

November 30, 2025

Advent I

PRELUDE

WELCOME

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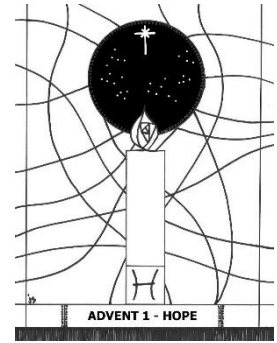
All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church exists on the traditional territory of the Attawandaron / Neutral People. We honour the original ancestors of this land and also offer respect and friendship to our Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, Mississauga and Métis neighbours.

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.

GATHERING SONG Maranatha: Let the Lord Come

1. God's day is coming – glorious day
When the old era passes away.
Wake, all you people, heed what you hear,
Keep your lamps burning, the Bridegroom is near.
Maranatha: let the Lord come!
2. Day when God's Kingdom will be revealed,
Blind eyes be opened, sick souls be healed,
Imprisoned souls will find their release:
Kingdom of justice, Kingdom of peace.
Maranatha: let the Lord come!
3. With Mary, we expectant attend
This Advent season, till God will send
The Christ Christ-child, blessed day when
God's Incarnation meets us again.
Maranatha: let the Lord come!

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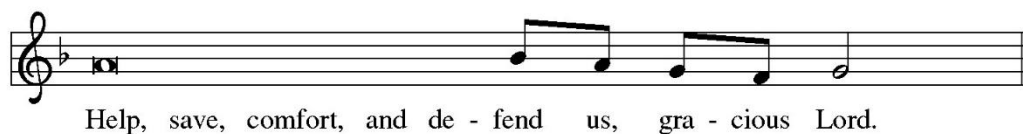
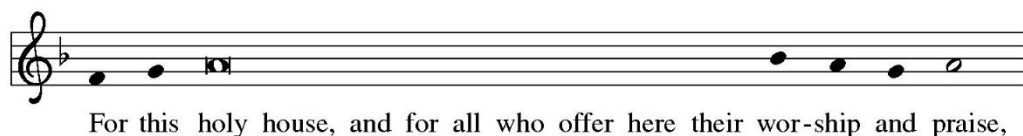
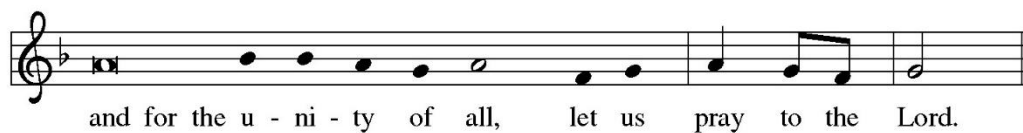
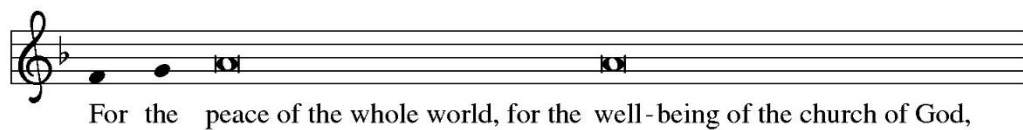
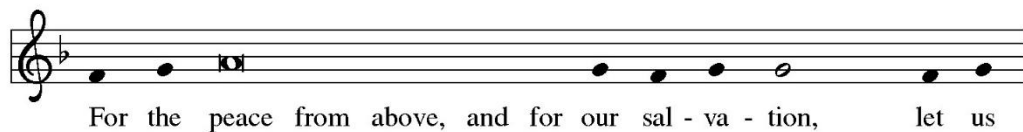


GREETING

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



HYMN OF PRAISE



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav-en - ly King, al - might-y God and Fa - ther, we



wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo-ry.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of



God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are



seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.



3 For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.



Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Stir up your power, O Christ, and come.

By your merciful protection, awaken us to all that separates us from you and from one another, and restore us again for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Light One Candle (verse one only)



- 1 Light one can-dle to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 2 Light two can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 3 Light three can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.
- 4 Light four can-dles to watch for Mes-si - ah: let the light ban-ish dark - ness.



