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Please be aware that our Sunday service is video streamed to our YouTube channel for public viewing. If you feel sensitive to this thought and wish to remain out of the occasional line of view, consider sitting in the back left two rows of pews. Thank you.



**Dear Little Saints-
Welcome from all the Big Saints**

*Before the service even starts, you will
need to prepare*

*Upcoming is a longish sit and grownups
want you there*

*Instead of wiggling, yawning, sighing
You could be bright new markers trying
or putting stickers in your book*

*Or even ..take a little look
Oh joy, cause somebody loves me true
There's juice or sweets or cookies too*

*When you've been good as gold for ever
and still the talking lasts forever
just dig inside and have a treat
Your Sunday sack is really "sweet"!!!!!!
(and also is a take home treat!)*

We welcome all children to our worship. There is no Sunday Church School at this time. Please ask the ushers for a children's bulletin and/or help them fill a bag with activities and treats from the basket in the narthex.

Communion: All are welcome. Please let an usher know if you need to take Communion in your seat.

Offerings can be left in the trays at the back until the Gathering Song is sung.

Please take this bulletin home for recycling. Thank you

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Sunday, April 6, 2025.

Prelude — Lord, Your Hands Have Formed,
arr. Aaron David Miller
My Hope is Built On Nothing Less
arr. Rosalie Bonighton
Choral scholar: Hazel Montealegre Heaney

Welcome

Acknowledgment 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.**

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 — **A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar**
463 (Blue)

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.

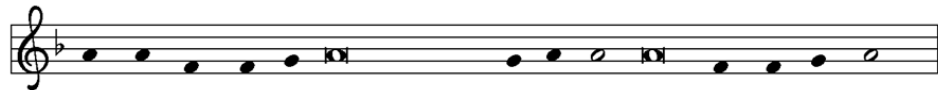
Kyrie



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



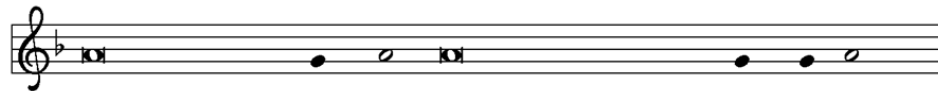
Lord, have mer - cy.



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,



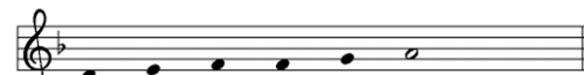
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



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.

Creator God, you have formed us as your own, so whether we are weeping or laughing, dreaming or shouting for joy, we are always coming home to you. For all this and more, we thank you in Jesus' name.

Amen

Choir Anthem — God Be In My Head, Jeff Enns

First Reading – Isaiah 43:16-21

The prophet declares that long ago God performed mighty deeds and delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage through the waters of the sea. Now, God is about to do a new thing, bringing the exiles out of Babylon and through the wilderness in a new Exodus.

- ¹⁶ Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.
²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

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

Psalm 126

(Sung responsively between the choir and the congregation)



- ¹ When the Lord restored the for- | tunes of Zion,
then were we like | those who dream.
² **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and
our tongue with | shouts of joy.
Then they said among the nations,
“The Lord has done great | things for them.”**
³ The Lord has done great | things for us,
and we are | glad indeed.
⁴ **Restore our for- | tunes, O Lord,
like the watercourses | of the Negeb. R**
⁵ Those who | sowed with tears
will reap with | songs of joy.
⁶ **Those who go out weeping, carry- | ing the seed,
will come again with joy, shoulder- | ing their
sheaves. R**

Second Reading—*Philippians 3:4b-14*

[Paul writes:] ^{4b} If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow, I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel Reading – *John 12:1-8*

The holy gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day— **Holy Woman, Graceful Giver**



1 Ho - ly wom - an, grace - ful giv - er, proph - et,
2 How the fra - grance filled the dwell - ing! How the
3 Lov - ing - ly Christ stilled the scoff - er who would
4 Though dis - dained or though con - test - ed, acts of



ser - vant, and be - liev - er, Mar - y with the oint - ment
act of beau - ty well - ing blest all those with - in the
grasp - ing guard the cof - fer, point - ing to a hid - den
love are nev - er wast - ed: beau - ty is a face of



jar, sought by Christ, by scorn un - daunt - ed, knelt in
place! How the act of pure de - vo - tion, whis - p'ring
trove: not all trea - sures gain and pro - fit, feed the
God. Grace - ful Mar - y, by your giv - ing, you have



love, his feet a - noint - ed for his com - ing bur - ial
of his com - ing pas - sion, blest the heart of Christ with
poor, and feed the spir - it acts of beau - ty, acts of
shown a way of liv - ing: acts of beau - ty, love, and



hour, for his com - ing bur - ial hour.
grace, blest the heart of Christ with grace!
love, acts of beau - ty, acts of love.
good, acts of beau - ty, love, and good.

