ECM SUNDAY
Sunday, November 15, 2026

Prelude

(Please help create a quiet space for reflection during the prelude. Thank you)

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.

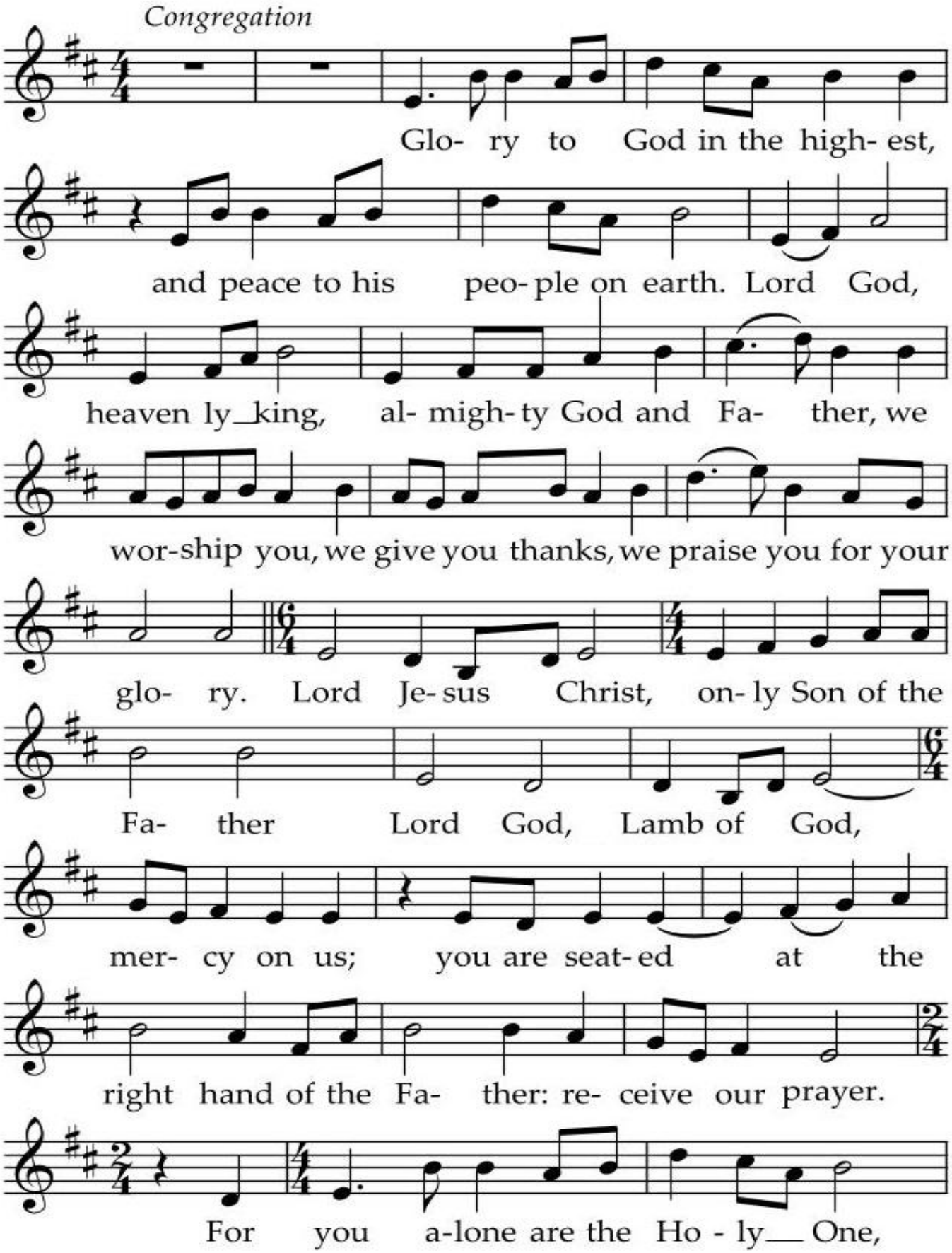
We give thanks for the First Peoples and all who have cared for the land and made it possible for us to dwell and do ministry on this land, and we commit ourselves to walk in right relations with one another.

