

**January 26, 2025**

*RIC Sunday*

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**WELCOME STATEMENT**

**With God's grace, the faith community of All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church welcomes you.**

**We endeavour to be in right relationship with our Indigenous neighbours.**

**We strive for racial equity.**

**We welcome people of every age, gender identity and expression, race, colour, and sexual orientation.**

**We welcome people facing physical and mental challenges, those suffering under addictions, single people and those in any relationships.**

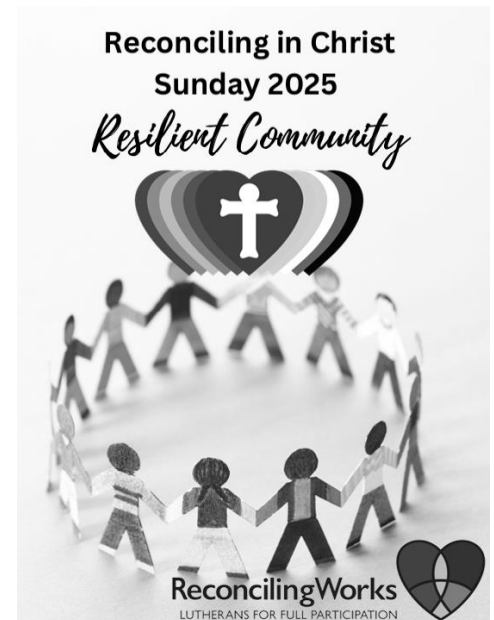
**Our doors are open to people of uncertain faith or deep faith, from any or no religious tradition.**

**All are truly welcome!**

**COMMUNAL LAMENT** *(Based on Psalm 10)*

In response to the ways that people have been excluded and condemned for whom they love and their gender identities or expressions, let us call out to the God who knows the depths of our sorrows and shares the grief in our hearts.

O God, when racism, intolerance, and queerphobia, homophobia, transphobia, and biphobia feel inescapable and it is hard to



imagine justice and a love that welcomes all of your children to our community, you seem hidden and far away. Come close and dwell among us. Encouraging us as we strive to build resilient and just communities in your name.

**Come near to us. Show us the way.**

You see and know the harm and suffering of so many beloved children, especially those whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not follow the patterns of patriarchy. Challenge us to disrupt this way of treating people who need our love and support.

**Come near to us. Show us the way.**

You see and know the harm and suffering of so many people, especially those whose race, ethnicity, or immigration status cause us to ignore needs as we tolerate racism, xenophobia, and the lack of equity in our society that keep so many of your beloved children from full belonging.

**Come near to us. Show us the way.**

Help us to remember that you see us and know us: our troubles and grief, the broken relationships that undermine community, our weakness and lack of courage in confronting evil. You hold our pain. We can leave it all to you. You are our helper.

**Come near to us. Show us the way.**

Help us to remember that you listen to our desires and calm our troubled hearts. We can cry out to you. You will not abandon us.

**Come near to us. Show us the way.**

Come, O God, and comfort us so we no longer have to be afraid. Lead us to trust in the hope and promise of a resilient community, with justice for the oppressed, afflicted, and excluded.

**Amen!**

**GATHERING SONG**

**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.

## **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.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Holy God, your Word teaches us, calls us, and shapes us, that we will become the wisdom of God and the body of Christ for others. On this Reconciling in Christ Sunday may your word turn us toward what is good and holy and just, that all your beloveds of all sexual and romantic orientations, identities, and expressions will know we are seen, known, and loved by you, for we pray in the name of Jesus Christ whose life, death, and resurrection shows us and makes possible the way of life for your whole creation.

**Amen**

## **CHOIR ANTHEM**

### **FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10**

*The exiles have returned and rebuilt the city of Jerusalem, the walls, and the temple. Now Ezra the priest gathers the people so that they might hear together the Law of Moses.*

When the seventh month came and the people of Israel were settled in their towns, all the people gathered together in the area in front of the Water Gate. They asked Ezra the scribe to bring out the Instruction scroll from Moses, according to which the LORD had instructed Israel.

So, on the first day of the seventh month, Ezra the priest brought the Instruction before the assembly. This assembly was made up of anyone who could understand what they heard. Facing the area in front of the Water Gate, he read it aloud, from early morning until the middle of the day. He read it in the presence of those who could understand, and everyone listened attentively to the Instruction scroll.

