## LOOKING AHEAD: - April 1 - April 7

Tues. 2	6:00 pm	Women's Fellowship
	_	– Fellowship Hall
Wed. 3	9:30 am	Sunday Bulletin Announcements
		are Due – This includes flower
		announcements
	7:00 pm	Choir Practice – Sanctuary
Thurs. 4	2:00 pm	Silvercreek Community Market
	_	– Fellowship Hall
Sun. 7	8:30 am	Lent 5
		– Sanctuary
		<ul><li>Holy Communion</li></ul>
	10:00 am	Lent 5
		– Sanctuary
		<ul><li>Holy Communion</li></ul>
		– Sunday School

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#### **WELCOME**

We welcome you to our worship today.

# Hymnbooks:

Our community uses two hymnbooks.

**(ELW)** Evangelical Lutheran Worship has a cranberry cover.

(CP) Common Praise has a blue cover.

You will find either **(ELW)** or **(CP)** beside each hymn number to indicate which book we are singing from.

#### Communion: All are welcome.

We make available grape juice and gluten free bread. Please inform one of the Communion Servers that you wish to have one or both of these elements during the distribution of Communion.

**No Scents Makes Good Sense.** Members have indicated that they suffer discomfort from perfumes, hair spray, colognes and after-shave lotion. Please help us provide a scent-free environment

We welcome all children to our worship. We also have a child friendly space in the fellowship area at the back of the church. Drink boxes, activity bags and youth bulletins are in a basket near the entrance to the church. Please help yourself.

#### Acknowledgement of Territory

We are on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinabe, Mississauga and Metis neighbours. We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to be here today.

# **Sunday, March 31, 2019**

# GATHERING The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

Call to Worship – What we need is here.

Confession and Forgiveness

who gathers us in the wilderness to redeem us, anoint us, and make us new.

Amen.

In these forty days, let us be honest, confess our sin, and receive God's promise of mercy.

God at the margins,

We have wandered far from your home; again and again, we lose our way. We turn inward, afraid of the world around us. We forget that you have saved your people before and promise to do so again. Do not remember the deeds of our past, but turn our faces toward the future, where your forgiveness is sure, your welcome is clear, and your love overflows. Amen.

Like a hen who gathers her chicks, God embraces you in tender care. Like manna in the desert, God feeds you with surprising mercy. Like a loving parent, God runs to meet you again this day, forgiving your sins for the sake of + Christ, leading you from death into life.

Amen.

Kyrie



Prayer of the Day

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.

Children's Message

#### **WORD**

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading – 2 Corinthians 5: 16 – 21

A reading from 2 Corinthians.

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. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; 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. 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. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

# Psalm 32



Psalm 32:11
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<sup>1</sup>Happy are they whose transgressions | are forgiven,

and whose sin is | put away! <sup>2</sup>Happy are they to whom the Lord im- | putes no guilt,

and in whose spirit there | is no guile! R <sup>3</sup>While I held my tongue, my bones with- | ered away,

because of my groaning | all day long. <sup>4</sup>For your hand was heavy upon me | day and night;

my moisture was dried up as in the | heat of summer.

<sup>5</sup>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.

<sup>6</sup>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

**7You 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.

<sup>9</sup>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."

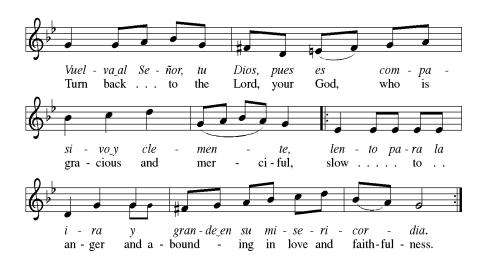
<sup>10</sup>Great are the tribulations | of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust | in the Lord.

<sup>11</sup>Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice | in the Lord;

shout for joy, all who are | true of heart. R

Psalm Prayer

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading – *Luke 15*: 1 - 3, 11b - 32

The holy gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

or

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. 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. 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. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be

in need. 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. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. 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! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands." 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. 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.' 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. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

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. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. 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 the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

or

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Hymn of the Day – # 606 ELW

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our
Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and
the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Prayers of Intercession** 

Seeking the grace, mercy, and love of almighty God, we offer our prayers for the church, for people in need, and for all of creation.