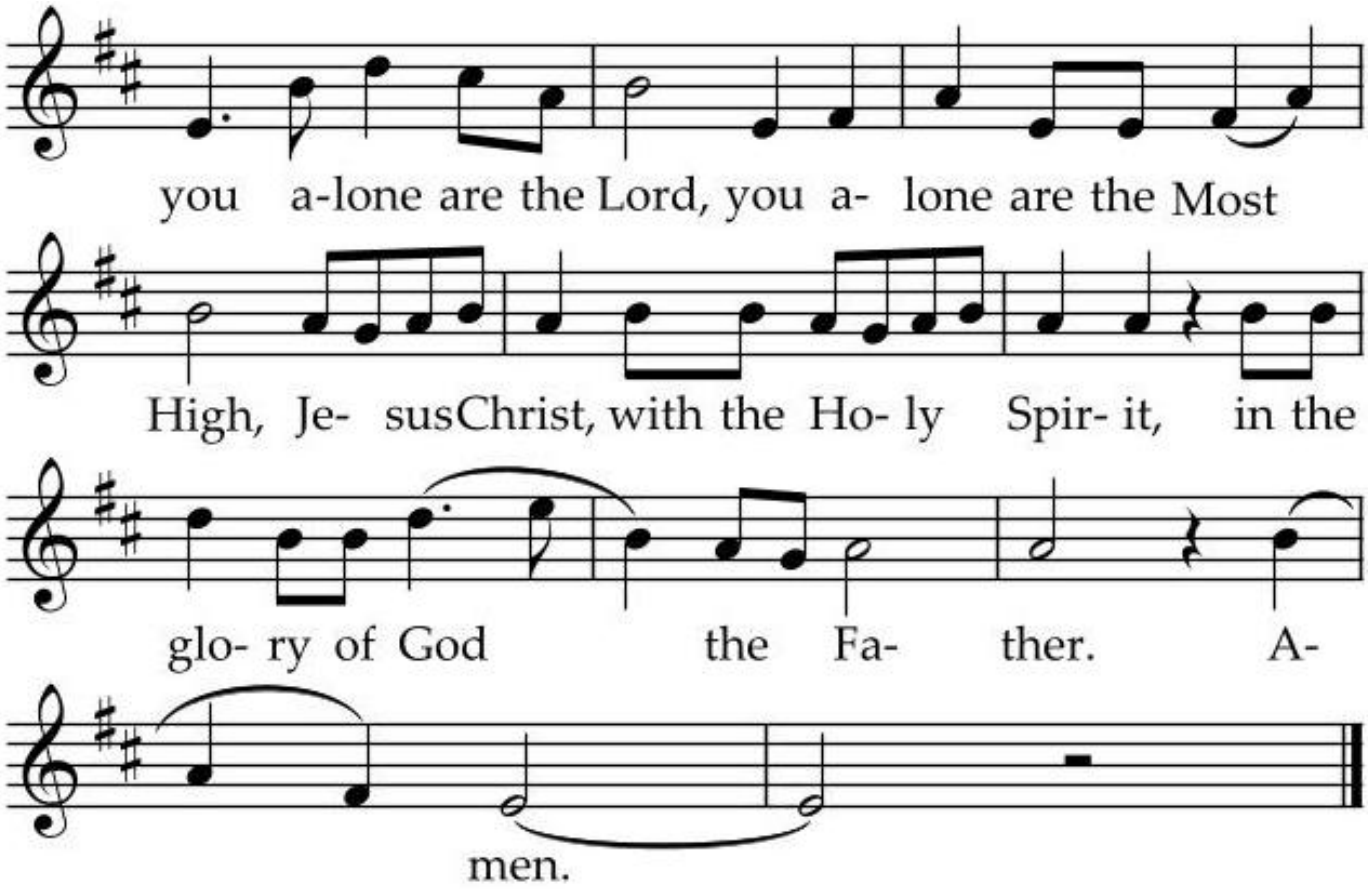
Gathering Song – **Christ Be Our Light # 715 (Red)**

Greeting

> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
> **And also with you.**
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> 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.**

Hymn of Praise # 691 (Blue)





Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Righteous God, the earth is yours and you give us all that we have. Inspire us to serve you with justice and wisdom, and prepare us for the joy of the day of your coming, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **Amen**

Choir Anthem – Ye Servants of God, Henry Coleman

First Reading: *Judges 4:1-7*

The time of the Judges was a 200-year period after the Israelites arrived in the Promised Land. Israel was, at that time, a loose confederation of twelve tribes and there was not yet a king to unify them. When needed, God would raise up a 'judge,' to help lead the people through difficult challenges like war. Today we learn about the judge named Deborah.

1 The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud
died. 2 So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who
reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in
Harosheth-ha-goiim. 3 Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for
he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites
cruelly twenty years.

4 At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging
Israel. 5 She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and
Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for
judgment. 6 She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in
Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go,
take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of
Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. 7 I will draw out Sisera, the general of
Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his
troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

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

Psalm
Psalm 123
(Sung by the choir)

1 To you I lift | up my eyes,
to you enthroned | in the heavens.
2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand | of her mistress,
so our eyes look to you, O LORD our God, until you
show | us your mercy.
3 Have mercy upon us, O | LORD, have mercy,
for we have had more than enough | of contempt,
4 too much of the scorn of the in- | dolent rich,
and of the derision | of the proud.

