

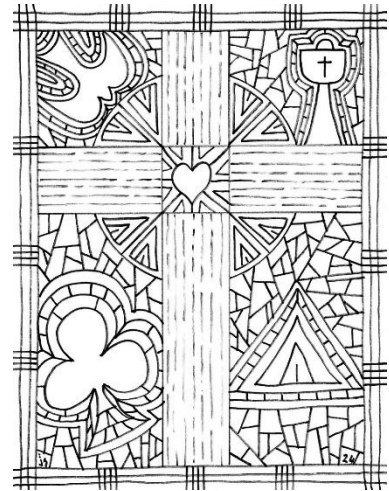
March 23, 2025

Lent 3

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 us all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation, come to the help of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that we may confess our sin, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

The assembly kneels or stands.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.
Amen

GATHERING SONG Before the Waters Nourished Earth



1 Be - fore the wa - ters nour - ished earth or night im -
 2 This Love re - mained as time re - vealed the loss of
 3 De - spair, so deep it bears no name, or sor - rows
 4 The Love that called cre - a - tion good all good - ness



ag - ined morn - ing, a Love con - ceived the
 E - den's glo - ry and, griev - ing, holds in
 par - a - lyz - ing can - not re - voke Love's
 still is bring - ing. This Love turns death a -



u - ni - verse and rev - eled in its form - ing.
 mem - o - ry each trag - ic hu - man sto - ry.
 faith - ful claim to dwell with - in our dy - ing.
 gain to life and si - lence in - to sing - ing.

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.

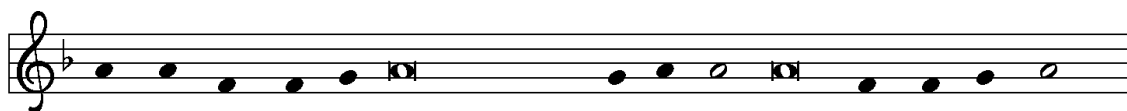
KYRIE



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



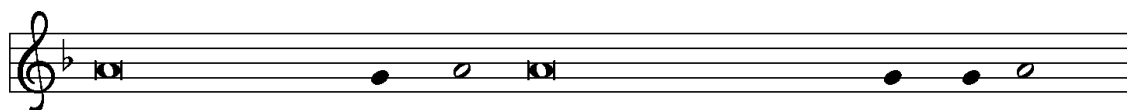
Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, 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 unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer 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.

Eternal God, your reign has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. Help us to hear your word and obey it, and bring your saving love to fruition in our lives, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-5

To those who have experienced long years in exile, the return to their homeland is a celebration of abundant life. God calls them into an everlasting covenant of love.

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts,
 come to the waters;
 and you that have no money,
 come, buy and eat!
 Come, buy wine and milk
 without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
 and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
 Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
 and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
 listen, so that you may live.
 I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
 my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
 a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
 and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
 because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
 for he has glorified you.

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

PSALM: Psalm 63:1-8

(Sung antiphonally between the choir and the congregation)



O God, ea-ger-ly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you.

¹ O God, you are my God; eager-ly I seek you;
 my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry
 and weary land where there is no water.

² **Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place,
 that I might behold your power and your glory.**

³ For your steadfast love is better than life itself;
 my lips shall give you praise.

⁴ **So will I bless you as long as I live
 and lift up my hands in your name. R**

⁵ My spirit is content, as with the richest of foods,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
⁶ **when I remember you upon my bed,
and meditate on you in the night watches.**
⁷ For you have been my helper,
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
⁸ **My whole being clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. R**

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Paul uses images from Hebrew Scriptures and prophecy to speak the truth of Jesus Christ.

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ² and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³ and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴ and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵ Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷ Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸ We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹ We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰ And do not complain as some of them did and were destroyed by the destroyer.

¹¹ These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹² So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³ No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond

your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL: Luke 13:1-9

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

¹At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.²[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.

⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. ⁹If

it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'”

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY As Rain From the Clouds RED 508

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Led by the Spirit, we turn to God in prayer.

God of generous provision, we are grateful for the many ways you care for us and provide for the needs of your people. In word, water, bread, and wine, you nourish and sustain us. When we listen to you, we encounter delight, and when we come to you, we live most fully.

Sometimes, though, we find ourselves in a dry and weary land...

O God, help us to care for your creation in ways that make it possible for all to have food and water – life, verdant and abundant. **Amen**

Sometimes we find ourselves in a dry and weary land...

O God, raise peace among us again. Build hope up from the ground. Restore in us and in the world’s leaders the will and determination to make an end of war and a new beginning for justice. **Amen**

Sometimes we find ourselves in a dry and weary land...

O God, provide water in the desert and manna in the wilderness – enough to sustain us for one more day, even enough to revive us for the long haul.

We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Gwen and Nolan, Orland, Gail, Ken and Matzi, Irene, Connie, Earlby, Kathryn, Karen, Bill, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Guillermo, Bill, Joanne, Micah, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*)

Sometimes we find ourselves in the rich feast of your presence...

