For darkness shall cover the earth
and thick darkness the peoples,
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.
- ³ Nations shall come to your light
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together; they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried in their nurses' arms.
- ⁵ Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you;
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.

They shall bring gold and frankincense
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

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

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (*Sung together in unison*)



- ¹ Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
² that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;
³ that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
⁴ Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R**
- ⁵ May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
⁶ Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
⁷ In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon
shall | be no more.
¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the | isles pay tribute,
and the kings of Sheba and Seba | offer gifts. R**
- ¹¹ May all kings bow | down before him,
and all the nations | do him service.
¹² For the king delivers the poor who cry out | in distress,
the oppressed, and those who | have no helper.
¹³ He has compassion on the low- | ly and poor,
and preserves the lives | of the needy.
¹⁴ From oppression and violence he re- | deems their
lives,
and precious is their blood | in his sight. R**

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12

What had been hidden from previous generations is now made known through the gospel ministry of Paul and others. In Christ both Jews and Gentiles participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

¹This is the reason that I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you gentiles, ²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We have observed his star | at its rising,* and have come to | worship | him.

GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12

The holy gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ²asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.' "

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had

appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

⁹When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



HOMILY

**HYMN OF THE DAY As with Gladness Men of Old
160 (Blue)**

NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and
the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and
glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of
sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, creation, and all who are in need.

Healer and Restorer, even when we cause relationships to be broken, you bring people together in peace. Soften our hearts, help us forgive quickly, and teach us to care deeply. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Creator of life, you breathed energy into the world and filled the skies with light and wonder. Open our eyes to see how the earth is hurting and give us the courage to protect it. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guiding Light, you shine through darkness to show us where to go. Lead those who make decisions – in our churches, in our schools, and in the nations of the world – so that they walk in truth and compassion. We continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, Gaza, and Sudan, as well as for the people of Venezuela, that they would all know peace and dignity. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Defender of the unheard, you lift up those who have been pushed down and feed those who are hungry. Help people find their voices to stand for justice and move those with plenty to give freely. Be close to everyone who needs hope today especially 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, Kathryn, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*). Surround all who suffer in mind, body, or spirit with your gentle presence. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Keeper of promises, you send people who challenge and inspire us. Teach us to listen – not just to words that bring us comfort, but also to truths that call us to change. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Saviour and Friend, you give us mentors, family, and friends who point us toward you. Thank you for those who've gone before us and those we still miss. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With the joy of Christ's birth alive in us, we bring these prayers to you, trusting your endless mercy and love, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **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.

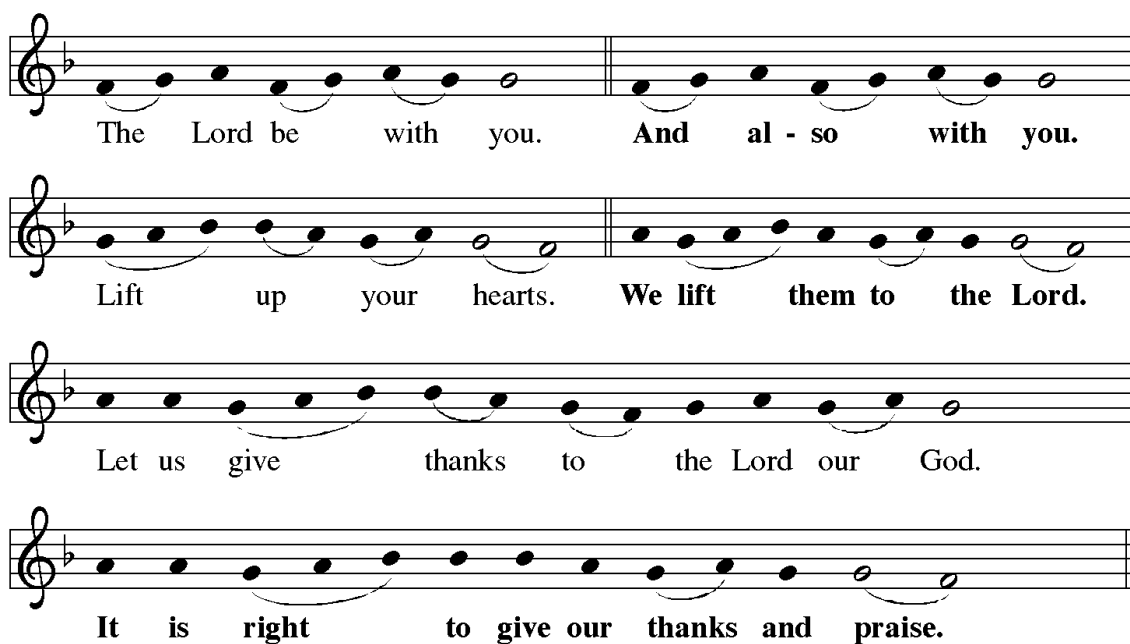
OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