Second Reading: *1 Thessalonians 5:1-11*

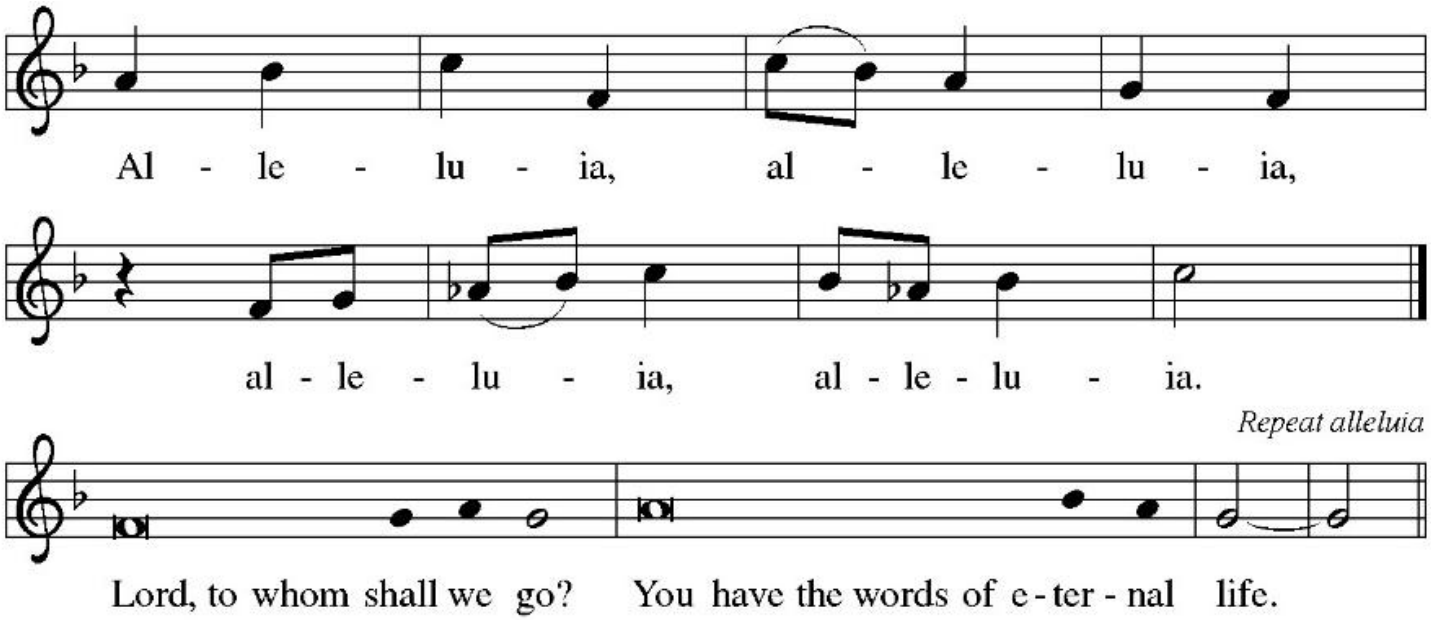
[1]Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you. [2]For you yourselves know very
well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]When they
say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon
them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no
escape!

[4]But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a
thief; [5]for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of
the night or of darkness. [6]So then let us not fall asleep as others do but let
us keep awake and be sober; [7]for those who sleep, sleep at night, and
those who are drunk get drunk at night.

[8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate
of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has
destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus
Christ, [10]who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may
live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build up each other,
as indeed you are doing.

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

Gospel Acclamation



Gospel: *Matthew 25:14-30*

The holy gospel according to Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

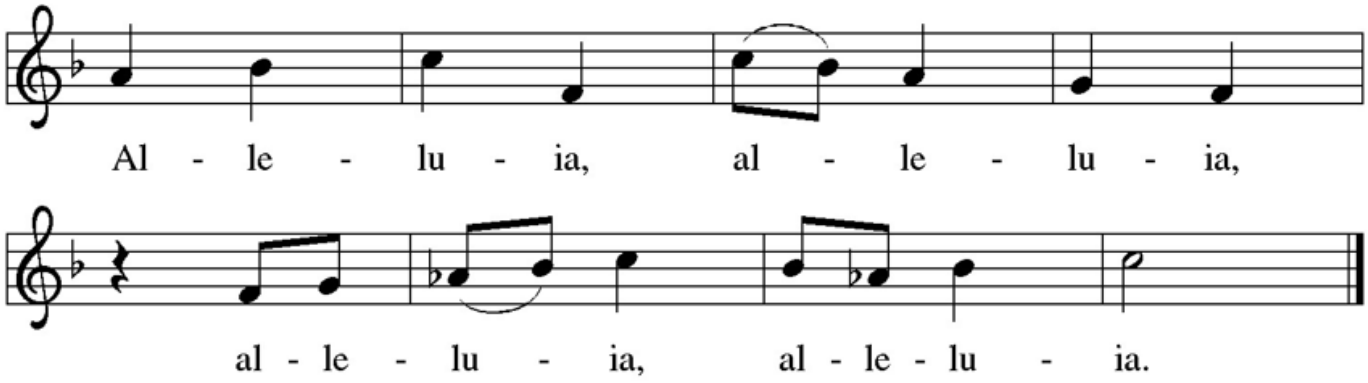
[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14"For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15to one he gave
five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability.
Then he went away. 16The one who had received the five talents went off at
once and traded with them and made five more talents. 17In the same way,
the one who had the two talents made two more talents. 18But the one who
had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid
his master's money.

19After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts
with them. 20Then the one who had received the five talents came forward,
bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five
talents; see, I have made five more talents.' 21His master said to him, 'Well
done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few
things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your
master.' 22And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying,
'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more
talents.' 23His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave;
you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.'

24Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying,
'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow,
and gathering where you did not scatter seed; 25so I was afraid, and I went
and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.'

26But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you,
that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? 27Then
you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return,
I would have received what was my own with interest. 28So take the talent
from him and give it to the one with the ten talents. 29For to all those who
have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those
who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. 30As for this
worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be
weeping and gnashing of teeth.'"

The gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



Homily

Hymn of the Day **– Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us # 707 (Red)**

Prayers

United with a great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

We pray for your church throughout the world. Give congregations courage to use the gifts you have entrusted to them for worship, witness, service, and care. Strengthen clergy, lay leaders, and all who serve faithfully, especially when the work feels uncertain or the harvest seems far away. God of every good gift, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation, entrusted to our care by your generous hand. Where the earth is exploited, polluted, or diminished, awaken in us a deeper commitment to stewardship. God of every good gift, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations and their leaders. Where war and violence divide, bring peace. Where injustice prevails, raise up voices for justice. Where fear shapes decisions, give wisdom and compassion. Guide all who hold power to use it for the flourishing of every person and for the healing of the world. God of every good gift, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Ecumenical Campus Ministry at the University of Guelph, and for campus ministries everywhere. Bless Andrew, the students, staff, and faculty who gather there; and the church partners who sustain this shared ministry. Make it a place of honest questions, deep belonging, generous hospitality, and faithful discipleship. God of every good gift, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all who are sick, grieving, anxious, or overwhelmed. Draw near to those in hospital, those living with chronic illness, those who mourn, and those whose burdens are unseen. We pray for those who desire our prayers: Anna-Liisa, Bud, Ruth, Werner and Debbie, John and Julianna, Ross and Karen, Ken and Matzi, Andrew and Vesna, Alice, Irene, Greg and Mary, Elaine and David, Christa and Ken, Bruce and Jean, Sharon, Deacon Chris, Barbara, Michelle, John, Heather, Carley and Aeryn, Kathyrine, and those we remember in our hearts… *(brief silence…)* Restore their hope, heal their wounds, and remind them that they are precious in your sight. God of every good gift, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for our own community of faith. Make us attentive to the needs of our neighbours at home and beyond. Where people face housing insecurity, hunger, isolation, or loneliness, move us from concern to action. Free us from fear that would lead us to bury the gifts you have given us and send us out with open hands and willing hearts. God of every good gift, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us: for those whose faith, service, and generosity continue to inspire us. Today we give thanks especially for Enid Lemke Campbell, the mother of Kathryn Smith. We entrust her to your loving arms and pray for comfort and consolation for Kathryn and her family in their loss. May the witness of all the saints encourage us to live faithfully in our own time, investing what we have received in the joy of your reign. God of every good gift, **hear our prayer.**

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved. **Amen.**

Peace

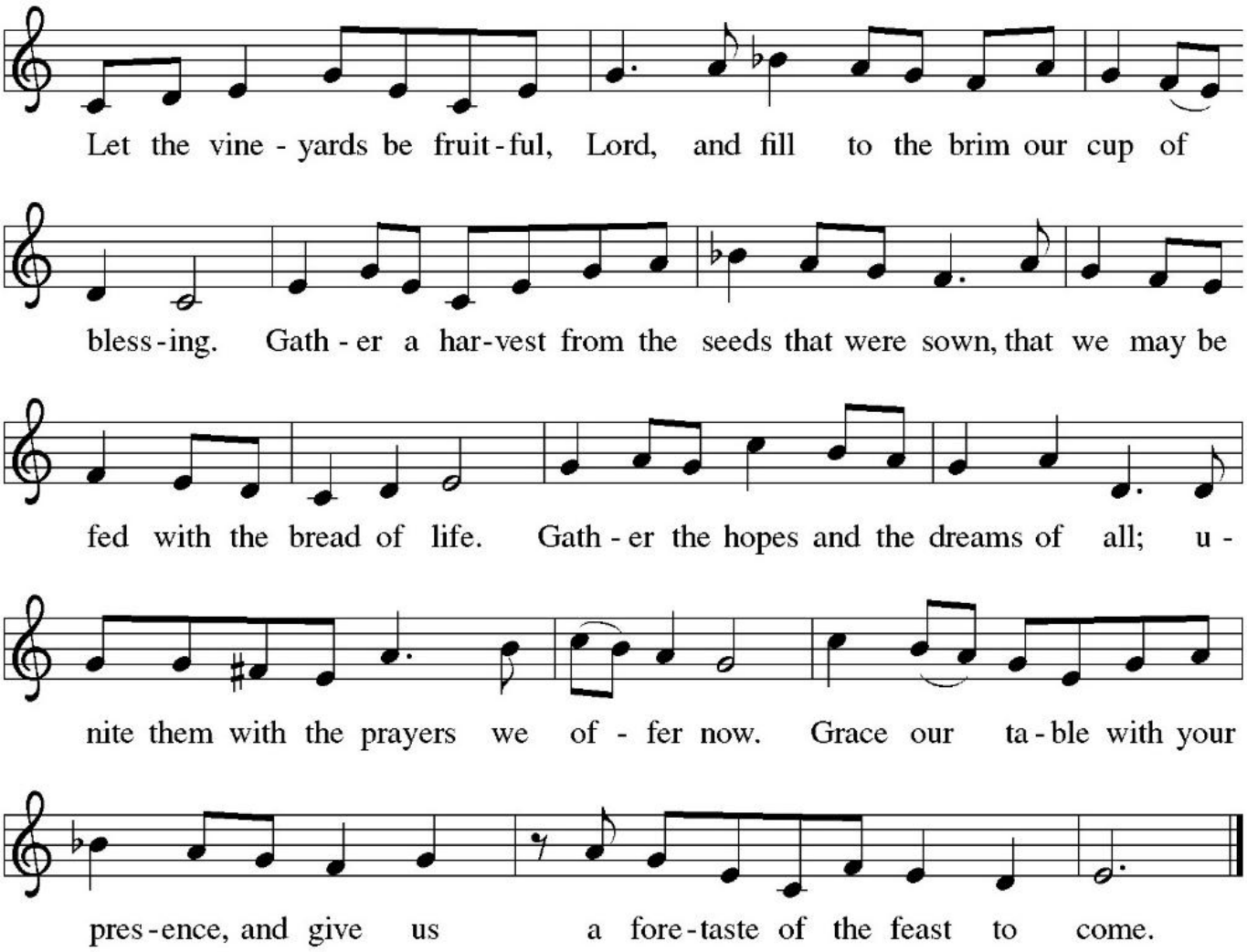
May the peace of Christ be with you all!
And also with you.