Prayers

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

That you bring your whole church through the wilderness to the waters of life. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

That the nations put aside grievances and conflicts, leaders put aside conceit, and the wealthy put aside their need for more, making room for springs of justice and rivers of peace to flow forth. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

That we serve your creation by honouring plants and animals, rivers, and seas, wilderness and desert. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

That you pour your extravagant grace on the poor, and all who suffer the loss of meaning, employment, loved ones, or health. 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, Earlby, Jack and Sharon, Karen, Greg and Mary, Bill, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Bill, Guillermo, Joanne, Micah, and those we name before you in our hearts. *(silence...)*

We pray today for ourselves, and for all the family and friends of Pearl Robinson who mourn her passing this week. Pearl was such a force of life in our community, and we all miss her deeply. Deal graciously with her family and all of us in our grief. Surround us with your love that we may not be overwhelmed by our loss, but have confidence in your goodness, and strength to meet the days to come. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

That recognizing your costly grace, you teach us to value that which is of surpassing worth, as we behold the new things you are doing in our midst. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

We give thanks for all who lived and died in your costly grace. Guide us on our Lenten journey, until we reach the resurrection feast. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Hear us according to your steadfast love, O God, and in your great compassion, bring us to resurrection and rebirth in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Peace

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



Offertory: **Ubi Caritas**

Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

Live in charity and steadfast love,
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Where true charity and love abide
God is dwelling there. God is dwelling there.

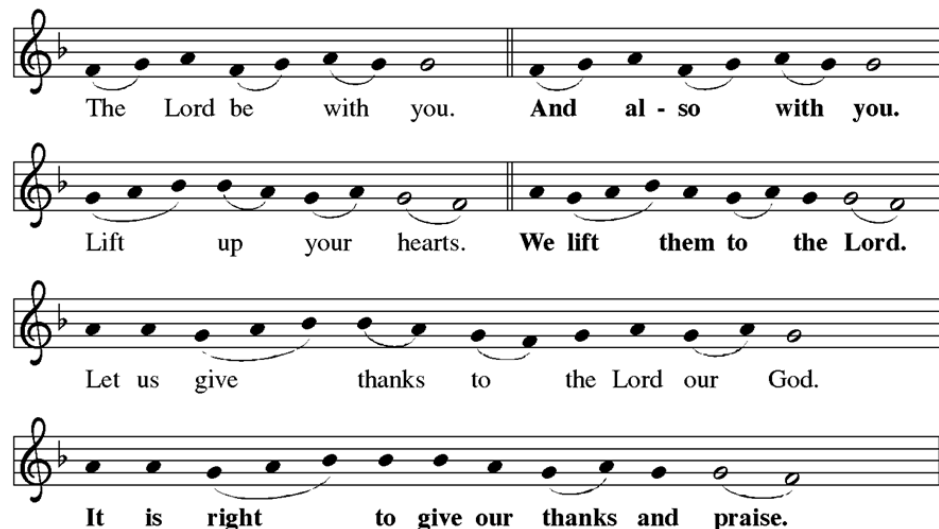
Ubi caritas et amor,
Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