He shall bring sal - va - tion to Is - ra - el, God ful - fills the prom - ise.
He shall feed the flock like a shep - herd, gent - ly lead them home - ward.
Lift your heads and lift high the gate - way for the King of glo - ry.
He is com - ing, tell the glad tid - ings. Let your lights be shin - ing!

One candle on the Advent Wreath is lit as the verse is sung.

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

¹The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

²In days to come
the mountain of the LORD's house
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be raised above the hills;
all the nations shall stream to it.

³Many peoples shall come and say,
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob;
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth instruction,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

⁴He shall judge between the nations,
and shall arbitrate for many peoples;
they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

⁵O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD!

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 122 *(Sung together in unison)*



**¹I was glad when they | said to me,
“Let us go to the house | of the LORD.”
²Now our | feet are standing
within your gates, | O Jerusalem.
³Jerusalem is built | as a city
that is at unity | with itself;
⁴to which the tribes go up, the tribes | of the LORD,
the assembly of Israel, to praise the name | of
the LORD. R**

**⁵For there are the | thrones of judgment,
the thrones of the | house of David.
⁶Pray for the peace | of Jerusalem:
“May they pros- | per who love you.
⁷Peace be with- | in your walls
and quietness with- | in your towers.
⁸For the sake of my kindred | and companions,
I pray for | your prosperity.
⁹Because of the house of the | LORD our God,
I will seek to | do you good.” R**

SECOND READING: Romans 13:11-14

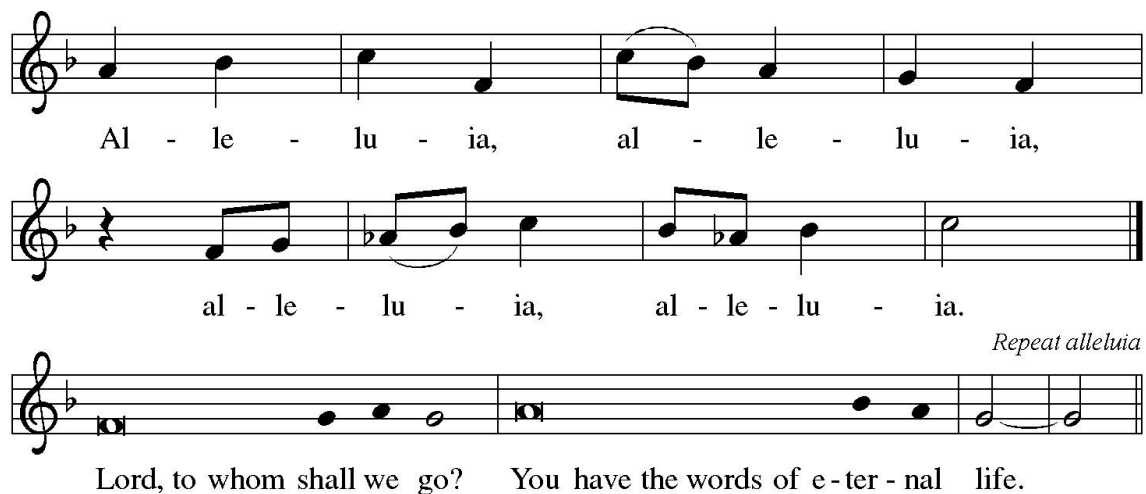
¹¹Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; ¹²the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; ¹³let us live honorably as in the day, not in

reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. ¹⁴Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Repeat alleluia

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

GOSPEL: Matthew 24:36-44

The holy gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said to the disciples,] ³⁶"About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³⁷For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. ³⁸For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, ³⁹and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man.

⁴⁰Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. ⁴¹Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left.

