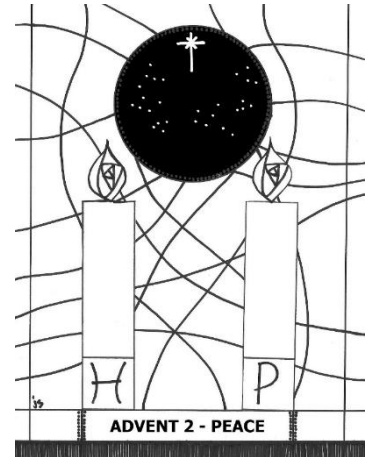


December 07, 2025

Advent II

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.

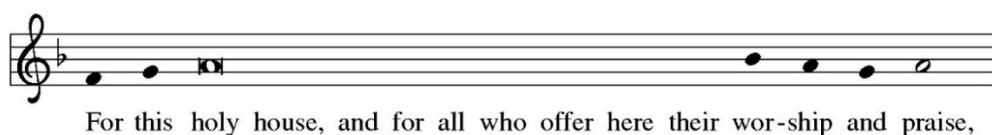
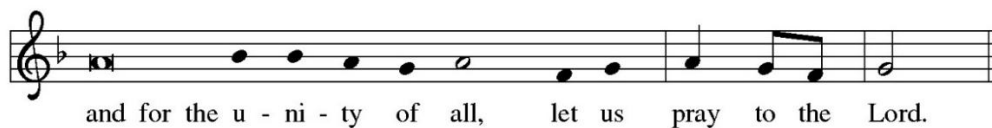
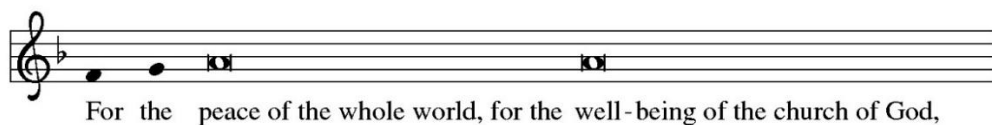
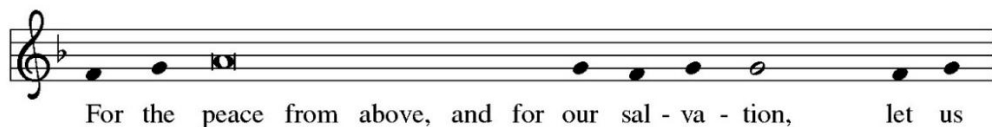
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GREETING

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 our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of Christ.
By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Light One Candle (*verse one and two only*)

Two candles on the Advent Wreath are lit as the verse is sung.



- 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!

CHOIR ANTHEM

FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10

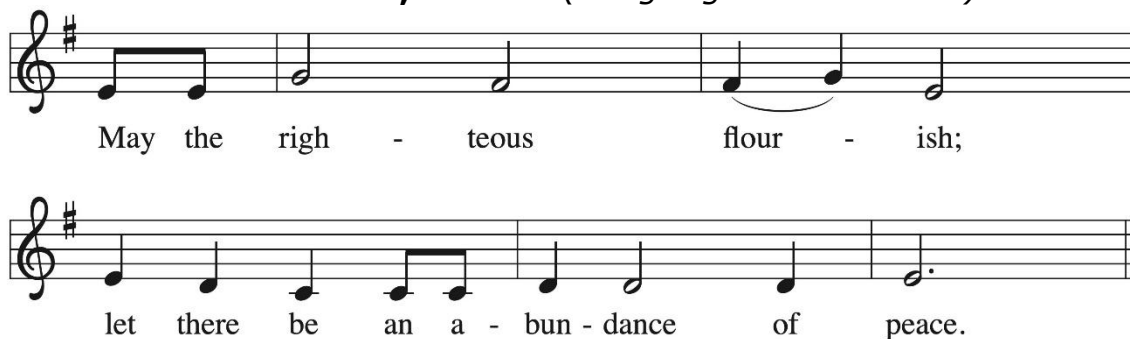
Isaiah describes the coming of a future, ideal ruler who will renew David's royal line (the stump of Jesse).

- ¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.
- ² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD.
³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see
or decide by what his ears hear,
⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor
and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.
⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.
⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb;
the leopard shall lie down with the kid;
the calf and the lion will feed together,
and a little child shall lead them.
⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze;
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.
⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.
⁹ They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD
as the waters cover the sea.
¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the
peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be
glorious.