God of abundant grace, guide your church, especially the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada, the Anglican Church of Canada and other faith communities throughout the world, to look upon people as you look upon them, with compassion and as deserving of mercy. Shape us to be worthy ambassadors of Christ. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Bestow dignity on migrant and seasonal farm and factory workers. When the time comes for them to leave jobs, provide new ways for them to make a livelihood. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Inspire musicians and poets to point to your unfathomable beauty and creativity. Enhance our vision of your holiness through their works. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Protect and preserve all people who look to you to be their hiding place. We especially pray for those we name aloud or in the silence of our hearts...Be their respite from trouble, and give them hope. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Erase the pain of trauma and the shame and stigma of social contempt. Change the hearts of those who bully or mistreat others, and heal broken relationships. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Invite your whole company of saints into eternal, joyful feasting. When we question your abundant mercy, soften our hearts to receive the gifts of faith and love. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Reveal your will as you receive our prayers, and conform our ways to your ways; through the saving work of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

**MEAL** 

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering / Choir Anthem

Offering Hymn – # 328 ELW

Offering Prayer

Generous God, you feed us with the harvest of the land, and you provide for our every need.
Receive our gifts of money, imagination, and labour, and transform them into a feast that welcomes all, in Jesus Christ our host and our guest.

Amen.

**Great Thanksgiving** 

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy



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

...And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.** 

...And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.** 

Lord's Prayer

# **Eucharistic Prayer**

...proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



## **Invitation to Communion**

Christ has prepared the feast.

Come to the table where all are welcomed home.

Thanks be to God.



# **Communion Hymns**

# 615 CP, # 341 CP, # 52 CP, # 553 CP

#### Lamb of God

# **Table Blessing**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

#### Amen.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Tender and merciful one, at your feast, you fed us who brought nothing, turning our emptiness into joy. Filled with your abundant grace, send us now to be ministers of reconciliation, mending broken hearts, working for justice, and striving for peace among all people, in the name of Jesus Christ.

Amen.

#### **SENDING**

# God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

# Blessing

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.

#### Amen.

#### Announcements

Sending Song - # 603 ELW

#### Dismissal

Go in peace....

Thanks be to God.

# Postlude – Vater unser im Himmelreich, J.S. Bach

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# **Announcements and Information**

*March Altar Guild:* Cathy Soehner, Elsie Persaud & Ena Sookraj

We pray for: Anglican Church of Canada – Bishop Mary Irwin-Gibson, people, and clergy of the Diocese of Montreal. Evangelical Lutheran Church

## Benediction

God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us, (+) bless you and bring you to life everlasting. **in Canada** – The Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Manitoba – Northwestern Ontario Synod.

**Coffee hour** today is hosted by Laura, Karen and Christine. We offer them thanks for supporting this important ministry.

Lenten Food Drive for Silvercreek Market: April 7 – Cereal and peanut butter

**New Church Sign:** More information on the possible purchase of a new church sign can be found on the table in the Narthex.

All articles for the *April / May Connections* (*double issue*) are due today, please submit articles to Christine Morrison (Box # 44) <a href="mailto:cjmorrison263@gmail.com">cjmorrison263@gmail.com</a>.

Please note that there will a **special Congregational meeting** today following the 10:00 A.M. service. This will be held in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to gain approval for the Merger Amendment Document and revised Constitution for All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church. The revised documents are available in the narthex.

We at All Saints are looking for *two delegates to serve us for the Niagara Anglican Diocese Synod 2019*. This year the meetings will take place November 8-9<sup>th</sup> at Christ Church Cathedral Hamilton. One nomination has already been submitted and a second is required. Please speak to Brian Janzen if you are interested.

An Invitation to All! Please plan to celebrate the potluck *Seder Supper* on April 18, at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The doors open at 5:30 pm. For your convenience, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Immediately after the Seder, we will recognize the solemnity of events leading up to Good Friday with the opportunity to either participate in a ritual foot washing or blessing of hands followed by Holy Communion. We continue up to the church proper for the reading of Psalm 22 when the altar is stripped in preparation for Good Friday.