⁴²Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. ⁴³But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁴Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

**Sleepers, Wake! A Voice
Astounds Us BLUE 110**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole creation.

We come seeking wisdom and direction. Uphold and strengthen lay leaders, teachers, deacons, priests, pastors, and bishops. Teach us your ways and lead us in your paths. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We seek your goodness in the grandeur of creation. Empower us to care for forests and oceans, as we see you in the world around us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to political leaders, judges, and civil servants. Cast out words of hate and transform them into words for building up community. Help us remake implements of war to sow peace, especially for the people of Ukraine, Gaza and the West Bank, and Sudan. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our kindred and companions who are ill or despairing, especially: 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, Kathryn, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Micah, Rosemary, and those we name before you in our hearts. (*silence...*). Bring comfort and strength, and send us out to show caring and consolation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Even as we anticipate the celebration of your birth among us, we know that the pressures of this season can bring on anxiety and stress, pressures on relationships, and temptations for those who are addicted. Show us how to journey with one another patiently and tolerantly. Nurture counselors, therapists, and sponsors in their care for others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of all time, build up our lives that we would reflect your grace. At the last, bring us with all the saints to your holy city where peace and goodness make a home.

God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel. **Amen.**

PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you all!

And also with you.

OFFERTORY Now the Heavens Start to Whisper



1 Now the heav - ens start to whis - per, as the veil is grow-ing thin.
2 Heav - y clouds that block the moon-light now be - gin to drift a - way.
3 Christ, e - ter - nal Sun of jus - tice, Christ, the rose of wis-dom's seed,



Earth from slum - ber wakes to lis - ten to the stir - ring, faint with-in:
Dia - mond bril-liance through the dark-ness shines the hope of com-ing day.
come to bless with fire and fra-grance hours of yearn-ing, hurt, and need.



seed of prom-ise, deep-ly plant-ed, child to spring from Jes - se's stem!
Christ, the morn-ing star of splen-dor, gleams with-in a world grown dim.
In the lone - ly, in the strang-er, in the out-cast, hid from view;

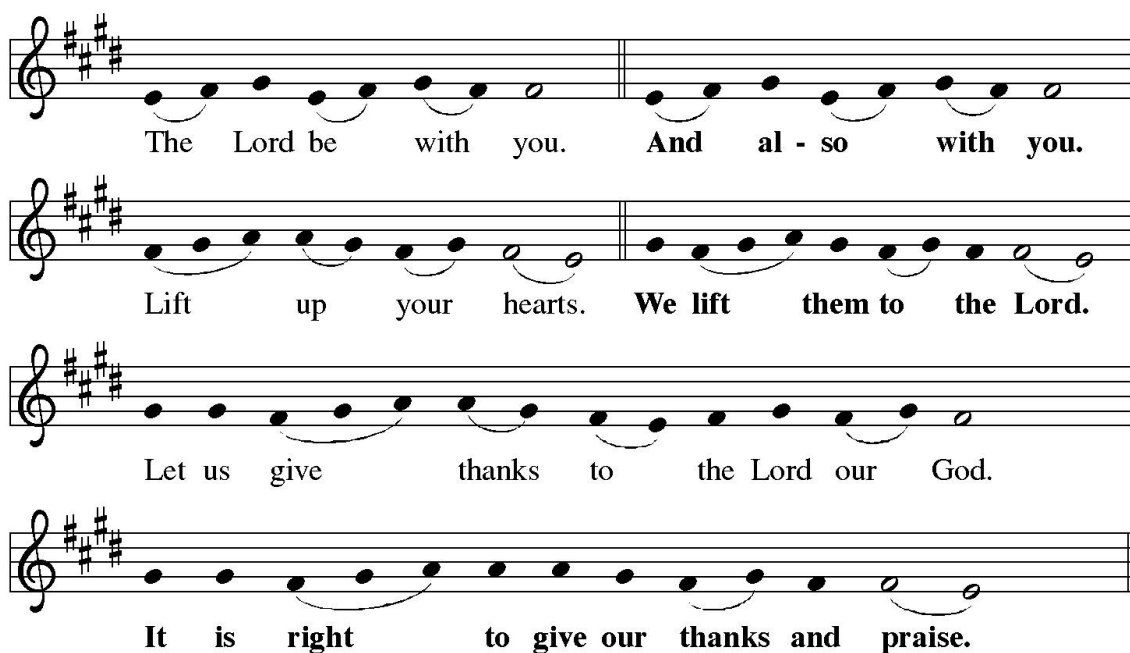


Like the soil be - neath the frost-line, hearts grow soft to wel-come him.
Heav-en's em - ber fans to full-ness; hearts grow warm to wel-come him.
Child who comes to grace the man-ger, teach our hearts to wel-come you.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray:
Eternal God,
you make the desert bloom
and send springs of water to thirsty ground.
Receive these simple gifts of bread, wine, money, and food,
and make us messengers of your mercy and love
for all in need of your healing and justice.
We ask this through Christ our Saviour.
Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