Offering

(We thank everyone for your support of our ministry. Although we do not pass offering plates, you can find offering plates at the back of the church and in the narthex. We are also so thankful for all the other gifts – gifts of time and talent – with which we are so blessed.)

Offertory #182 (Red)

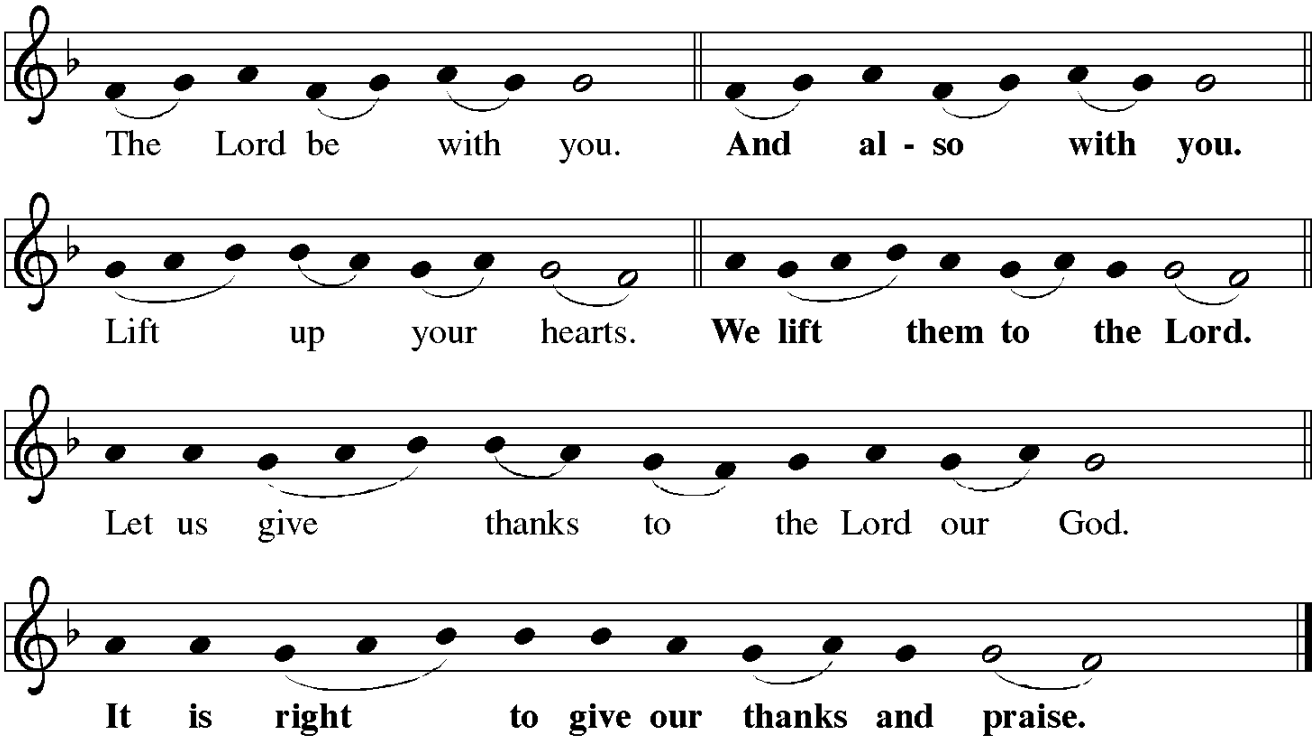


Offertory prayer

Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made; for the sake of the One who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

