

LOOKING AHEAD: December 4 – December 10

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| Tues. 5 | 9:30 am | Worship Committee Mtg. – The Parlour |
| | 6:00 pm | Women’s Fellowship Dinner – Fellowship Hall |
| Wed. 6 | 11:30 am | Shut-In Communion Service – Sanctuary |
| Thurs. 7 | 2:00 pm | Silvercreek Community Market – Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 pm | Choir Practice – Sanctuary |
| Fri. 8 | 9:00 am | Scrapbooking & Crafts – Choir Room |
| | 10:00 am | GWSA Gathering – Fellowship Hall |
| | 12:30 pm | Cookie Walk Set-Up – Fellowship Hall |
| Sat. 9 | 9:00 am | Pageant Rehearsal – Sanctuary |
| | 9:30 am | Cookie Walk – Fellowship Hall |
| Sun. 10 | 8:30 am | Advent 2 – Holy Communion – Sanctuary |
| | 10:00 am | Advent 2 – Holy Communion – Sanctuary Sunday School Presentation |

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We welcome you to our worship today.

Hymnbooks:

Our community uses two hymnbooks.

(ELW) Evangelical Lutheran Worship has a cranberry cover.

(CP) Common Praise has a blue cover.

You will find either (ELW) or (CP) beside each hymn number to indicate which book we are singing from.

Communion: All are welcome.

We make available grape juice and gluten free bread. Please inform one of the Communion Servers that you wish to have one or both of these elements during the distribution of Communion.

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

We welcome all children to our worship. We also have a child friendly space in the fellowship area at the back of the church. Drink boxes, activity bags and youth bulletins are in a basket near the entrance to the church. Please help yourself.

**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Sunday, December 3, 2017**

**GATHERING
*The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.***

Prelude

Silence

The Procession of Light

Psalm 80: 1 – 7, 17 – 19 (*spoken*)

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.

²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴**O Lord God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your**

people pray?

⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.

⁶**You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.**

⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

¹⁷**Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.

¹⁹**Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

We praise you, O God, for this evergreen crown that makes our days of preparation for Christ's advent. As we light the first candle on this wreath, rouse us from sleep, that we may be ready to greet our Lord when he comes with all the saints and angels. Enlighten us with your grace, and prepare our hearts to welcome him with joy. Grant this through Christ our Lord, whose coming is certain and whose days draws near.

Amen.

Christ, Be Our Light

**Longing for light, we wait in the darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

**Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.**

Acknowledgement of Territory

Greeting

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

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer-cy.

For the peace from above, 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 u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer 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

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the

threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading – Isaiah 64: 1 – 9

A reading from Isaiah.

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the

hand of our iniquity. Yet, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn – # **250 ELW**

Gospel Reading – *Mark 13: 24 – 37*

The holy gospel according to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

or

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see ‘the Son of Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates.

Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

or

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of Intercession

Guided by the light of Christ, let us pray for the coming dawn of joy, healing, and comfort for all God’s people.

Give light to your people, Lord. As the darkness grows and we await the return of daylight, give new life to your church, especially the Anglican Church of Canada, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada and other faith communities throughout the world. Shape our communities to

be faithful vessels of the gospel for the sake of the world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore your creation, Lord. You give the earth opportunities for both sleep and awakening. Thank you for the gift of restful seasons so new life may grow according to your appointed time. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring peace to the nations, Lord. Keep us alert to injustice and oppression, give us courage to cry out for what is right, and guide world leaders toward fairness and peace for all. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Stir up compassion in us for all who wait for you. Be near to those whose lives are shaken, those who are experiencing loss, those who long for healing and wholeness, those who live with HIV and AIDS, and those who are in any kind of need (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We pray for child care workers, teachers, Sunday school leaders, and all who nurture and educate children. We give you thanks for their diligence and devotion. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

From ages past, your faithfulness has never failed. Shine your face upon us and bring us into the company of all your saints in light.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We raise our prayers to you, O God, in the name of the one who is, who was, and who is to come, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession and Forgiveness

Blessed be the holy Trinity, (+) one God, who comes to wake us from sleep, who leads us into the light of grace.
Amen.

Let us prepare the way of the Lord by confessing our sin against God and neighbour.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

God of all time,
we confess that we have not prepared for your merciful reign among us. We ignore our neighbours in need and fail in the labour of justice and peace. In your mercy forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your light and to seek the things that will endure until Christ comes again in glory. Amen.

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

In (+) Jesus Christ your sins are forgiven and all things are made new. Rejoice in this good news!

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering / Choir Anthem

— All Earth is Hopeful by James Bobb

Offering Hymn – # **240 ELW vs. 1**

Offering Prayer

Saviour of the nations, come.
Make your home here in us.
Feed us with your love,
that our faith shine ever new
and our lives reveal your light.

Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.**

Eucharistic Prayer

...Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

...Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

The Lord's Prayer (*spoken*)

**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

Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you.
Share in the feast of salvation.

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.

Communion Hymns

89 CP vss. 1 & 2, # 588 CP, # 48 CP, # 107 CP

Table Blessing

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

God for whom we wait,

you come to us

in the broken bread and the cup we share.

Make us ready always

to welcome Christ into our hearts,

and send us forth to be your people in the world,

announcing your coming among us

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

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.

Benediction

May Christ, the Sun of righteousness, shine upon
you and scatter the darkness from your path.

Almighty God, Father, (+) Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song - # 108 CP

Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Announcements and Information

Greeters: Ross & Karen Cressman

The flowers in the Chancel area are given by Don & Brenda Scott to the Glory of God and in memory of past loved ones.

We pray for: **Anglican Church of Canada** – The people of the Anglican Church of Canada. **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada** – The people of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada.

All Saints Special Congregation / Vestry Meeting will be held today following the 10:00 a.m. worship service with a pot-luck sandwich lunch.

Reformation Challenge: Thank you to all who donated to match the All Saints \$500.00 donation to ELCIC Reformation Challenge for Trees. Your donations totaled \$600.00 exceeding the goal by

\$100.00. All Saints has forwarded \$1100.00 to the Challenge, which will supply 1,100 trees to the Lutheran World Federation, as they plant 150,000 trees on 60 hectares of degraded land in Lalibela, Ethiopia.

Our Community Advent Lessons & Carols service on Sunday, December 17th at 7:00 pm. Everyone is welcome, so please invite your family, friends & neighbours. Refreshments will be provided after the service.



Christmas Eve Services

5:00 pm – German Candlelight Service**
7:00 pm – Family Carol & Candlelight Service
9:30 pm – Candlelight Mass**

Christmas Day Service

10:00 am – Worship Service**

****Services with Holy Communion**