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

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.

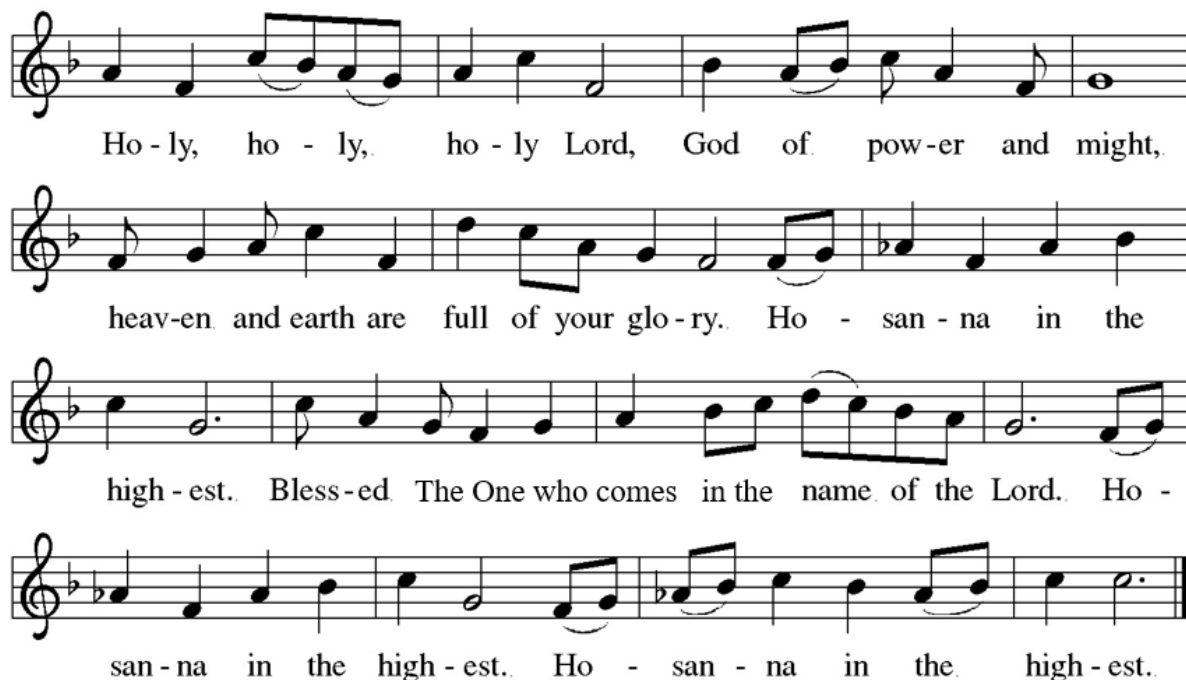
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words hyphenated across bar lines. The first staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The second staff has a double bar line after the first measure. The third staff has a double bar line at the end. The fourth staff has a double bar line at the end.

PREFACE

... and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for Christ Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



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

With this bread and cup
we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.
We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.
Come among us.
Bless this meal.
May your Word take flesh in us.
Awaken your people.
Fill us with your light.
Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel,
Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High,
one God, now and forever.



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.