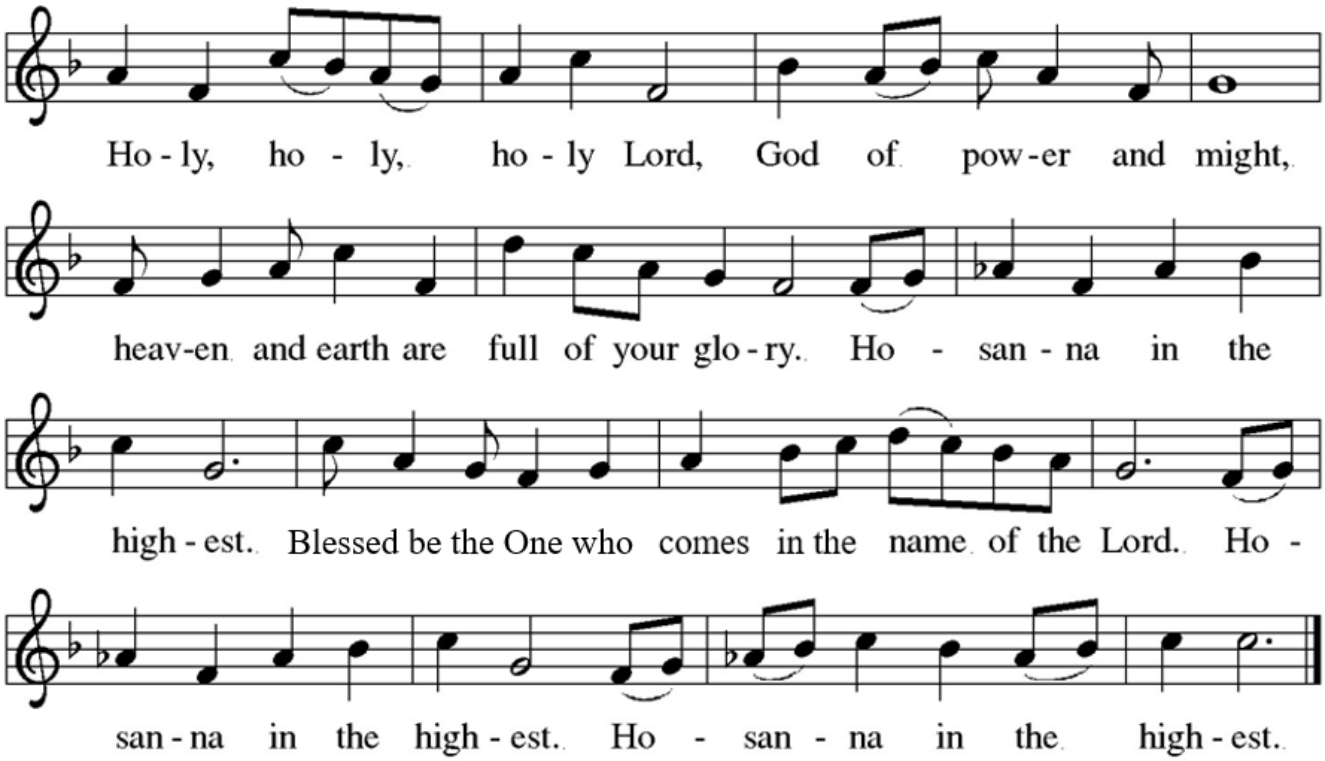
Great Thanksgiving



Preface

…and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

Holy God, our Bread of life, our Table, and our Food,
you created a world in which all might be satisfied by your abundance.

You dined with Abraham and Sarah, promising them life, and fed your people Israel with manna from heaven.

You sent Jesus to eat with sinners and to become food for the world.

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.
Remembering, therefore, his life given for us and his rising from the grave, we await his coming again and again to share with us the everlasting feast.

By your Spirit nurture and sustain us with this meal: strengthen us to serve all in hunger and want, and by this bread and cup make of us the body of Christ, through whom all glory and honour is yours, Almighty God, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

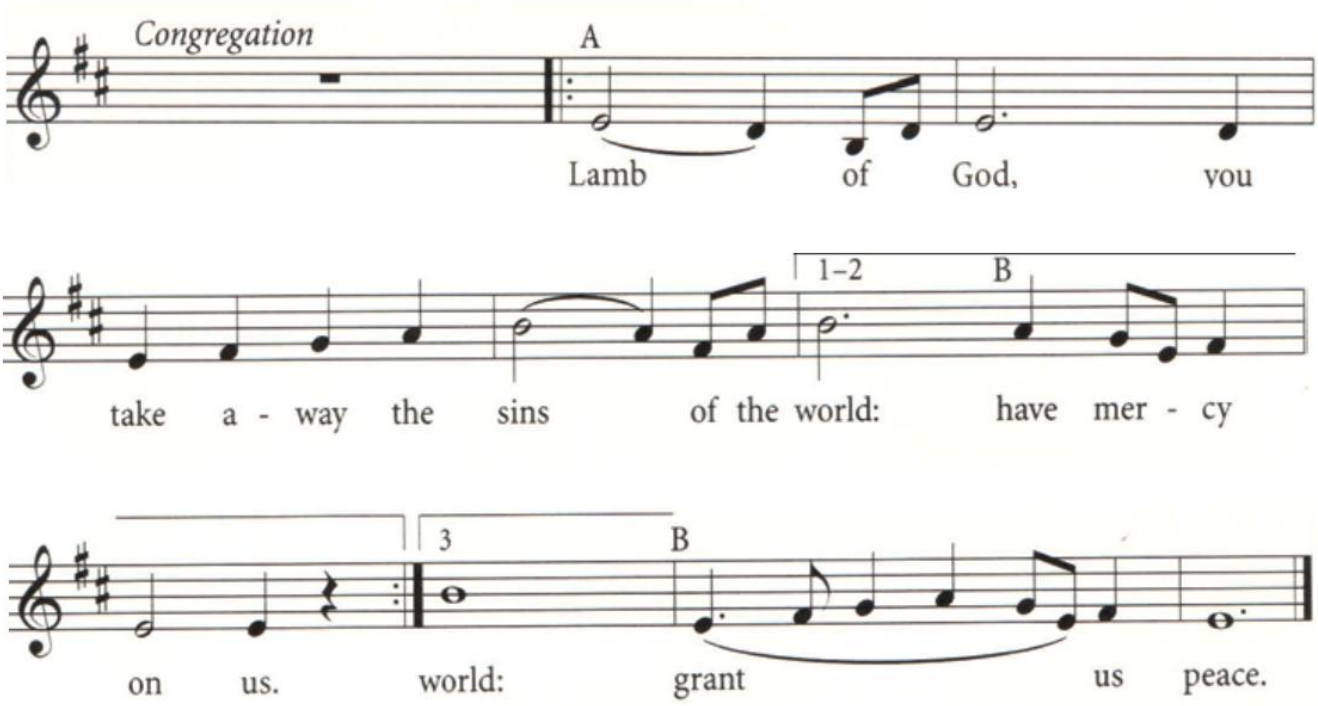
Invitation to communion

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

Communion Hymns:

Lamb of God



Confitemini Domino # 402 (Blue)

