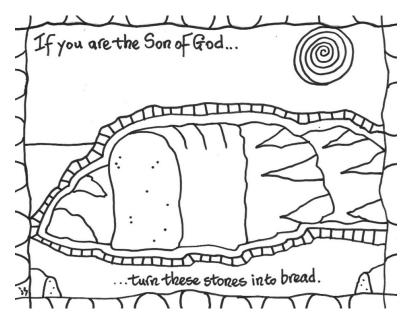
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Please be aware that our Sunday service is video streamed to our You Tube channel for public viewing. If you feel sensitive to this thought and wish to remain out of the occasional line of view, consider sitting in the back left two rows of pews. Thank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

FIRST SUNDAU OF LENT Sunday, March 9, 2025.

Prelude — Bach Prelude and Fugue #4 Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown, arr. Norman Warren

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 Imposition of Ashes

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The congregation may sit or kneel.

Silence is kept for reflection and self-examination.

Our self-centered living, exploitation of other people, and failing to love kindness, do justice and walk humbly with you,

we confess to you, O God.

Our longing to have what is not ours, and hearts that are not at rest with ourselves,

we confess to you, O God.

Our misuse of human relationships and our unwillingness to see Jesus in others, we confess to you, O God.

Jealousies that divide families and nations, rivalries that create strife and warfare,

we confess to you, O God.

Judgementalism, uncharitable thoughts towards our neighbours, and prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

we confess to you, O God.

Reluctance in sharing the time, talents and resources you have given us,

we confess to you, O God.

Waste and pollution of creation, and lack of concern for those who come after us,

we confess to you, O God.

Hurtful words that condemn and angry deeds that harm, we confess to you, O God.

Timidity at talking about the movement of Jesus in our lives, negligence in worship and prayer, and wasting your gifts of love and grace,

we confess to you, O God.

Restore us, O God, restore our relationships with you, with our neighbours and with creation, and renew a right spirit within us. **Amen**

You are invited to come forward, forming two lines up the centre aisle, to receive the ashes. As the forehead of each person is marked with a cross of ashes, the minister says: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."

Hymn During Imposition of Ashes

Just As I Am # 592 (Red)

After those who desire ashes have received them, all stand. The service continues with the Dialogue:

Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation, that we may show forth your glory in the world.

By the cross and passion of Christ, bring us with all your saints to the joy of his resurrection.

According to God's abundant mercy, there is forgiveness for all who seek repentance, and grace for all who turn their hearts to the way of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

Gathering Song — O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days #319 (Red)

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

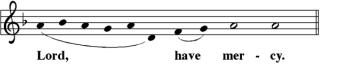
And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are opened, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Kyrie

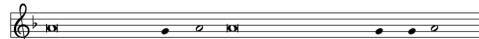






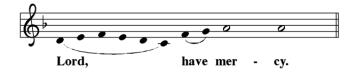
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal-va-tion, let us pray to the Lord.





For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,







For this ho-ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,









Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

O God, you delight not in pomp and show, but in a humble and contrite heart. Overturn our love of worldly possessions and fix our hearts more firmly on you, so that, having nothing, we may yet possess everything, a treasure stored up for us in heaven, for we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

Choir Anthem — My Song is Love Unknown, Malcolm Archer

First Reading – Deuteronomy 26:1-11

The annual harvest festival, called the Feast of Weeks, provides the setting for this reading. This festival celebrates the first fruits of the produce of the land offered back to God in thanks. In this text, worshipers announce God's gracious acts on behalf of Israel.

¹When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, ²you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. ³You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." ⁴When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, ⁵you shall make this response before the Lord your God:

Low Voices: "A wandering Aramean was my

ancestor; he went down into
Egypt and lived there as an alien,
few in number, and there he
became a great nation, mighty

and populous.

High Voices: ⁶When the Egyptians treated us

harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, 7we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression.

Low Voices: 8The Lord brought us out of

Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing

with milk and honey.

High Voices: ¹⁰So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me."

You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. ¹¹Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

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

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

(Sung responsively between the choir and the congregation)



- ¹You who dwell in the shelter of | the Most High, who abide in the shadow of | the Almighty—
- ² you will say to the LORD, "My refuge | and my stronghold, my God in whom I | put my trust." R
- ⁹ Because you have made the | LORD your refuge, and the Most High your | habitation,
- 10 no evil | will befall you, nor shall affliction come | near your dwelling.
- ¹¹ For God will give the angels charge | over you, to guard you in | all your ways.
- 12 Upon their hands they will | bear you up, lest you strike your foot a- | gainst a stone. R

- ¹³ You will tread upon the lion | cub and viper; you will trample down the lion | and the serpent.
- 14 I will deliver those who | cling to me; I will uphold them, because they | know my name.
- ¹⁵ They will call me, and I will | answer them; I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and | honour them.
- ¹⁶ With long life will I | satisfy them, and show them | my salvation. R



Second Reading—Romans 10:8b-13

8b "The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹ because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. ¹¹ The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." ¹² For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. ¹³ For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

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

Gospel Acclamation





Gospel Reading – Luke 4:1-13

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. ³ The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴ Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

⁵ Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶ And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷ If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸ Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰ for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,'

11 and

'On their hands they will bear you up,

so that you will not dash your foot against a stone."

