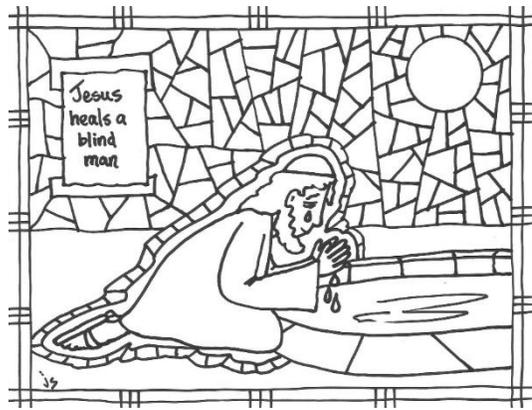


March 15, 2026

Lent 4

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, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

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.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The congregation may sit or kneel.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Our self-centered living, exploitation of other people, and failing to love kindness, do justice and walk humbly with you,

we confess to you, O God.

Our longing to have what is not ours, and hearts that are not at rest with ourselves,

we confess to you, O God.

Our misuse of human relationships and our unwillingness to see Jesus in others,

we confess to you, O God.

Jealousies that divide families and nations, rivalries that create strife and warfare,

we confess to you, O God.

Judgementalism, uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours, and prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

we confess to you, O God.

Reluctance in sharing the time, talents and resources you have given us,

we confess to you, O God.

Waste and pollution of creation, and lack of concern for those who come after us,

we confess to you, O God.

Hurtful words that condemn and angry deeds that harm,

we confess to you, O God.

Timidity at talking about the movement of Jesus in our lives, negligence in worship and prayer, and wasting your gifts of love and grace,

we confess to you, O God.

According to God's abundant mercy, there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance, and grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

GATHERING SONG

**Praise the One Who Breaks the
Darkness RED 843**

GREETING

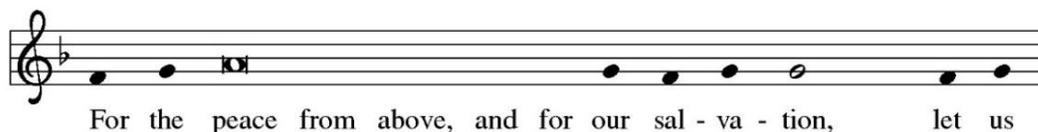
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

KYRIE



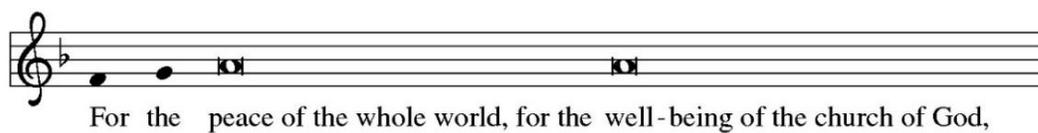
In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer-cy.**



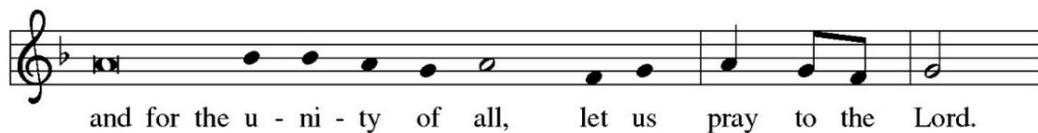
For the peace from above, and for our sal - va - tion, let us



pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



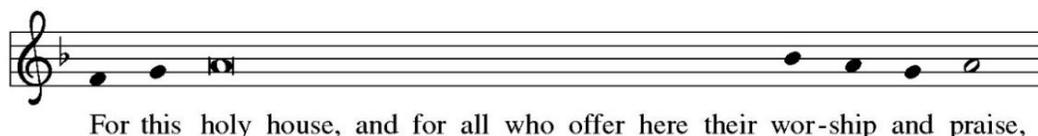
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**



Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.



A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Bend your ear to our prayers, O Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our lives, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM

PSALM: Psalm 23 (*Sung together in unison*)



- 1 The Lord | is my | shepherd;**
* **I | shall not | be in | want.**
- 2 You make me lie down | in green | pastures**
* **and lead me be|side | still | waters.**
- 3 You re|vive my | soul**
* **and guide me along right | pathways | for your | name's sake.**
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall | fear no | evil;**
* **For you are with me; your | rod and your | staff, they |comfort me.**
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of | those who | trouble me;**
* **You have anointed my head with oil, and my | cup is | running | over.**
- 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the | days of my | life,**
* **and I will dwell in the | house of the | Lord for | ever**

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

Because we now live in the divine light which is Jesus Christ, we conduct our lives in ways that reflect the light of Christ.