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending # 601 (Blue)

For All Your Blessings # 440 (Blue)

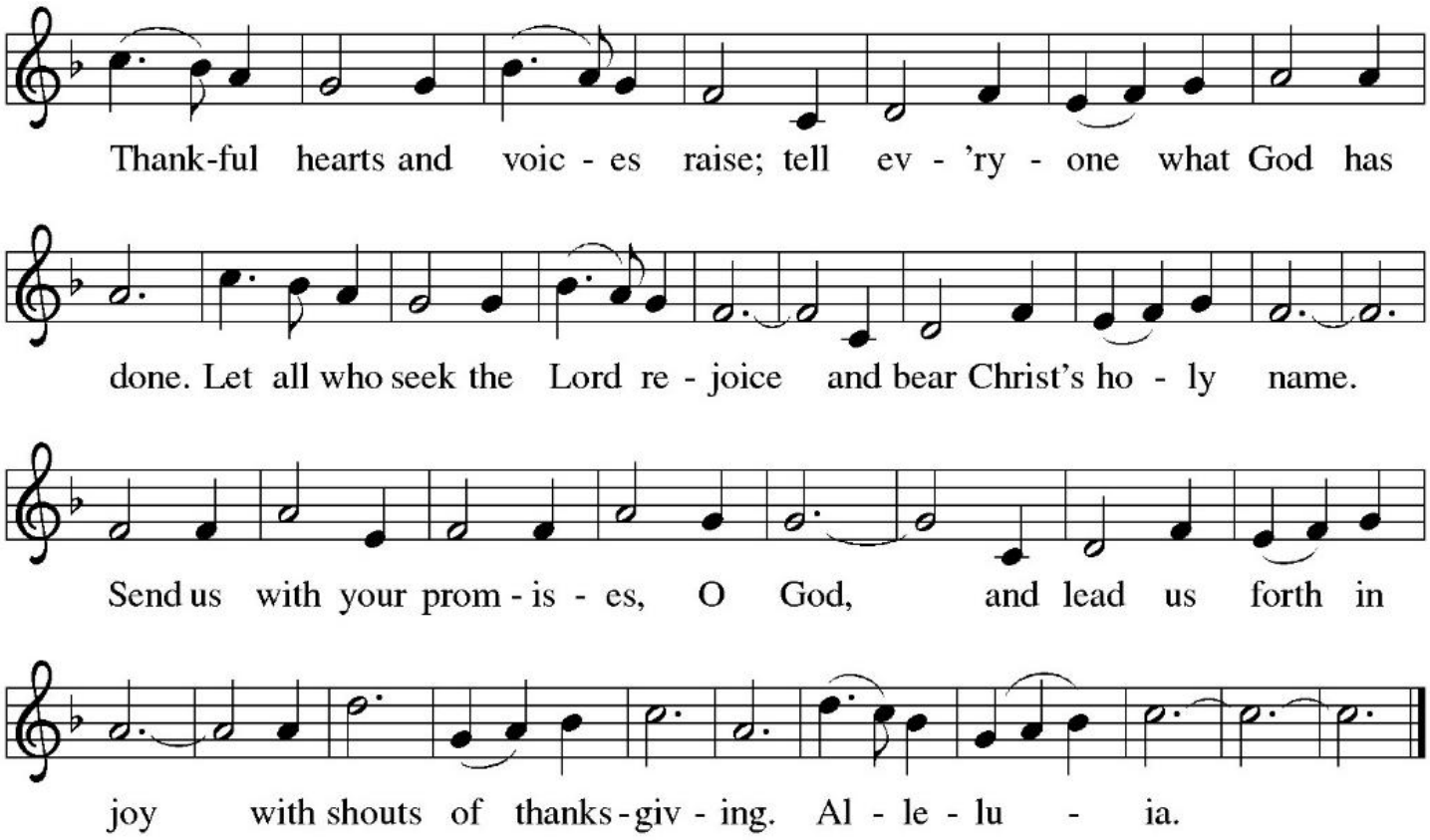
Table Blessing

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

Post-Communion Prayer

We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Post-Communion Canticle # 206 (Red)



Announcements

Benediction

May the God of all creation,
in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved,
who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!

The blessing of God,
Sovereign, ☩ Saviour, and Spirit,
be with you today and always.
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 Hymn – **Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**
 # 674 (Red)

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another
Thanks be to God!

Postlude

Announcements and Information

	Today	Next Sunday
Assisting Minister	Penny Richards	Christine Morison
Servers	Jan Neilsen Dennis Kunze	Jan Neilsen Laura F Mann
Reader	Sue Wakefield	Judy Rogers
Greeters	Kate Stuttaford	Bill & Jette Thomas
Ushers	Michele Altermann Norm Frid	Michele Altermann Norm Frid
AV booth	Judy Rogers Brian Janzen	Jeff Smith Brian Janzen
Altar Guild	Judy Rogers Marg Archer	Judy Rogers Marg Archer
Counters	Christine Morrison Larua B Mann	Christine Morrison Kate Stuttaford
Flowers		
Coffee Hour	ECM Potluck lunch	

We pray for:
ACC: The members of the Council of General Synod
ELCIC: The members of the National Church Council
MOR: The members of the Board of Elders of the Canadian District



Greeters: If you can help with this important hospitality ministry please contact the church office. We are looking for greeters in December. *Thank you.*

***Parish Pot-Luck Lunch*: Today** is Ecumenical Campus Ministry Sunday when we welcome Andrew Hyde, the ECM chaplain, to our services as preacher. There will be a pot-luck lunch after the 10 am service **today**, at which Andrew will highlight some of the ECM activities, and there will be Q&A. *Please join us!*



Connections: The deadline for the next issue of *Connections* is **Sunday, November 22, 2026.** Please submit items to Christine Morrison at cjmorrison263@gmail.com

Award presentation: Our very own John Szymanski has been awarded the Order of Niagara for his longtime faithful labours in the church. The Order will be presented during a service at Christ's Church Cathedral, 252 James St. N, in Hamilton on **Sunday November 22nd at 4 pm.** Please come and celebrate with John and his family!