¹² Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

Hymn of the Day— When We Are Tested



Prayers

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

Most High God, we pray for all who live in places of threat and danger. We trust in you, for you are able to make peace in the midst of warfare and turn rough places into level ground. Teach us to prepare a table where enemies may feast instead of fight.

Hear our prayer, O God, our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

We pray for those who do not have enough – enough to eat, enough to wear, or enough justice. We trust in you, for you fill the empty with good things and lift up the lowly. Help us to share the abundance we enjoy and to work for the freedom and dignity of all your children.

Hear our prayer, O God, our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

We pray for all who are chronically homeless, wandering our streets and sleeping unprotected; and for those who are homeless for a season because of natural disaster or economic trouble. We trust in you, for you give even to the sparrow as nest where she may lay her young. Make us more determined to assist those who need a place to live.

Hear our prayer, O God, our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or heart. We trust in you, for you are able to heal and to make whole in thise life and the next. Make us tender caregivers, that your healing power may be at work in us and through us. 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, Karen, Bill, Irene, Kelly, John and Laura, Juan and Anita, Guillermo, Joanne, Micah, and those we name before you in our hearts. (silence...)

Hear our prayer, O God, our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade.

We pray for the church, dividing and uniting, wavering and witnessing. We trust in you, for you called the church into being and have made us your body in and for the world. Keep your church from being both uncertain and too certain. Help us to joyfully trust that the Spirit is leading us into new opportunities of faith and service.

O God, our refuge and fortress, our shelter and shade, we pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who is generous to all who call upon him. 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.

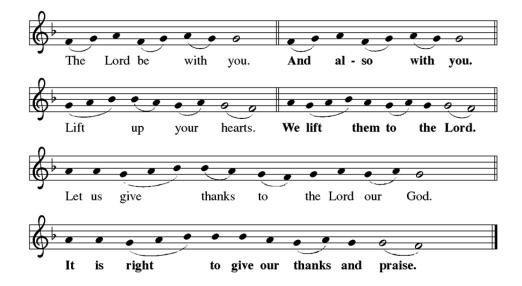
Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.

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.**

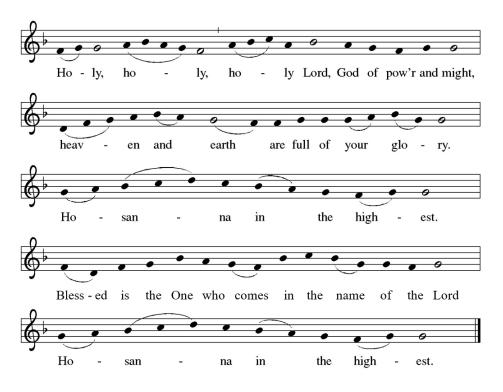
Great Thanksgiving



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.

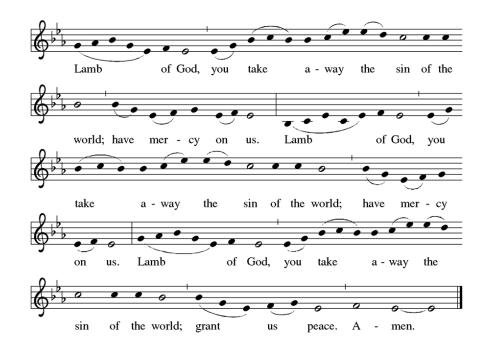
Invitation to Communion

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



Nada Te Turbe

568 (Blue)

Restore in Us, O God

328 (Red)

As Your Spirit in the Desert



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 (facing page)

Announcements



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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 — O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High # 628 (Blue) (verses 1-4, and 7 only)

Dismissal

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

Postlude — Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us, arr. Andrew Fletcher

Announcements and Information

Today Next Sunday

Assisting Minister	Michelle Normandin	Anne Stuart
Servers	Christine Morrison Marilyn Bleach Schranz	Penny Richards Marisela McDougall
Reader	Val Webb	Val Webb
Greeters	Richard & Linda Zytner Bill & Jette Thomas	
Ushers	Mark Weigel Mark & Janet Weigel	
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	Jeff Smith Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Ena Sookraj Elsie Peraud	Ena Sookraj Elsie Peraud
Counters	Richard/Linda Zytner Bill Clatworthy	Richard/Linda Zytner Ann Sanders
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	Lenten Lunch	Lenten Lunch

We pray for:

ACC: The Rt. Rev. Sandra Fyfe, Bishop, and the people and clergy of the Diocese of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. **ELCIC:** The dean, council, and congregations of the Northern Area of the Eastern Synod.