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.**

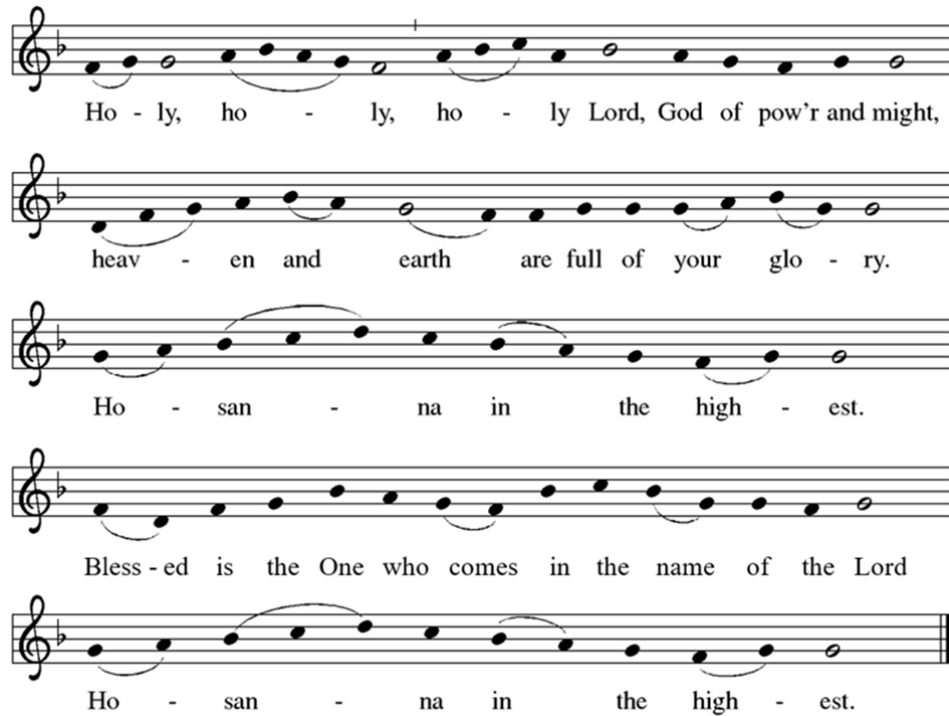
Great Thanksgiving



Preface

... and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic 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.**



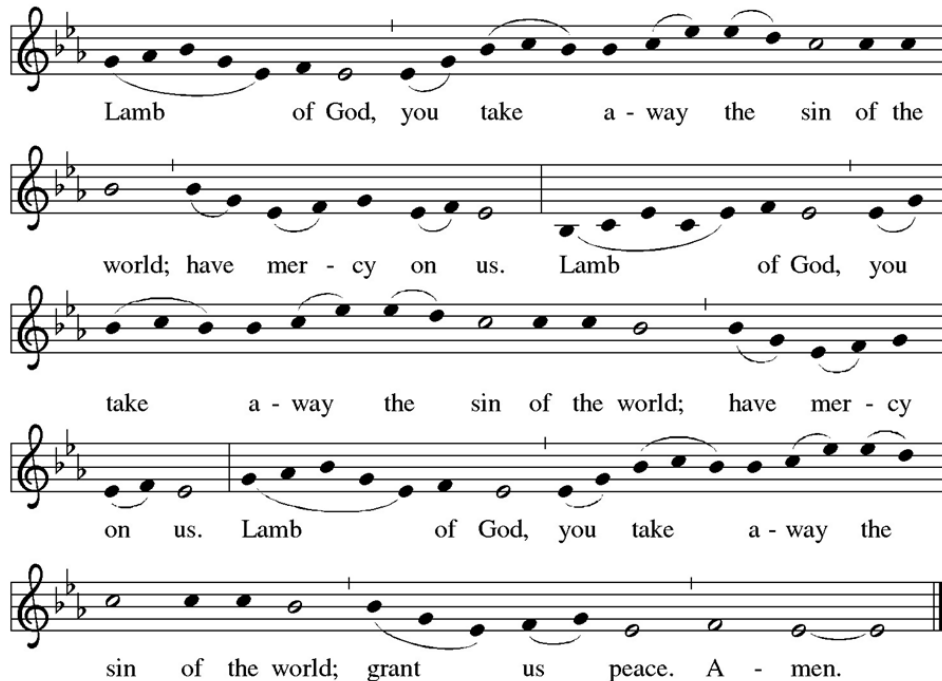
Invitation to Communion

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!

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. A - men.

Nada Te Turbe

568 (Blue)

We Lay Our Broken World

613 (Blue)

In the Singing

466 (Red)

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 - nión;
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 Song — **My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**
597 (Red)

Dismissal

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

Postlude — Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Donald Hunt

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Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Laura F Mann	Penny Richards
Servers	Marilyn Bleach Schranz Marisela McDougall	Laura F Mann Laura B Mann
Reader	John Szymanski	Bill Clatworthy
Greeters	Bill & Jette Thomas	Michele Altermann Norm Frid
Ushers	Ray Steinke Marilyn Coleman	Ray Steinke Marilyn Coleman
AV booth	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty	Laura B Mann Sheila Chappel Bonnie Lichty
Counters	Norm Frid Chris Heaney	Norm Frid Dennis Kunze
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	Lenten Lunch	

We pray for:

ACC The Most Rev. Anne Germond, Metropolitan, and the people and clergy of the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario.