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

PSALM: Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 *(Sung together in unison)*



- ¹ Give the king your jus- | tice, O God,
and your righteousness to | the king's son;
² that he may rule your | people righteously
and the | poor with justice;
³ that the mountains may bring prosperity | to the people,
and the | hills, in righteousness.
⁴ Let him defend the needy a- | mong the people,
rescue the poor, and crush | the oppressor. R**
- ⁵ May he live as long as the sun and | moon endure,
from one generation | to another.
⁶ Let him come down like rain upon | the mown field,
like showers that wa- | ter the earth.
⁷ In his time may the | righteous flourish;
and let there be an abundance of peace till the moon
shall | be no more.**
- ¹⁸ Blessed are you, LORD God, the | God of Israel;
you alone do | wondrous deeds!
¹⁹ And blessed be your glorious | name forever,
and may all the earth be filled with your glory.
A- | men. Amen. R**

SECOND READING: Romans 15:4-13

Jews living in Rome, including Jewish Christians, had been expelled from Rome in 49 CE by the emperor Claudius, leaving Gentile Christians on their own in Rome without the influence of their Jewish siblings in the faith for five to seven years. When the Jewish Christians returned, disputes arose between the two groups. Paul is writing to help all the Christians in Rome, both Jewish and Gentile, live together peaceably.

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

“Therefore, I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name.”

¹⁰ And again he says, “Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people.”

¹¹ And again, “Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him.”

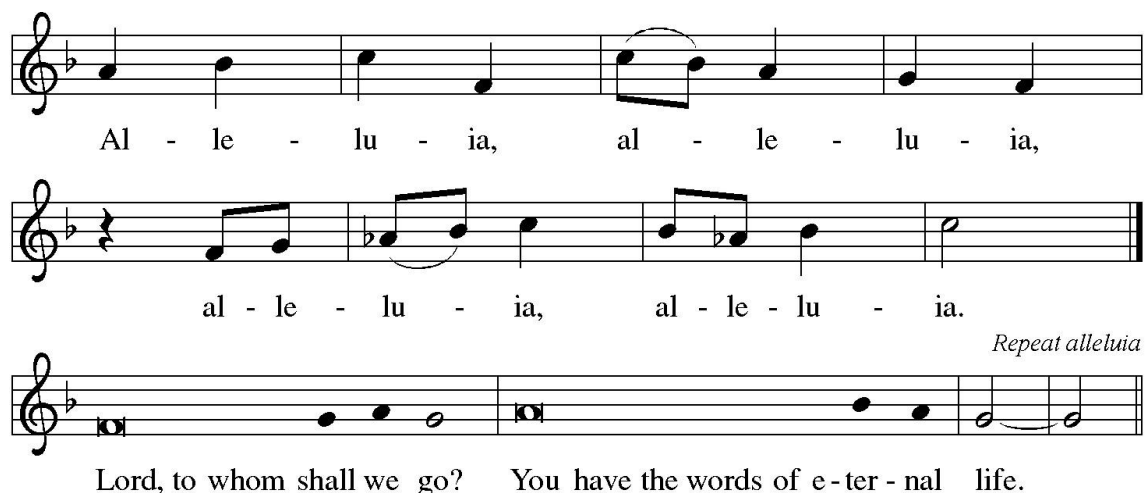
¹² And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope.”

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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 3:1-12

The holy gospel of our Lord according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ²"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ³This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

"The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

'Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.' "

⁴Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor,' for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees;

therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.

¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



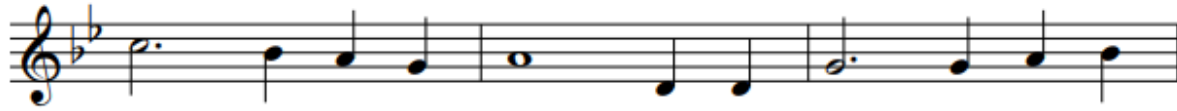
HOMILY

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wild and Lone the PRophets Voice



1 Wild and lone the proph - et's voice ech - oes
 2 "Bear the fruit re - pen - tance sows: lives of
 3 With such preach - ing stark and bold John pro -



through the des - ert still, call - ing us to make a
 jus - tice, truth, and love. Trust no oth - er claim than
 claimed sal - va - tion near, and his time - less warn - ings



choice, bid - ding us to do God's will: "Turn from
 those; set your heart on things a - bove. Soon the
 hold words of hope to all who hear. So we



sin and be bap - tized; cleanse your heart and mind and
 Lord will come in power, burn - ing clean the thresh - ing
 dare to jour - ney on, led by faith through ways un -



soul. Quit - ting all the sins you prized, yield your
 floor: then will flames the chaff de - vour; wheat a -
 trod, till we come at last like John to be -



life to God's con - trol."
 lone shall fill God's store."
 hold the Lamb of God.