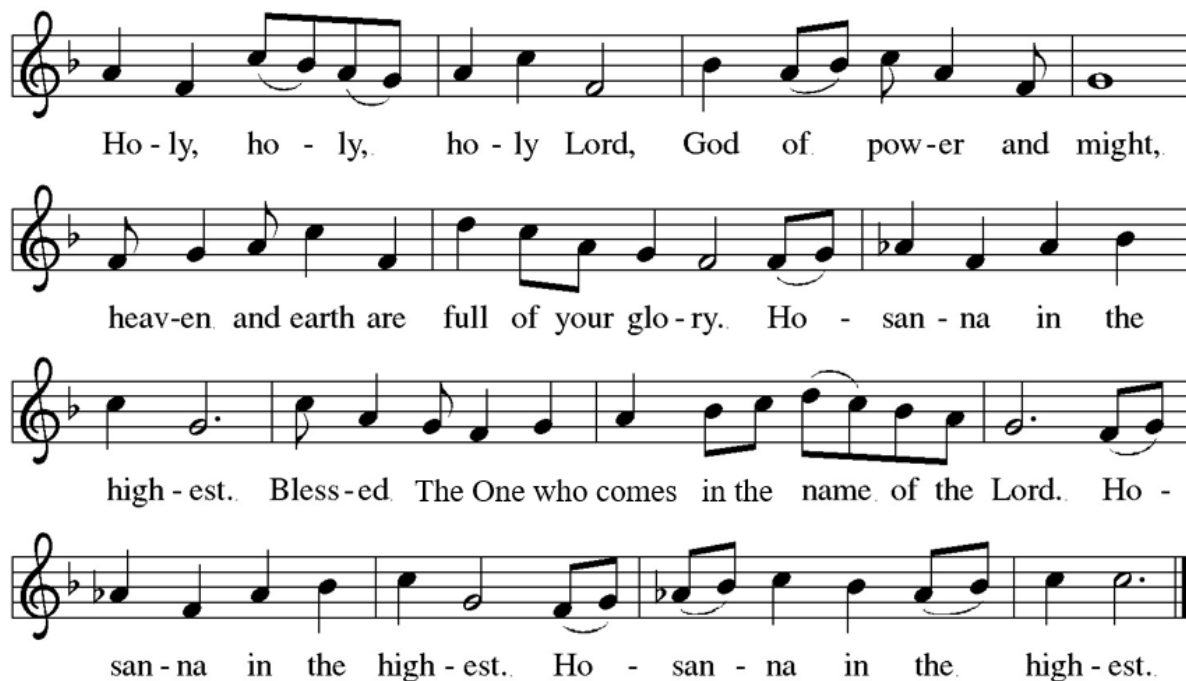
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:
Blessed are you for the birth of creation.
Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.
Blessed are you for your promise to your people.
Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.
Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.
Blessed are you for Christ Jesus,
the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup

we remember your Word dwelling among us,
full of grace and truth.

We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.

Come among us.

Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us.

Awaken your people.

Fill us with your light.

Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours,

Holy One of Israel,

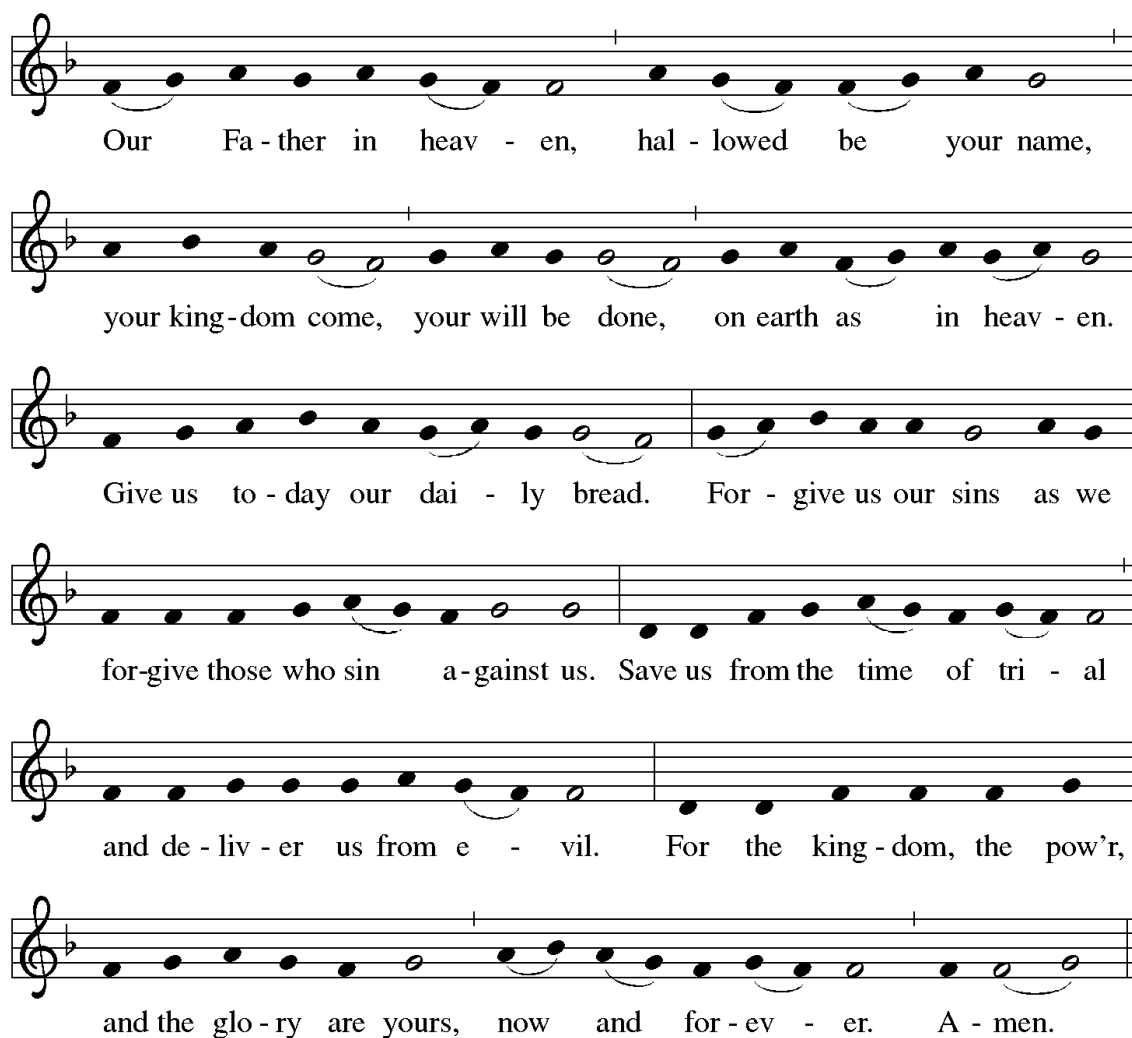
Word of God incarnate,

Power of the Most High,

one God, now and forever.

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

Jesus says, 'I am the bread of life; whoever eats this bread will live forever.'

Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

Christ welcomes you to this table of hope.

Come, gather with all God's people who watch and wait for the coming of Emmanuel.

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.

Wait for the Lord

Creator of the Stars of Night

Come, Thou, Long Expected Jesus

Blue 94

Red 245

Blue 88

TABLE BLESSING

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

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Faithful God,
in this meal you have remembered your mercy,
bringing heaven to earth in the body and blood of Christ.
As we wait for the day when all your promises will be
fulfilled,
sustain us and strengthen us by this holy mystery.
Guide us toward your promised future,
coming to birth in Jesus Christ our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE – He Came Down

1 He came down that we may have love; he came down that we may have love;
2 He came down that we may have light; he came down that we may have light;
3 He came down that we may have peace; he came down that we may have peace;
4 He came down that we may have joy; he came down that we may have joy;

he came down that we may have love;
he came down that we may have light; hal-le-lu-jah for-ev-er-more.
he came down that we may have peace;
he came down that we may have joy;

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

God the eternal Word,
who dwells with us in Jesus,
and who holds us in the grace of the Holy Spirit,
✠ bless you now and forever.