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

MOR The Rt. Rev. J. Christian Giesler, 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.



Newsletter

Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **Sunday April 20, 2025**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

Lenten Lunches end today!: Join us for soup, bread and conversations after worship today.
April 6—Clarify Your Why



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.



Flowers for Easter: Altar Guild is collecting donations towards purchasing Easter flowers. Please give funds to Laura B. Mann, Sheila Chappel, or Bonnie Lichty if you wish to enhance the nave on April 20th.

Formula Fund: Please consider donating to support this quiet but valuable outreach ministry! Just write Formula Fund on the Other line of your envelope or message line of an etransfer. *Thank you.*



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 13.** 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.*



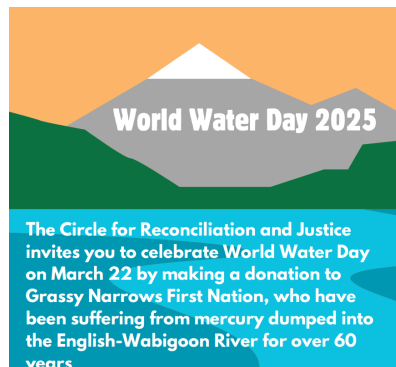
Silvercreek Community Market: We regularly need rice and red lentils! We currently have 270 families registered so please consider buying the specific items listed below in advance of each month — **for April we need school snacks and 45 more bottles of cooking oil (1L) for the April 17 Market.**

We do not need any plastic bread tabs but are running low on reuseable grocery bags. Thank you.



Turn Debt into Hope: Please see Jan Nielsen with her clip board to sign the petition asking governments to address the need to help poor countries struggling under insurmountable debt. For further information, see the April issue of *Connections*, eblasts or talk to Jan.

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 Asexual Awareness Day—April 6, 2025

celebrates the asexual community as part of the 2SLGBTQIA+ spectrum. Asexuality is a sexual orientation where someone doesn't feel sexual attraction to others, and it covers various identities, including demisexuals and greysexuals, among others. This special date seeks to raise awareness and educate the world on the diverse experiences within the asexual spectrum.

Today is all about breaking down misconceptions around asexuality and creating a world where asexual people feel seen, valued, and respected. It's a day to share stories, celebrate triumphs, and hear the voices of the asexual community-plus, plenty of love and support from allies too! By celebrating International Asexuality Day, we take a step towards greater understanding and acceptance of all sexual orientations, building a world that embraces and supports the beautiful diversity of human experiences



INTERNATIONAL
ASEXUALITY DAY
APRIL 6

Here is a message that Brian Janzen received this week:

HI BRIAN,

Please thank everyone at All Saints congregation, for their prayers and support.

Here is a wee update on John’s situation.

- John is now at St. Joseph’s Health Centre in Guelph where he’ll be receiving three weeks of very focused SMART goal-oriented rehabilitation therapy.
- He’s completed his first day of rehab today, and he’s really enjoying the gym environment. It makes him feel alive again. 🙌👏👏👏🙌🙌
- He slept so well last night, for the first time in about two weeks. He said, “it was like gently falling asleep in the arms of silence, to be comforted, and restored.” 😌😌🙏🙏🌸
- For myself, I can say this was the first morning I’ve woken up in weeks, ok maybe years 😊🌈, feeling calm and reassured that everything was fine, and that John was safe and well cared for.
- Now we both take our steps on a new journey, one towards rebalancing, restoring, and revitalizing the life we have.
- Much gratitude and love to all the helping, healing, holy ones – that’s right they very much include each of you. Thanks for your continued support on the road.
- Much love and big hugs.
- Jules and John. 🙌🙌🌸🌸🙏🙏🌸🌸🌸🌸😌🌸❤️

LOOKING AHEAD: April 7 — 13

Tuesday 8		Office closed
	9:00 a.m.	Food Drive pickup/ sorting Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 9	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	11:00 a.m.	Funeral—Pearl Robinson Nave, Rose Head Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Hymn Selection Committee Parlour
	6:30—8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Pastor’s Office
Thursday 10	1:00 p.m.	Chi Rho Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Saturday 12	2:00 p.m.	Funeral—Orland Green Nave, Rose Head Hall
Sunday 13	8:30 a.m.	Palm Sunday Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Palm Sunday Holy Communion—Nave

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Peter West

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Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

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Tuesday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.