

March 30, 2025

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.**

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 neighbours 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.

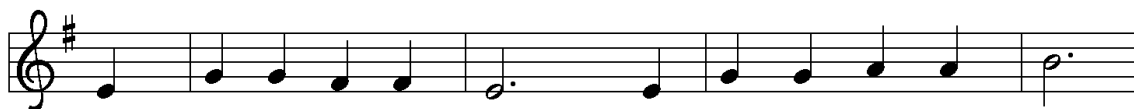
Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, keep you in eternal life.
Amen

GATHERING SONG Amazing Grace BLUE 352

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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of compassion, you welcome the wayward, and you embrace us all with your mercy. By our baptism clothe us with garments of your grace, and feed us at the table of your love, 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: Joshua 5:9-12

By celebrating the Passover and eating the produce of the promised land instead of the miraculous manna that had sustained them in the desert, the Israelites symbolically bring their forty years of wilderness wandering to an end at Gilgal.

⁹The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰ While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹ On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹² The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

Psalm: Psalm 32

(Sung antiphonally between the choir and the congregation)



Be glad, you righ-teous, and re-joice in the LORD.

- ¹ Happy are they whose transgressions [|] are forgiven,
and whose sin is [|] put away!
- ² **Happy are they to whom the Lord im- [|] putes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there [|] is no guile! R**
- ³ While I held my tongue, my bones with- [|] ered away,
because of my groaning [|] all day long.
- ⁴ **For your hand was heavy upon me [|] day and night;
my moisture was dried up as in the [|] heat of summer.**
- ⁵ Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not con- [|] ceal
my guilt.
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then
you forgave me the guilt [|] of my sin.
- ⁶ **Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you
in [|] time of trouble;
when the great waters overflow, they [|] shall not reach
them. R**
- ⁷ You are my hiding-place; you preserve [|] me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts [|] of deliverance.
- ⁸ **"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that [|] you
should go;
I will guide you [|] with my eye.**
- ⁹ Do not be like horse or mule, which have no [|] understanding;
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will [|] not
stay near you."
- ¹⁰ **Great are the tribulations [|] of the wicked;
but mercy embraces those who trust [|] in the Lord.**
- ¹¹ Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice [|] in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are [|] true of heart. **R**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

One way to describe the gospel is the promise that in Christ everything is transformed into newness. All mistakes, all deliberate sins, all old history is reconciled with Christ's resurrection. This is Paul's strong message to the congregation in the city of Corinth.

¹⁶ From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



We are turn - ing, Lord, to hear you; you are mer - ci - ful and kind -



slow to an - ger, rich in bless - ing, and with love to us in - clined.

GOSPEL: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

¹ Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ² And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³ So he told them this parable: ^{11b} "There was a man who had two sons. ¹² The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So, he divided his property between them. ¹³ A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.

¹⁴ When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵ So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶ He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷ But when he came to himself, he said,

'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸ I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹ I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.'"'

²⁰ So he set off and went to his father.

But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹ Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²² But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³ And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴ for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵ "Now, his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶ He called

one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷ He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

²⁹ But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰ But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

³¹ Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³² But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY **Softly and Tenderly** **RED 608**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

We are challenged and inspired when we see how Jesus formed the disciples in the ways of extravagant mercy and profound welcome. Lead your church to be a community marked by forgiveness, hospitality, and celebration. Send us to transform a world plagued by fear and condemnation. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

You make the land to produce a harvest that sustains your whole creation. Equip farmers and farm workers who till the soil. Nourish the earth with ample rainfall and sunshine. Send us to heal grounds tainted by pollution or misuse. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Countries are divided and leaders thrive on the polarization of their people. Send us to reconcile peoples and nations, and lead us to act quickly to bring an end to war. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your people cry for help in times of distress. Send us to serve families broken by disagreement, individuals buried under financial burden, and those who suffer in mind, body, or spirit. Console us with the promise that everything can become new. We pray especially for: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Susan, Chris, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Gwen and Nolan, Ken and Matzi, Irene, Connie, Earlby, Pearl, Jack and Sharon, Karen, Mary, Bill, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Guillermo, Joanne, Micah, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*) Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Your love comes to us when a table is set, and a feast is prepared. Bless the Silvercreek Community Market and all food security ministries. Send us to bring an end to hunger in our community and around the world. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

The one who was dead is alive again. We give thanks for those who have died, confident that steadfast love surrounds them. Shelter them in your love until we are gathered at your heavenly banquet. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life. **Amen.**

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 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'n and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

Communion Hymns:

Nada te turbe

BLUE 568

Nearer My God to Thee

BLUE 538

Our Father, We Have Wandered

RED 606

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

For The Bread Which You Have Broken BLUE 74

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 My Life Flows On in Endless Song
BLUE 401**

DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Dennis Kunze	Laura F Mann
Servers	Jan Nielsen Marisela McDougall	Marilyn Bleach Schranz Marisela McDougall
Reader	Richard Soehner	John Szymanski
Greeters	Bonnie Lichty	
Ushers	Mark & Janet Weigel	Ray Steinke Marilyn Coleman
AV booth	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Ena Sookraj Elsie Persaud	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty
Counters	Mark Weigel Chris Heaney	Norm Frid Chris Heaney
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	Lenten Lunch	Lenten Lunch

We pray for:

ACC: The theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Canada: The Atlantic School of Theology, Montreal Diocesan Theological College, and Queen's College .

ELCIC: The congregations of the Northwestern Ontario area of the Manitoba-Northwestern Ontario Synod.

TOGETHER: The Rt. Rev. M. Blair Couch Bishop of the Unity residing in the Northern Province.

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.

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

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

April 6—Clarify Your Why

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!*

Jack and Sharon McGirr would like to hear from you!

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 until 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.*

Grassy Narrows Relief: The Eastern Synod Circle for Reconciliation and Justice invites you to celebrate **International Water Day on March 22** by making a donation to Grassy Narrows First Nation. It could be \$22, \$2.22, or whatever works for you. All proceeds will be collected by the Eastern Synod until the end of April, and then donated directly to Grassy Narrows.

Cheques can be mailed to the Eastern Synod Office at 74 Weber St W., Kitchener, N2H 3Z3. For e-transfers, please send those to esdeposits@elcic.ca. Please include your name and address on etransfers so donation receipts can be issued. When sending donations, **designate the funds to "World Water Day - Grassy Narrows Relief."** Without the designation we will not be able to properly track funds, allocate them to this campaign, or issue receipts for donations. Together we can make a real difference for the people of Grassy Narrows. Donate today!
Thank you.

International Transgender Day of Visibility—March 31: First held on March 31, 2009 this day is dedicated to celebrating transgender people and raising awareness of discrimination faced by transgender people worldwide, as well as a celebration of their contributions to society. Visibility enables trans people to experience less social isolation, it "illuminates and normalizes them to the rest of the world" and it builds empathy from the cisgender majority. It is a day to celebrate the lives and contributions of trans people, while also drawing attention to the disproportionate levels of poverty, discrimination, and violence the community faces compared to cisgender (non-transgender) people.

LOOKING AHEAD: March 31— April 6

Wednesday 2	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	7:00 p.m.	Faith Forum, via Zoom
Thursday 3	9:00 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.	Silvercreek community Market, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, Nave
Saturday 5	All Day	Rental, Rose Head Hall
Sunday 6	8:30 a.m.	Lent 5, Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Lent 5, Holy Communion—Nave
	11:30 a.m.	Lenten Lunch, Rose Head Hall