Standing above all of the people, Ezra the scribe opened the scroll in the sight of all of the people. And as he opened it, all of the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all of the people answered, "Amen! Amen!" while raising their hands. Then they bowed down and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

They read aloud from the scroll, the Instruction from God, explaining and interpreting it so the people could understand what they heard.

Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all of the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God. Don't mourn or weep." They said this because all the people wept when they heard the words of the Instruction.

"Go, eat rich food, and drink something sweet," he said to them, "and send portions of this to any who have nothing ready! This day is holy to our LORD. Don't be sad, because the joy from the LORD is your strength!"

Blessed are they who seek wisdom.

**Who treasure her ways and follow her paths.**



## **Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a**

*The congregation at Corinth experienced division as people were comparing their spiritual gifts, thinking some to be superior to others.*

Christ is just like the human body—a body is a unit and has many parts; and all the parts of the body are one body, even though there are many. We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body, whether Jew or Greek, or slave or free, and we all were given one Spirit to drink.

Certainly, the body isn't one part but many. If the foot says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not a hand," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the ear says, "I'm not part of the body because I'm not an eye," does that mean it's not part of the body? If the whole body were an eye, what would happen to the hearing? And if the whole body were an ear, what would happen to the sense of smell?

But as it is, God has placed each one of the parts in the body just like he wanted. If all were one and the same body part, what would happen to the body? But as it is, there are many parts but one body.

So, the eye can't say to the hand, "I don't need you," or in turn, the head can't say to the feet, "I don't need you."

Instead, the parts of the body that people think are the weakest are the most necessary. The parts of the body that we think are less honorable are the ones we honor the most. The private parts of our body that aren't presentable are the ones that are given the most dignity. The parts of our body that are presentable don't need this.

But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the part with less honor so that there won't be division in the body and so the parts might have mutual concern for each other. If one part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part gets the glory, all the parts celebrate with it.

You are the body of Christ and parts of each other.

In the church, God has appointed first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, the ability to

help others, leadership skills, different kinds of tongues. All aren't apostles, are they? All aren't prophets, are they? All aren't teachers, are they? All don't perform miracles, do they? All don't have gifts of healing, do they? All don't speak in different tongues, do they? All don't interpret, do they?

Use your ambition to try to get greater gifts.

Blessed are they who seek wisdom.

**Who treasure her ways and follow her paths.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



The Spirit of the Lord has anointed me to bring good news | to the poor,\*  
and to proclaim release | to the captives.

### GOSPEL: Luke 4:14-21

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news about him spread throughout the whole countryside. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been raised. On the Sabbath he went to the synagogue as he normally did and stood up to read. The synagogue assistant gave him the scroll from the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

The Spirit is upon me,



because God has anointed me.  
God has sent me to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the prisoners  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to liberate the oppressed,  
and to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the synagogue assistant, and sat down. Every eye in the synagogue was fixed on him. He began to explain to them, "Today, this scripture has been fulfilled just as you heard it."

The gospel of Christ.

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

## **HOMILY**

### **HYMN OF THE DAY      Sing a New World Into Being** [Tune: Camrose]

1. Sing a new world into being.  
Sound a bold and hopeful theme.  
Find a tune for silent yearnings.  
Lend your voice and dare to dream;  
dream a church where all who worship  
find their lives and loves belong.  
Sing a new world into being.  
Sing as Christ inspires your song!
2. Sing a new world into being  
where each gender, class and race  
brings its rainbow gifts and colours  
to God's limitless embrace;  
where the lines that once divided  
form instead the ties that bind.  
Sing a new world into being:  
risk transforming heart and mind!

3. Sing a new world into being  
where the homeless find a home,  
where no children ever hunger  
but are filled in God's shalom;  
where all people work for justice,  
where all hate and vengeance cease.  
Sing a new world into being:  
raise the harmonies of peace.
  
4. Sing a new world into being.  
Join the ancient prophet's cry  
for a time of health and plenty  
when all tears have been wiped dry;  
when compassion flows like waters,  
pouring balm for all who grieve.  
Sing a new world into being:  
live the promise you believe!

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Called by the Holy Spirit into relationship with a loving God, we pray for the church, all in need, and the whole creation.