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 SONG Fling Wide the Door RED 259

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is near!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Dennis Kunze	Laura F Mann
Servers	Jan Neilsen Laura B	Laura B Mann Michelle Normandin
Reader	Val Webb	Judy Rogers
Greeters	Bill & Jetta Thomas	Norm Frid & Michele Altermann
Ushers	Norm Frid Michele Altermann	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Judy Rogers Marg Archer	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders
Counters	Jan Neilsen Michelle Normandin	Jan Neilsen Michelle Normandin
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	The Phillips Family	

We pray for:

ACC The people of the Anglican Church of Canada.

ELCIC The people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

MOR The people of the Moravian Church in Canada.

Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry, please contact the **church office**. It would lift Elaine's spirits as she recovers to know that we have greeters for **January** covered. Please email the office with your date(s) or leave a message on the answering machine. Thank you.

The Ass♥ciates A support group for caregivers of those with memory loss or dementia, meets again on Tuesday **November 25 at 2:00 p.m.** in the church. It offers a safe space for sharing our experiences, from the challenges of being a caregiver, to tips for self-care.

Decorating the church: Altar Guild invites you to help decorate the church for Christmas on **Saturday December 6, 2025 at 9:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome, not just members of Altar Guild! "Many hands make light work."

Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — for December we need **60-70 1 L bottle of cooking oil. We always need rice and lentils.** *We do not need any plastic bread tabs or reuseable grocery bags at this time. Thank you.*

2026 Offering Envelopes are in your mailboxes now. Please pick them up after the service. Thank you.

The Office will be open in the *afternoon* on Tuesday Dec. 2.

John B. Miller & Friends Advent Concert

Wednesday **December 3, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.** at the Basilica of Our Lady, Guelph.
Free will offering.

ADVENT LESSONS AND CAROLS

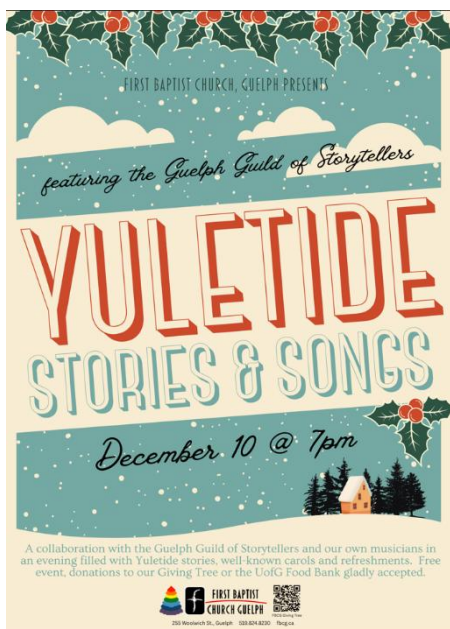
**Sunday December 7, 2025
7:00 p.m.**

All Saints Lutheran Anglican Church
210 Silvercreek Parkway N, Guelph ON
Please join us for refreshments afterwards!



LOOKING AHEAD: December 1 — 7

Monday 1	1:00 p.m.	Outreach Team, Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	All Saints Affirming People via Zoom
Tuesday 2	10:00 a.m.	Women of Faith, Parlour
Wednesday 3	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	6:30 –8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Pastor's Office
Thursday 4	9:00 a.m.— 3:30 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, Nave
Saturday 6	9:00 a.m.	Decorating the Church, Nave
	1–4:00 p.m.	Rental, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	14 Remembered, Nave
Sunday 7	8:30 a.m.	Advent 2 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Advent 2 Holy Communion—Nave
	7:00 p.m.	Lessons and Carols – Nave



Organist
Peter West

Staff
Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours
Tuesday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.