⁸ Once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, ⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness; rather, expose them. ¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly, ¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says,

“Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

GOSPEL: John 9:1-41

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

¹ As [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³ Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷ saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

⁸ The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹ Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹ He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹² They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸ The Judeans did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, "Is this your son,

who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰ His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Judeans, for the Judeans had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵ He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶ They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷ He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰ The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴ They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶ He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷ Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸ He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are

we?" ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains."

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY O God of Mercy, God of LIght

RED 714

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Reconciled by God's mercy and sustained by God's presence, let us pray for the world and its needs.

God, our shepherd, we pray that you guide the church. Help Christians in our community, especially those of the Greater Wellington Deanery and the Grand River Ministry Area, together with Christians throughout the world, to discern right paths, to follow Jesus with courage, and to witness to your love in word and deed.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our provider, we cry out for this planet and the life it holds. Make us more aware of endangered animals and plants, of threatened ecosystems, and of communities vulnerable to natural disasters, and move us to protect, restore, and live more gently within your creation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our sovereign, we plead for your peace on earth. Open our eyes to the harm of war and violence, and stir us to work for justice, to hold leaders in governments, courts, and businesses accountable, and to support those who seek goodness and mercy. We pray especially for those suffering due to violent conflict in Ukraine, the Middle East, and Sudan. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our healer, we call to you in our need. Make us attentive to all who are made to feel unimportant, and shape our hearts and habits so that we confront bigotry and prejudice, stand alongside those who suffer, and offer practical care for all who suffer. We pray especially for those in special need: 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, for Grace and Cole and their mother Jennifer, Darlene, Kathryn, Kelly, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary, Christopher, Kim, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*). Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our friend, we praise you for the diversity of people among us. Awaken us to share and receive the gifts we each possess, and inspire us to cultivate understanding, celebration, and a genuine welcome in our homes, workplaces, congregation, and wider community. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God our home, we thank you for all who have died and completed their baptismal journeys. Deepen our trust in

your promises, and teach us to live each day with hope, courage, and compassion until we too dwell in your house forever.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

PEACE

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

OFFERTORY Seed that In Earth is Dying RED 330

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

God of good gifts, receive these and all our offerings as we present them in faithful service for the sake of your gospel. Prepare our hearts to receive you in this meal as you pour out your very presence through Christ Jesus, the wellspring of eternal life. **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 image shows four staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The first staff has two measures, the second and third have two measures each, and the fourth has two measures. The lyrics are: '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.', and 'It is right to give our thanks and praise.'

PREFACE

... and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed The One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy God, our living water and our merciful guide,
together with rivers and seas, wells and springs
we bless and magnify you.

You led your people Israel through the desert and provided
them water from the rock. We praise you for Christ, our rock
and our water, who joined us in our desert, pouring out his
life for the world.

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 life, death, and resurrection,
we await your salvation for all this thirsty world.

Pour out your spirit on this holy food and on all the baptized
gathered for this feast: wash away our sin, that we may be
revived for our journey by the love of Christ, through whom
all glory and honour is yours, almighty Father, with the Holy
Spirit, in your holy Church, both 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 this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.
Come and receive Jesus, our strength in the wilderness!
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.

Now is the Time of Grace

Now is the time of grace, now is the day of sal - va - tion.
Turn now, and seek God's face, now be-hold God's in - vi - ta - tion.

He Comes to Us as One Unknown

BLUE 456

Word of God, Come Down on Earth

BLUE 446

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE



Now, Lord, you let your ser-vant go in peace: your word has been ful -



filled. My own eyes have seen the sal - va - tion which you have pre -



pared in the sight of ev-'ry peo - ple: a light to re-veal you to the



na - tions and the glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God, the giver of love,
✠ Christ, the resurrection and the life,
and the Holy Spirit of rebirth
bless you in this Lenten journey. **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.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve in love.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE**Announcements and Information**

| | Today | Next Sunday |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| Assisting Minister | Christine Morrison | Penny Richards |
| Servers | Julianna Stephens Marisela McDougall | Laura F Mann Kishan Gunawardene |
| Reader | Kate Stuttaford | Val Webb |
| Greeters | Sheila Chappel | Lily Flewelling |
| Ushers | Don & Carolyn Conibear | Lucy Reid David Howells |
| AV booth | Michele Altermann Brian Janzen | Michele Altermann Brian Janzen |
| Altar Guild | Ena Sookraj Elsie Persaud | Ena Sookraj Elsie Persaud |
| Counters | Michelle Normandin Richard/Linda Zytner | Michelle Normandin Richard/Linda Zytner |
| Flowers | | |
| Coffee Hour | Worship & Music | Lenten Lunch |

We pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Bruce Myers, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Quebec.

ELCIC: Bishop Jason Zinko, the people and rostered ministers of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

MOR: The people and ministries of Good Shepherd Moravian Church in Calgary.

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

Lenten Lunches will be back next week!

Lenten Self Denial: Women of Faith invite you to support their Lenten self denial collection. There are information pamphlets and envelopes for your offerings in the Narthex. This year the collection will go to Hope House. *Thank you*

Lenten Hymn Study: Rev. Nigel Bunce of All Saints has put together a **Lenten series of videos** which are focused on hymnody of Lent and the theology within them. To view these, go to our You Tube page using this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC17cAOJPUD-niU4NEjiVXeg>

Parish Care workshop: Join us on **Tuesday, March 17, 2026** in the Parlour at **1:00 p.m.** to listen to our speaker, Eleanor Ross address "Aging in Place: Financial Considerations after Retirement. Refreshments will be served, let your friends and neighbours know, everyone is welcome!

A Tribute to Jane Goodall: Saturday March 21st, 1 to 4 pm: Join the Guelph Seminar and the University of Guelph Arboretum for an afternoon honouring primatologist Jane Goodall. Speakers include Dr. Keriann McGoogan, Guelph author of *Sisters of the Jungle*, and Prof. Kerry Bowman, University of Toronto bioethicist and environmentalist. There will also be hands-on workshops and live music. The event is free, and takes place in the Arboretum Centre. Go to guelphseminar.ca to register and enter a door prize raffle!

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **Sunday, March 22, 2026**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

Annual Meeting: Save the Date! Our Annual/Vestry Meeting will take place on **Sunday March 29, 2026**, after the 10:00 a.m. service. Copies of the Annual Report and 2026 Budget are available in the narthex, please only take one copy per household. There will be a sandwich potluck after the service. Please bring sandwiches to share for lunch.

Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — **for March 19th we need pasta and 35 cans/jars of pasta sauce.**

We do not need any plastic bread tabs. We are taking reuseable grocery bags again. Thank you.

Free to Read: The Guelph Tool Library is running the Free to Read Book Sale to celebrate **World Book Day on Saturday April 25, 2026 from 10 am until 3 pm in the main concourse of the Old Quebec Street Shoppes.** The goal is to sell those books that are frequently donated, such as best sellers and detective stories, and use the proceeds to purchase the technical books needed to support literacy and language programs in correctional facilities.

We are collecting books until **Sunday April 19, 2026**. This is a great opportunity to consider what books in your home are ready for their next 'forever home'! (Please – no encyclopedias!) *Thank you.*

Holy Week—help needed! Please sign up to help with the many special services that will occur during Holy Week—there are sign up sheets in the narthex. *Thank you*

Maundy Thursday, April 2—Agape dinner starting at 6:00 p.m. and continuing upstairs at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service—April 3, at 10:00 a.m.

Easter Sunday—April 5, 8:30 and 10:00 a.m.

LOOKING AHEAD: March 16 –22

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| Monday 16 | 7:00 p.m. | All Saints Affirming People Parlour |
| Tuesday 17 | 1:00 p.m. | Parish Care Workshop Parlour |
| | 5:00 p.m. | Men’s Fellowship, Rose Head Hall |
| Wednesday 18 | 9:00 a.m. | Announcements due to Office |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Faith Forum via Zoom |
| Thursday 19 | 9:00 a.m.—3:00 pm. | Silvercreek Community Market, Rose Head Hall |
| | 3:00 p.m. | Hymn Selection Committee Parlour |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Practice, Nave |
| Sunday 22 | 8:30 a.m. | Lent 5 Holy Communion—Nave |
| | 10:00 a.m. | Lent 5 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.