Holy One, you are the strength of your church. Inspire the proclamation of our bishops, pastors, priests, and deacons by the power of the Spirit so that all the baptized are bold to share your expansive and affirming good news with all. Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

The heavens declare your glory, and the sky proclaims your handiwork. Where creation groans because of human misuse, waste, and neglect, bring healing and renewal. Open us to heed creation's lament so that all creatures can thrive and sing your praise. Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

Your statutes are just, and your commandments are clear. Direct leaders of nations, cities, and towns to pursue justice and equity for our neighbours who are hurting, vulnerable, and held captive to unjust systems. Strengthen us in our resolve to build your beloved community on earth as it is in heaven. Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

Jesus showed us that, in your reign, the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear. Send us out to care for all who are hurting in mind, body, or spirit. 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, Zoilita, Bill, Barrie, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*) Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

You call us together as one body in Christ, and you create each member with unique gifts and identities. Renew our commitment to celebrate the diversity among us as people of all gender identities and expressions, sexual and romantic orientations, and racial and ethnic identities. Empower this assembly of All Saints to recognize and uplift the voices and skills of those who are overlooked in the mission of your church. Shape us into an adaptive, resilient community that does not relent in proclaiming your good news and caring for one another. Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

Your teaching revives the weary soul. Inspire faith formation ministries that foster in us a sense of wonder and curiosity. Make us attentive to your word, and fashion us into a people who never stop asking questions and who never stop learning more about your word and your world. Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

With the body of Christ around us, we rejoice for the witness of the body of Christ who has gone before us. We give thanks for the saints of this community who have died, for leaders of the early church, and for all your holy ones whose lives bore witness

to your ever-expansive love and whose example inspires us to do the same. Merciful God,  
**Receive our prayer.**

We entrust these our prayers, spoken and silent, and our sighs too deep for words, to your abundant mercy, through Christ our Lord. **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**

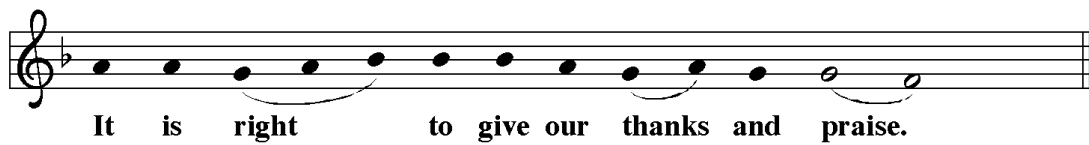
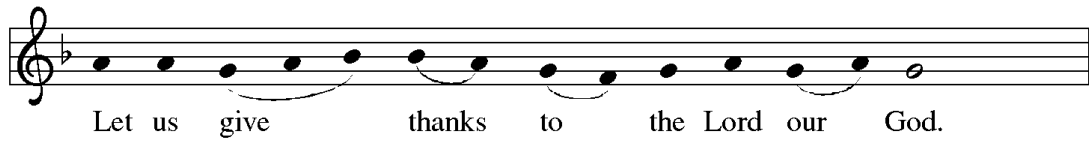
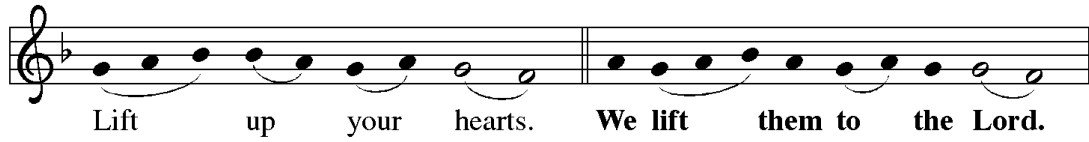
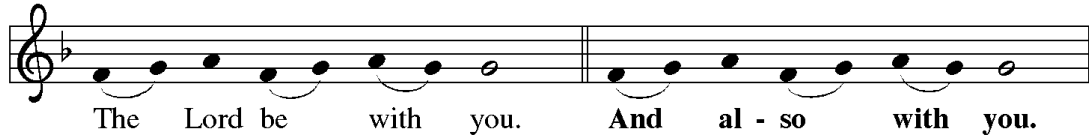
Let us pray:

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

All thanks and praise are yours, O God, for in Christ you became incarnate in a human body. By your flesh we are freed from sin, death, and all that holds us captive. You have been revealed to us as one who breathes, and you breathe into us new life.