O God, we give thanks to you for this new blessing in our lives.
Amen

Sometimes we find ourselves in the rich feast of your presence...

O God, we thank you for the gift of wholeness and resurrection promised to us in Jesus Christ. **Amen**

Sometimes we find ourselves in the rich feast of your presence...

O God, we thank you that you are reconciling all things in heaven and on earth. **Amen**

Be patient with us, we pray, in the varied landscapes of our lives. Make us patient with one another and even with ourselves. Do your good work within us, among us, and beyond us, too, until our lives and all of creation come fully into your realm. You, who so generously provide, deserve our praise, our grateful praise.

In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

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PEACE

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

OFFERTORY Ubi Caritas Et Amor

1. Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.
2. Live in charity and steadfast love,
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.
3. Where true charity and love abide
God is dwelling there. God is dwelling there.
4. Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:

Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us,
opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love,
deepen our commitment to sharing those
treasures with others,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
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 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'r and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord
Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The image shows five staves of musical notation in G major, 4/4 time. Each staff contains a melody line with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: '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.', 'Bless - ed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord', and 'Ho - san - na in the high - est.'

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

...For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen.

Amen.

Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate, to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.

Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**

Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age, that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection, we might live in the freedom and hope of Christ; through, with, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

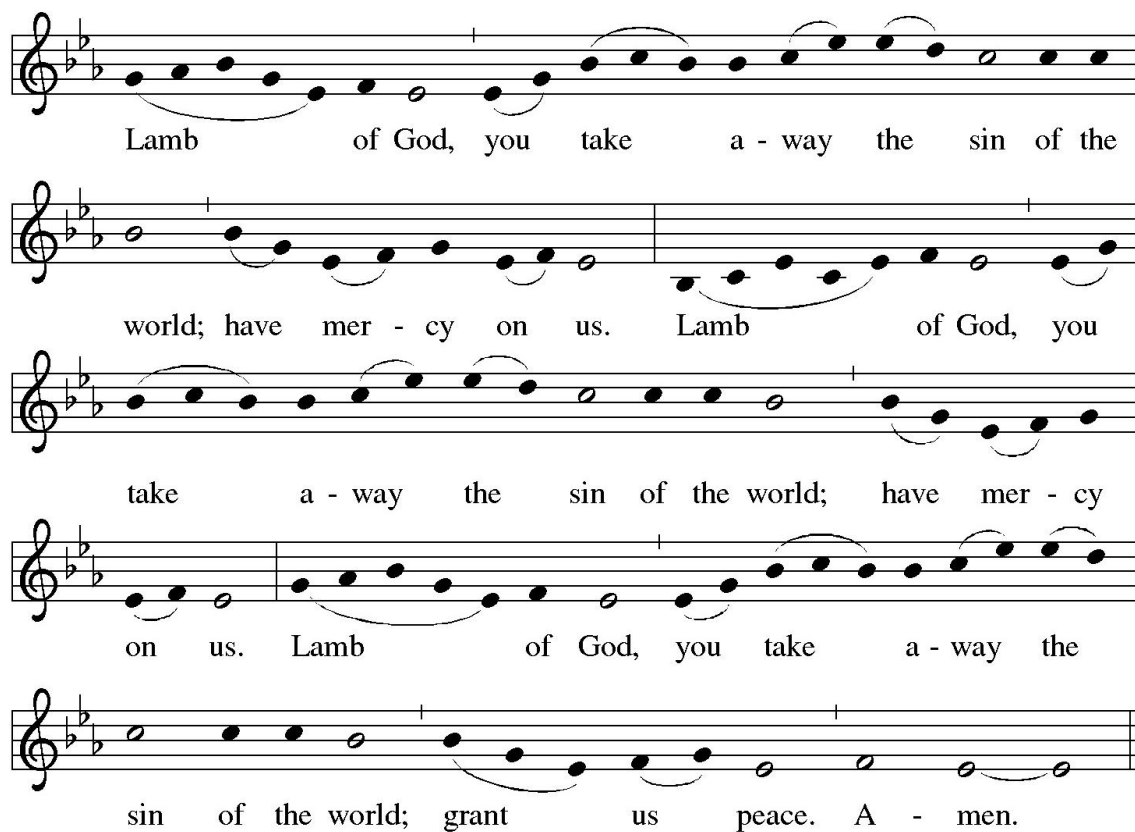
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

We break this bread,
Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Bread for the journey.
A feast for hungry hearts. Come!
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:

Nada te turbe

Rock of Ages

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

BLUE 568

RED 623

BLUE 537

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Generous God,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send
us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into
freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE Here Would I Feast



1 A - quí del pan par - ti - do to - ma - ré,
2 La cul - pa del pe - ca - do mi - a fue;
1 Here would I feast up - on the bread of God,
2 Mine is the sin, but thine the righ - teous - ness;



y de la co - pa de tu co - mu - nió - n;
mas tu - ya fue la san - gre de tu cruz.
here drink with thee the roy - al wine of heav'n;
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleans - ing blood;



tu nom - bre, mi buen Dios, in vo - ca - ré
Por e - lla y tu jus - ti - cia ten - go, sé,
here would I lay a - side each earth - ly load,
here is my robe, my ref - uge, and my peace:



y go - za - ré la paz de sal - va - ción.
per - dón, con - sue - lo y paz, Se - ñor Je - sús.
here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.
thy blood, thy righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.