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.

With wisdom and understanding, inspire the Christians around the world. Through our shared faith, unite hearts and minds in work to address poverty, access to housing, and equity among peoples. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With counsel and might, move us to care for creation. As we dream of the day when all creatures will flourish alongside one another, guide us in ways humanity and all creation will mutually thrive. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With righteousness and faithfulness, encourage nations to live in harmony with one another. We pray for the partner churches of the Anglican Communion throughout the world and the Lutheran World Federation, as well as Alongside Hope and Canadian Lutheran World Relief striving to support those who are displaced due to war, conflict, and climate change throughout the world. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With steadfastness and encouragement, strengthen those who have lost hope in the face of grief, depression, or disease. Renew the spirits of those recovering from surgery and medical procedures. We pray for our kindred and companions who suffer in mind, body, or spirit, 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...*). God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With welcome and hospitality, embolden us in our ministry at All Saints to overcome all that divides. In acts of repentance, reconciliation, and reparation, may we serve in the way of Christ. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

With joy and peace, we remember our ancestors in the faith. Fill us with the hope of the Holy Spirit now and into the ages of ages. 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:



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.



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

God of promise, you prepare a banquet for us in your holy realm.

Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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

BLUE 94

Comfort, Comfort Ye My People

BLUE 100

There's A Voice in the Wilderness Crying

BLUE 106

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

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.**

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DISMISSAL

With love and compassion, **come, Lord Jesus.**
With judgement and mercy, **come, Lord Jesus.**
In power and glory, **come, Lord Jesus.**
In wisdom and truth, **come, Lord Jesus.**
Let us go into the world rejoicing; Christ is near!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Announcements and Information

Today

Next Sunday

Assisting Minister	Laura F Mann	Michelle Normandin
Servers	Laura B Mann Michelle Normandin	Christine Morrison John Szymanski
Reader	Judy Rogers	Deborah Szymanski-Potts
Greeters	Norm Frid & Michele Altermann	Marisela McDougall
Ushers	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	Michele Altermann Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders	Janet Weigel Ann Sanders
Counters	Jan Neilsen Michelle Normandin	Sandra Christie Kate Stuttaford
Flowers		The Cressmans
Coffee Hour		

We pray for:

ACC: The Primate Archbishop Shane Parker and the staff of the Primate's Office of the Anglican Church of Canada

ELCIC: National Bishop Larry Kochendorfer and the national office staff of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada

MOR: The Rev. David E. Bennett, President of the Provincial Elders' Conference of the Northern Province of the Moravian Church in America

Midweek Advent Devotions: Nigel Bunce has prepared *Evening Prayers for Advent* which are available on the All Saints YouTube channel.

Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact the church office. *Thank you.*

Mary Guse Giving Tree: Thank you to everyone who helped make this a better Christmas for our community! We delivered **42 bags** to Chalmers for their Christmas Outreach, and many, much needed items to Salvation Army, Michael House, Women in Crisis and Adopt a Family.

Flowers for Advent and Christmas: Donations of poinsettias would be welcome, please contact Ann Sanders at 519-829-1225 if you would like to add some seasonal colour to the nave. *Thank you.*

Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — for December we still need **50 1 L bottles 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 Silvertones Choir (with 5 members from All Saints!) presents a concert of Christmas music on **Friday, December 12 at 2:00 p.m.** Join them at Trinity United Church on Stevenson. Entry by donation.

LOOKING AHEAD: December 8 — 14

Monday 8	7:00 p.m.	Worship & Music, Parlour
Wednesday 10	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	6:30 –8:00 p.m.	Confirmation Class Pastor's Office
Thursday 11	1:00 p.m.	Chi Rho, Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice, Nave
Saturday 13	3:00 –8:00 p.m.	Rental Rose Head Hall
	11:00 a.m.— 8:00 p.m.	Rental (Recital) Nave
Sunday 14	8:30 a.m.	Advent 3 Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Advent 3 Holy Communion—Nave

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!



Organist

Peter West

Staff

Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

Church Office Hours

Tuesday—Friday
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.