Therefore, we breathe your loving Spirit:

*(Moment of silence to breathe prayers of praise and longing.)*

With all of creation, we cry out:

**Breathe on us, that we may live!**

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.

Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the  
mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to this  
resilient community.

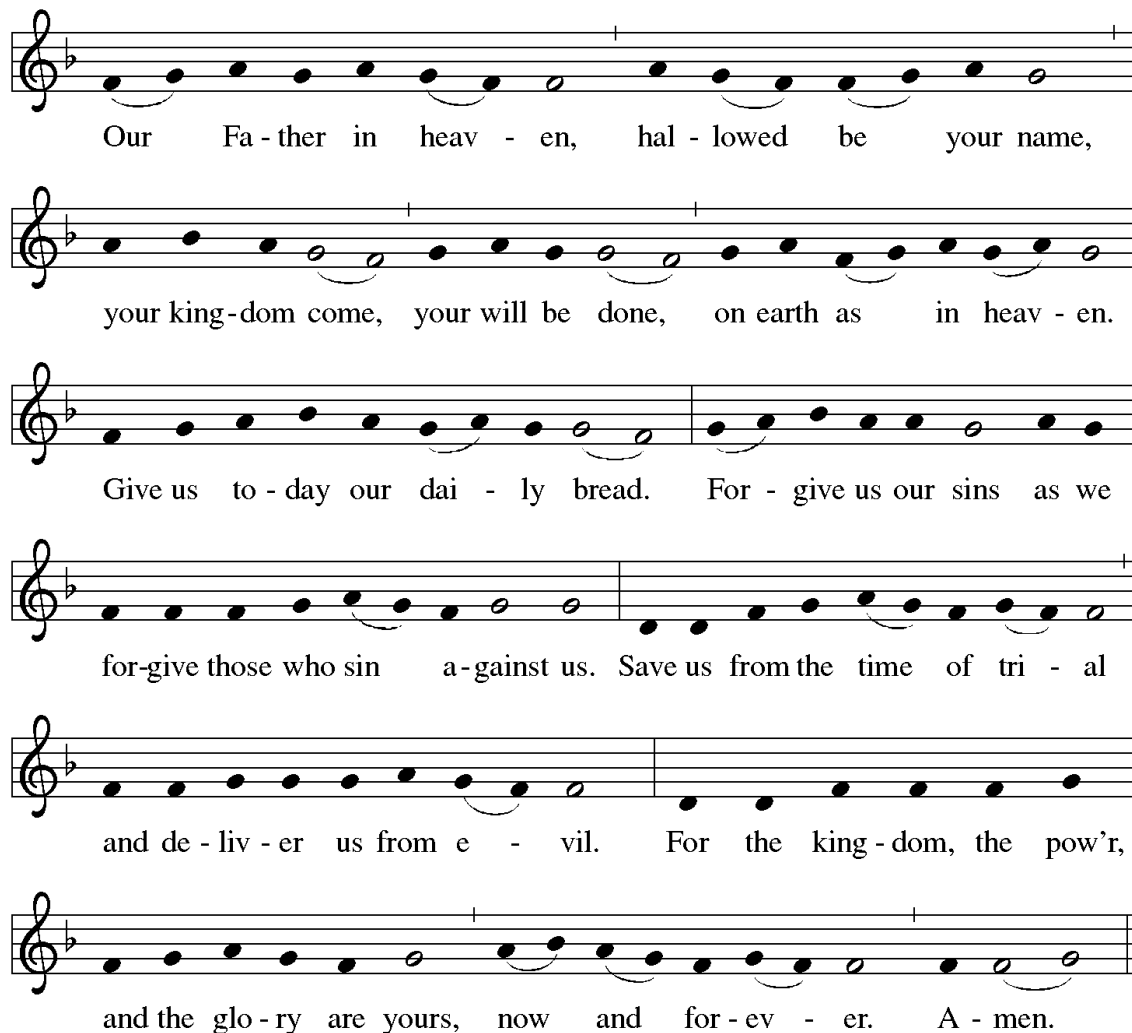
**Breathe on us, that we may live!**

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so  
that we might be made one body in Christ.

**Breathe on us, that we may live!**

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your  
justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we  
say and in all that we do. **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 this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

Behold, God is making all things new.