3 Nos le - van - ta - mos de la ce - na a - quí;
3 Too soon we rise, the ves - sels dis - ap - pear;



la fies - ta pa - sa, mas no a - sí el a - mor.
the feast, though not the love, is past and gone.



To - do se va, mas tú te que - das, sí,
The bread and wine re - move, but thou art here,



cer - ca, muy cer - ca, a - ma - do Sal - va - dor.
near - er than ev - er, still my shield and sun.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

May God bless you and keep you.
May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you.
May God look upon you with favour and give you peace.
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 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts RED 658

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Jesus meets you on the way.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Christine Morrison	Dennis Kunze
Servers	Laura B Mann Laura F Mann	Jan Nielsen Marisela McDougal
Reader	Judy Rogers	Greg Elliott
Greeters	Sheila Chappel	Bonnie Lichty
Ushers	Mark & Janet Weigel	Mark & Janet Weigel
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Ena Sookraj Elsie Persaud	Ena Sookraj Elsie Persaud
Counters	Mark Weigel Ann Sanders	Mark Weigel Chris Heaney
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	Lenten Lunch	Lenten Lunch

We pray for:

ACC The Rt. Rev. Mary Irwin-Gibson, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal.

ELCIC The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba – Northwestern Ontario Synod.

TOGETHER The elimination of racial discrimination.

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.

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **today**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

Lenten Lunches are back! Join us for soup, bread and conversations after worship on five Sundays in Lent .

March 23—Lavishly Care for Yourself.

March 30—Fall in Love Again and Have a Belly Laugh.

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for soup heroes! We are hoping for a variety including some vegan options each week. We are also looking for a family or a couple of friends to select one Sunday to organize the set up and clean up. *Thank you!*

Those who are the partners or caregivers of people experiencing cognitive change or memory loss are invited to come to the church on **Tuesday March 25 from 1 to 2 pm**, for a time of sharing our experiences and supporting one another. We meet in the Parlour. Led by Marilyn Bleach Schranz and Lucy Reid.

Parish Care Workshop rescheduled! Join us on **Wednesday March 26 at 1:00 pm** in the Parlour. Topic is Concussion: what happens when you bang your head. Everyone is welcome, there will be refreshments!

ECM Dinner: Attention All Saints little cooking elves! Next dinner for those starving University students is **Wednesday, March 26**. Lasagna this time? Please contact Marilyn Bleach Schranz if you can help. *Please note, we are not collecting any more plastic containers, we have enough now. Thank you.*

Jack and Sharon McGirr would like to hear from you!

Jack suffered a mild stroke last week. Sharon called to let us know he is doing okay and they would love to hear from their friends at All Saints. They join us every Sunday on line!

They can be reached at: 1-705-352-2633

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Lenten Self Denial: Women of Faith have selected Canadian Lutheran World Relief and Alongside Hope (formerly PWRDF) to receive this year's Lenten self denial donations. Pamphlets and envelopes are available on the table in the narthex. Etransfers can also be made—include Lenten Self Denial in the message line.

Free to Read: This year we are again supporting the Guelph Tool Library Book Sale that supports literacy programs in prisons. We will be collecting books between March 1 and April 19. The Book Sale will be held at the Old Quebec St Mall on **Saturday April 26 between 1:00 am and 3:00 pm.** These proceeds are used to buy books to use for education and training programs. This is a great opportunity to consider what books in your home are ready to find their next 'forever home'! (Please – no encyclopedias!)
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 April we need cereal and cooking oil (1L).**
We do not need any plastic bread tabs but are running low on reuseable grocery bags. Thank you.



The Circle of Reconciliation and Justice of the Eastern Synod needs your help to get the word out to young adults between 18 and 30 who would be willing to take part in a canoe adventure on the Grand River this summer to learn and embody reconciliation in action. Brochures are available in the narthex and on the Synod website.

Just a reminder that the downstairs washrooms will not be available from Saturday March 22 to Thursday March 27 as painting and new flooring is installed. Thank you

LOOKING AHEAD: MARCH 24—30

Tuesday 25	1:00 P.M.	The Associates Parlour
	7:00 P.M.	Church Council Parlour
Wednesday 26	9:00 A.M.	Announcements due to Office
	1:00 P.M.	Parish Care Workshop Parlour
	6:30 P.M.	Confirmation Class Pastor's Office
Thursday 27	7:00 P.M.	Choir Practice Nave
Sunday 30	8:30 A.M.	Lent 4 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 A.M.	Lent 4 Holy Communion—Nave
	11:30 A.M.	Lenten Lunch Rose Head Hall

Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.