Brightest and Best

159 (Blue)

Wise Men, They Came to Look for Wisdom

161 (Blue)

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Radiant God, with our eyes we have seen your salvation,
and in this meal, we have feasted on your grace. May your
Word take flesh in us, that we may be your holy people,
revealing your glory made known to us in Jesus Christ, our
Saviour and Lord. Amen.

THANKFUL HEARTS AND VOICES RAISE



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let
ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - jice and bear the name of Christ.
Send us with your prom - is - es and lead your peo - ple forth in joy with
shouts of thanks - giv - ing. Al - le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

The triune God,
glorious Mystery,
holy Incarnate One,
abiding Comforter,
✠ bless you with endless grace, peace, and joy. **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 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
310 (Red)**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Laura B Mann	Penny Richards
Servers	Marisela McDougall Jan Neilsen	Michelle Normandin Marisela McDougall
Reader	John Szymanski	Val Webb
Greeters	Carole Mozuraitis	Bill & Jette Thomas
Ushers	Mark & Janet Weigel	Mark & Janet Weigel
AV booth	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Janet Weigel Merike Rutten	Janet Weigel Merike Rutten
Counters	Mark Weigel Chris Heaney	Mark Weigel Ann Sanders
Flowers		
Coffee Hour		

We pray for:

ACC Ryan Weston, Lead Animator, Public Witness for Social and Ecological Justice; Executive Director, Will Postma, and staff of Alongside Hope.

ELCIC Interim-Executive Director, Michael Pryse, and staff of Canadian Lutheran World Relief.

MOR Justin Rabbach, Executive Director, and staff of the Board of World Mission.

Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact the church office. We need Greeters for February and March. *Thank you.*

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **Sunday, January 18, 2026.** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

Parish Care Workshop: The next workshop will be **Tuesday, January 20, 2026, from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m.** in the Parlour. There will be a presentation on your **Ears and Better Hearing.** Guest Speaker -Cees Van Arendonk from Hear Right Canada. All are welcome.

ECM Dinner: All Saints will be providing dinner **January 21, 2026,** for the ECM students at the U. of G. With Marilyn out west to assist her late son's family, Lucy Reid and Jette & Bill Thomas will be co-ordinating the meal. Please plan on delivering the food to the Tomas home between 4:15 and 4:30 pm on Jan 21, 2026. Their address is 24 Thornton St., Guelph. They will transport everything to the U. of G.

We hope to provide five crock pots of chili (both meat and vegan choices are needed, please include labels with your pots) and desserts to serve 50 people. Please call Jette at home (519) 265-1301 (please leave a message on the answering service) and let her know what you'll be making. *Thank you.*

Library correction: This book is *now* available in the church library—but we may need to start a sign-up sheet, it is that popular! If you can't wait to read it, Michele has a copy as well and is happy to lend it out!

Annual Reports: Please be aware that reports for the Annual Meeting of the Congregation 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 —we need 30 jars of **peanut butter for Jan. 22.** *We do not need any plastic bread tabs or reuseable grocery bags at this time. Thank you.*



Save the date: Once a year we have a special service to celebrate our partnership/allyship with other affirming Lutheran congregation in North America. We would like to

invite everyone to join us on **Sunday February 1, 2026**, at 10:00 a.m. for this special service. Our Guest Speaker that day will be Rev. Adam Snook, Assistant to the Bishop (Eastern Synod ELCIC) and liaison to the Eastern Synod's recently formed Queer Committee! Everyone is welcome – there will be rainbows! and refreshments after the service along with a chance to greet Pastor Adam. Each year we also have a free will offering opportunity—this goes to support the work that *ReconcilingWorks* does to support allyship across North America. There will be a jar on one of the offering plates, and also envelopes if you choose to use them. *Thank you* and tell *everyone* they are welcome!!

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>

LOOKING AHEAD: January 12 – 18

Monday 12	7:00 p.m.	All Saints Affirming People, Parlour
Wednesday 14	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	6:30—8 p.m.	Confirmation Class, Pastor's Office
Thursday 15	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, Nave
Sunday 18	8:30 a.m.	Epiphany 2 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Epiphany 2 Holy Communion—Nave