MOR: The people and ministries of Christ Moravian Church in Calgary.

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 **Sunday March 23**, **2025**. Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cimorrison263@gmail.com

Thank you and God bless to all at All Saints. I have felt your prayers for healing and so much gratitude to those who have helped in practical ways, even bringing me food. I feel well loved and deeply blessed. All Saints is the greatest community of faith and service. Connie Shaw

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.

Lenten Lunches are back!: Starting March 9, 2025, Join us

for soup, bread and conversations after worship on five Sundays in Lent.

Lenten March 9—Be Relentlessly Present.

Lunches March 16—Cultivate Nourishing

Relationships.

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!*

Chi Rho Fellowship: meets **Thursday March 13 at 1:00 p.m.** in Rose Head Hall. Please join us as we listen to our speaker from Hospice describe the amazing, heartfelt work they do for our loved ones in the community.

St. Patrick's Card Party: Join Pearl and all the jolly leprechauns on **Saturday March 15, 2025** for desserts between 1 and 2 pm and cards and door prizes from 2 to 4 pm. Bring your friends and family! There will be a sign up list in the narthex for anyone who can bring a dessert. Thank you.

The Knitting Pilgrim: On Friday March 21st at 7:30 pm

at Harcourt United Church (87 Dean Ave) Kirk Dunn will perform his remarkable one-man show on the commonalities and conflicts between Judaism, Christianity and Islam. To illustrate these great faiths Dunn has knitted three massive, beautiful, colourful panels that will be on display. Tickets are \$20 and are available online at:

www.eventbrite.com/e/the-guelph-seminar-presents-the-knitting-pilgrim-kirk-dunn-tickets-1200252249789? aff=oddtdtcreator. Bring your own knitting!

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 March we need pasta sauce, cereal, legumes and cooking oil.**

We do not need any more reuseable grocery bags or plastic bread tabs at this time. Thank you.

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National Affirming/PIE Day FAQ's

Why Pi? Love is a circle. It's irrational, inclusive, and infinite. And we're delighted to add an Affirming twist to International Pi Day celebrations on 3.14, March 14, every year.

(in case you didn't, know every March 14 (3/14), mathematicians, scientists and math lovers around the world celebrate Pi Day, a commemoration of the mathematical sign pi (π) , expressed most simply by the decimals 3.14 (although they go on forever, of course). Especially important in math involving **circles**...etc.)

Why Pie? Why not?! Mmmmm... pie.

Why PIE? We've been using the acronym PIE because it's easy to remember and stands for **Public**, **Intentional**, and **Explicit**: the standard for an affirming welcome of LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit people. PIE represents three ways for us to test just how real our Affirmation and celebration of gender or sexual diversity is. Each of the three concepts supports the others.

Public: Being out and proud! Especially in religious contexts, it's not the norm for queer folks to truly know and feel that they will be embraced exactly as they are.

Intentional: Putting thought and resources into action! Many people and groups, the church included, assume that gender and sexual diversity are now fully accepted, so "special" efforts are no longer needed. This sadly isn't true. Society has come a long way, but there is a long way to go, and churches have inherited centuries of transphobic and homophobic oppression carried out in the name of God/the Gospel. Living into PIE means investing time into planning, programming, and utilizing resources and growth opportunities. Affirming people and churches are still a minority, and that minority needs to express radical love with intention.

Explicit: Not Having to Wonder! Church should be a place of wonder, not a place where you have to wonder whether you will belong or not. This is why explicitly naming and Affirming queerness and queer folks is so important. There is a power in a name, especially when LGBTQIA+ names have for centuries been used as insults, and Two Spirit identities have been violently oppressed and suppressed by Christianity and colonization.

National Affirming/PIE Day was co-founded by Affirm United/ S'affirmer Ensemble and Affirming Connections For more information, visit: www.pieday.ca





The FAQ materials on this page were taken from the website shown above. Affirming Connections is a ministry of the United Church of Canada. There will be many PIE day events on March 14 including at the University of Guelph campus where ECM will be serving freshly baked pie in the UC courtyard from 10 am to 2 pm! It is helpful to know about and see what other denominations are doing to support the work of equity and inclusion, especially now as governmental policies in our country become less tolerant of our 2SLGBTQAI+ siblings. It is important to stand up and stand proud.—*All Saints Affirming People (ASAP)*, formerly the Reconciling in Christ Team



LOOKING AHEAD: March 10-16

Monday 10	1:00 p.m.	Outreach Parlour
	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music Parlour
Wednesday 12	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	3:00 p.m.	Hymn Selection Committee Parlour
	6:30-8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Pastor's Office
Thursday 13	1:00 p.m.	Chi Rho Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Saturday 15	1:00-4:00 pm	St. Patrick's Day Card Party Rose Head Hall
Sunday 16	8:30 a.m.	Lent 2 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Lent 2 Holy Communion—Nave
	11:30 a.m.	Lenten Lunch Rose Head Hall

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