Caregivers' Support Group: On **Tuesday November 24th at 2pm** the support group for caregivers of people with memory loss or dementia meets in the Parlour. This is a time for sharing our experiences, challenges and wisdom.

Chili After Church and Talent Show: After the 10 am service on **Sunday**, **November 29th**, chili will be served downstairs in Rose Head Hall. A talent show will follow. Please sign up in the narthex, if you are attending and if you are contributing to the meal or the talent show. A Free Will Offering will be collected to contribute towards the enhancement of the outside gardens. P.S. There will be birthday cake for Ella 's actual birthday.



Service in Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women: On **Sunday November 29th at 4pm** in Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton, the Anglican Diocese of Niagara will be holding a special service to mark 50 years since women were first ordained as priests in the Anglican Church of Canada. All are welcome. The service will also be live streamed here: https://www.youtube.com/@NiagaraAnglican.

Decorating the church: Altar Guild invites you to help decorate the church for Christmas on **Saturday December 5, at 9:00 a.m.** Everyone is welcome, not just members of Altar Guild!





Lessons and Carols: Advent is coming! Mark Sunday **December 6, at 7:00 p.m.** on your calendar to join us for an evening of word and music of the season! Refreshments will be served.

Mary Guse Giving Tree: Please pick up tags from the tree and return the unwrapped gift(s) under the tree with the coloured paper from the organization attached to each item. **The last Sunday for bringing gifts will be November 29.** ***Thank you***





Chalmers gift bags: It's that time of year again! This year there are three different ways you can help. The last drop off for items at church is **November 29.**

Option #1 Gift bag contents:

- Regular size shampoo
- Toothpaste and dental floss
- Single toothbrush in its packaging
- One bar of soap, preferably unscented
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream
- Package of 5-10 disposable razors
- Boxed candy or boxed chocolate (not homemade and not Halloween candy)
- Small jar of instant coffee or tin/box of hot chocolate (no coffee pods)
- A jar of peanut butter
- One pair of warm gloves (gender-neutral)

Option #2 Purchase a number of one item to go into the bags that will be put together on site.

Option #3 No time to shop? Consider making a donation at chalmerscentre.ca of $60.00 towards the purchase of all of the items. Charitable receipts will be issued for your donation.

Lists and bags are available in the narthex

Silvercreek Community Market: Please consider buying the specific items listed below — for November we need: **cooking oil, canned legumes and school snacks.** We are also very low on rice and lentils.
We do not need any plastic bread tabs. **We need reuseable grocery bags again.** Thank you.

Transgender Day of Remembrance

The Transgender Day of Remembrance is recognized internationally on **November 20th**. This day was set aside to memorialize those who were killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice. The event is held in November to honor Rita Hester, whose murder on November 28th, 1998, kicked off the "Remembering Our Dead" web project and a San Francisco candlelight vigil in 1999. Rita Hester's murder — like most anti-transgender murder cases — has yet to be solved.



The Transgender Day of Remembrance serves several purposes. It raises public awareness of hate crimes against transgender people; it is a day to publicly mourn and honour the lives of members of our community who might otherwise be forgotten. Through the vigil, we express love and respect for transgender people in the face of public indifference and hatred. This day gives allies a chance to step forward and stand in solidarity, memorializing those who've died by anti-transgender violence.

"Through baptism, we commit to respect the dignity of every human being," says Bishop Susan Bell. "Tragically, violence committed against trans people is a pervasive, persistent, and deeply concerning problem. As God's beloved children, we recognize the image of Christ in every trans person."

To honour these lives, the day will be observed with a time of vigil and prayer on **Friday, November 20, beginning at 7 p.m.** at Church of the Apostles, 82 Glasgow Street North, Guelph. All are welcome to attend this service.



RING A BELL.
SERVE A NEIGHBOUR.

CHRISTMAS KETTLE CAMPAIGN 2026

The Salvation Army • Guelph

November 16 – December 24

Volunteer as a Bell Ringer

Bring your church, small group, friends or family together to share Christ's love through practical service.

Our primary fundraiser supports food assistance and community outreach throughout the year.

Help the body of Christ in Guelph come together to serve our neighbours.

VOLUNTEER OR LEARN MORE

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LOOKING AHEAD: November 16 — 22

Tuesday 17	5:00 p.m.	Men's Fellowship Rose Head Hall
Wednesday 18	9:00 a.m.	Announcements due to Office
	12:00 p.m.	Women of Faith Parlour
Thursday 19	9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Silvercreek Community Market Rose Head Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Choir Practice Nave
Sunday 22	8:30 a.m.	Reign of Christ Holy Communion—Nave
	10:00 a.m.	Reign of Christ Holy Communion—Nave

Organist
Peter West

Staff
Michele Altermann
Administrative Assistant

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