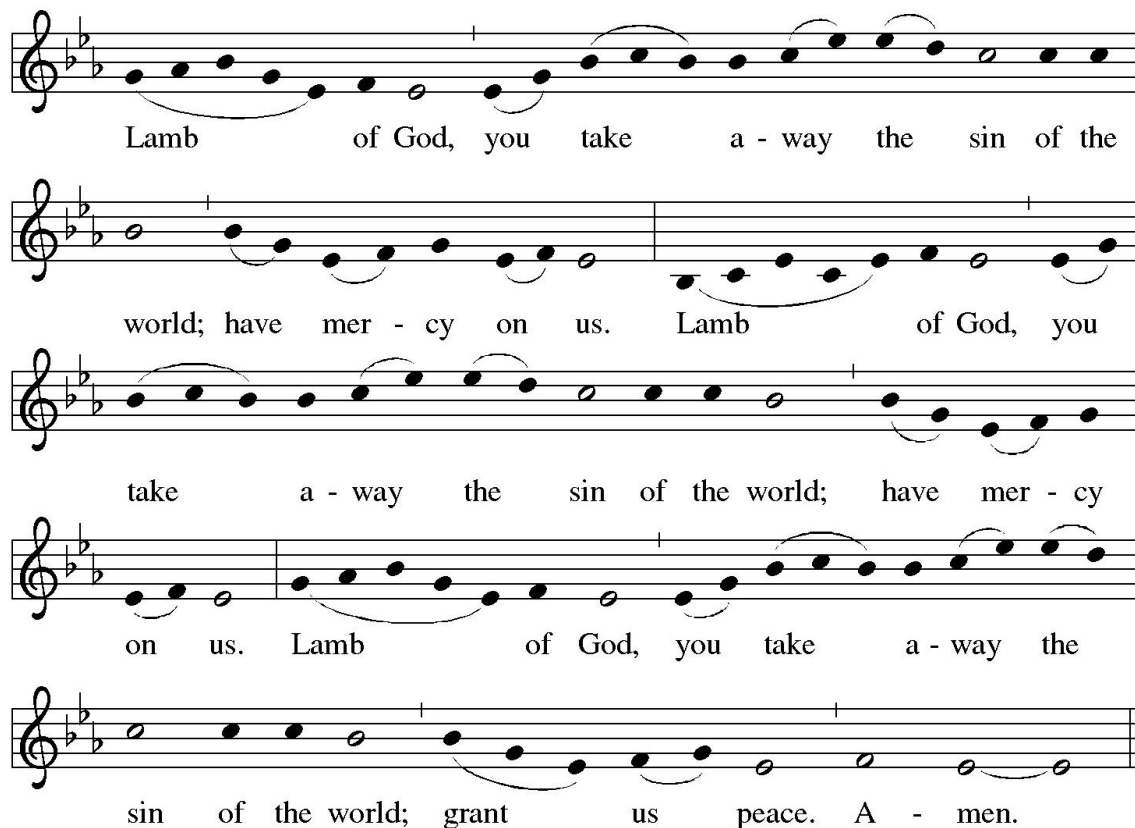
Take your place in the new creation.

**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**

**One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All**

**BLUE 73**

**The Voice of God Goes Out**

**BLUE 627**

## **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**

## **POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE    United At the Table**

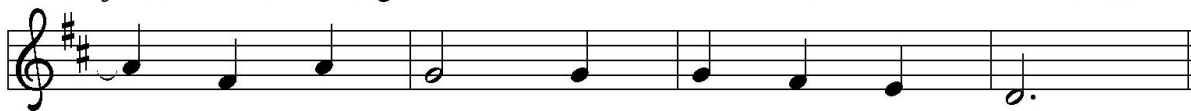
Refrain / Estribillo



U - ni - dos en la fies - ta, la a - le - grí - a  
U - nit - ed at the ta - ble: all our joy is



se ha - ce can - ción. U - ni - dos en la fe,  
joined in song. U - nit - ed in the faith:



la a - le - grí - a se ha - ce o - ra - ción.  
all our joy to God be - longs.



1 Can - ta - re - mos al Se - ñor  
1 We will praise God, we will sing  
2 We will praise God, we will feast  
3 We will praise God, we will play



a - le - lu - yas con him - nos y sal - mos,  
al - le - lu - ias with hymns and with psalm - o - dy;  
at the boun - ti - ful ta - ble of life and grace;  
al - le - lu - ias with rhy - thm and in - stru - ments;



por - que gran - de es el a - mor  
we will praise God for the love  
we will praise God and give thanks  
we will praise God for the love

Refrain / Estribillo



que en no - so - tros por siem - pre mos - tró.  
that sus - tains us e - ter - nal - ly.  
for com - mu - nion with ev - 'ry race.  
that in - vites all cre - a - tion to dance.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **BENEDICTION**

Let nothing disturb you. Let nothing make you afraid. All things are passing. God alone never changes. Patience gains all things. If you have God, you will want for nothing. God alone suffices. *[Teresa of Avila]*

May the blessing of God, Holy One and + Holy Three, be with us today and every day, building us into a resilient community that practices justice and radical inclusion. **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    Let Streams of Living Justice**



1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;  
2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,  
3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;



give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.  
for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.  
your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.



The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,  
Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;  
Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,



the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.  
on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.  
our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.



Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;  
O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;  
In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;



a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance: pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.  
dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.  
your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Practice resilient justice .  
**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

## Announcements and Information

|                           | <b>Today</b>   | <b>Next Sunday</b>                   |
|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|
| <b>Assisting Minister</b> | Dennis Kunze   | Christine Morrison                   |
| <b>Servers</b>            | Julianna Stephens<br>Kishan Gunawardene                | Laura F Mann<br>Michelle Normandin   |
| <b>Reader</b>             | Judy Rogers  | Kate Stuttaford                      |
| <b>Greeters</b>           | Carole Mozauritis                                      | Kate Stuttaford                      |
| <b>Ushers</b>             | Richard & Linda<br>Zytner                              | Jan Neilsen<br>Dennis Kunze          |
| <b>AV booth</b>           | Michele Altermann<br>Brian Janzen                      | Michele Altermann<br>Brian Janzen    |
| <b>Altar Guild</b>        | Christine Morrison<br>Suzanne Worthen<br>Merike Rutten | Michele Altermann<br>Marilyn Coleman |
| <b>Counters</b>           | Norman Frid<br>Ena Sookraj                             | Norman Frid<br>Matzi King            |
| <b>Flowers</b>            |  |                                      |
| <b>Coffee Hour</b>        | Caring<br>Conversations                                |                                      |

### ***We pray for:***

**ACC** The Most Rev. David Edwards, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada

**ELCIC** The dean, council, and congregations of the Atlantic and Montreal Areas of the Eastern Synod

**MOR** The people and ministries of Millwoods Moravian Church in Edmonton

***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.

The next meeting is **January 28, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Narthex. Caregivers and their partners with dementia are both welcome to learn, share, socialize and find solace. This month's topic: *The effects of caregiving on your own health and wellbeing.*

***Caring Conversations:*** The Reconciling in Christ Team invites you to join our Caring Conversation on **Sunday January 26, 2025** after the service. Join us for soup and conversation. Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to attend. There is also a sign up list for anyone who can help with making soup. *Thank you.*

***RIC Sunday Free Will Offering:*** **Today** we are collecting a free will offering to support the work that **ReconcilingWorks** does on behalf of the ELCIA/ELCIC. This is part of our commitment to this ministry and being an RIC congregation. There will be a rainbow colour jar on the offering plate for any contributions you may consider making. *Thank you for your support.*

***Annual Reports:*** Please submit all committee and team reports to Janet Weigel at [jweigel0220@rogers.com](mailto:jweigel0220@rogers.com) by the end of this month. (**January 31, 2025**) *Thank you.*

***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 reusable 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](mailto:lreid08@gmail.com).

**LOOKING AHEAD: January 27—February 2**

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| Tuesday 28   | 1:00 p.m.  | The Associates Parlour                        |
|              | 7:00 p.m.  | Church Council Parlour                        |
| Wednesday 29 | 9:00 a.m.  | Announcements due to Office                   |
|              | 3:00 p.m.  | Hymn Selection Parlour                        |
| Thursday 30  | 7:00 p.m.  | Choir Practice Nave                           |
| Sunday 2     | 8:30 a.m.  | Epiphany 4<br>Holy Communion—Nave             |
|              | 10:00 a.m. | Epiphany 4 / Candlemas<br>Holy Communion—Nave |

**Organist**

Peter West

**Staff**

Michele Altermann, Administrative Assistant

**Church Office Hours**

Tuesday— Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.