

# All Saints Sunday

## Sunday, November 7, 2021

(\* indicates the assembly stands,  
\*\* indicates singing is encouraged)

### Gathering

Prelude "Le Prie-Dieu" G. Oldroyd

Words of Welcome & Service Announcements

\*Hymn 422 v.1-4\*\* "For All the Saints"

\*Greeting

\*Prayer of the Day

Anthem "Bread of the World" H. Bancroft

### Word

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalms 24 (said responsively by full verse)

Second Reading Revelation 21:1-6a

\*Gospel Acclamation "Alleluia. Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" p. 151

\*Gospel Reading John 11:32-44

Sermon

Hymn of the Day 425 "Behold the Host Arrayed in White"

Remembering those who have died

Music for Reflection "Schönster Jesu, liebstes Leben" D. Buxtehude

\*Nicene Creed p. 126

\*Prayers of Intercession **A: Your mercy is great.**

\*Peace

### Meal

\*Offering Hymn 184\*\* "Let the Vineyards"

\*Offering Prayer

\*Great Thanksgiving p. 152

*Holy, Holy, Holy	p. 153
*Thanksgiving at the Table V	p. 65
*Lord's Prayer ( <i>Our Father, who art in heaven...</i> )	p. 134
Lamb of God	p. 154
Communion Hymns 423, 428	
Table Blessing	
Prayer after Communion	
<b>Sending</b>	
General Announcements	
*Blessing	
*Hymn 422 v. 5-7**	<i>"For All The Saints"</i>
*Dismissal	<b>A: Thanks be to God.</b>
Postlude	<i>"For All the Saints"</i> <i>A. Hutchings</i>

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**Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears.** Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

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## Leading Worship Today

**Minister:** Rev. Sebastian Meadows-Helmer

**Assisting Minister:** Jim Treusch

**Diaconal Minister of Music :** Deacon Scott Knarr

**Violins:** Sebastian Meadows-Helmer and Lana Moses

**Soloists:** Dylan Siebert and Nicole Hamilton

**Choral Scholars:** Nicole Hamilton, Laura Moolenbeek, Dylan Siebert, Jacob Steinmann

**Vocal Ensemble:** Julia Crnko, Pauline Finch, Lana Moses, Bev Roeder, Erika Sattler, Jim Sattler

**Radio Operator:** Erwin Neuhof

**Building Monitor:** Don Robins (519-502-2099)

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## Worship Notes

**Welcome to worship this morning**, whether you are joining us in person or via the Golden Hour. In these pandemic times, worship will feel a lot different from normal, but it is still worship, and God is with us no matter what.

**Communion:** For those wanting to receive, you will be given Communion in one kind (host only). You will be ushered to the front starting with the side aisles. Leave 2 meters distance between you and the person ahead of you. Stop 2 meters from the pastor, at which point the pastor will say, "The body of Christ given for you." Step closer to the pastor and a wafer will be dropped into your outstretched hands with tongs, taking care not to touch you. **Take the wafer back to your seat to commune there. Remove your mask briefly and then put it back on.**

Those seated on the side aisles will come up first, followed by those on the centre aisles. Those in the balconies can come whenever they want (although not using the radio tower staircase). The directional flow will

stay the same (up the front aisle, and back down the side aisles). Those on the piano side aisle must circle around the pulpit side to return to their pew as the **choir area is off-limits**. Alternately, you may choose to bring your own bread and wine and consume these in your seat (at the same time as those at home are invited to).

**In our prayers** Grace, Maureen, Ruth-Marie, Frank and Bernice.

**The Golden Hour broadcast** today is sponsored in loving memory of Frank & Lydia Hinz, Ruth & Norm Tomlinson and Meagan Tomlinson, by Gary Tomlinson.

**Today's Guide to Worship** is dedicated in memory of Joseph & Magdalena Spier. This loving gesture is made by their son, John.

**All Saints** celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. In worship, whether virtual or in-building, we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

### **Saints Who Entered God's Eternal Realm**

Neil Bindernagel

Judith Howell

Dolly Both

Lynda Longstaff

Douglas Gerth

Graeme Nicholson

LaVerne Hiuser

Wesley Scherigert

Don Hohner

June Widmeyer

**Saint Entering the Household of God Through Holy Baptism:**

Kane Derek Hummel

## Important Information for today's worship

- **Masks:** According to the Waterloo Region Bylaw, wearing a mask indoors is mandatory.
- **Personal belongings:** All items must remain with you at all times
- **Offering:** Please place your offering in one of the offering plates upon leaving.
- **The Peace** will be shared without physical contact
- **Guides to Worship:** Please place these in the recycling bins in the Narthex upon leaving, or take them home.
- **Exiting:** At the end of the service, all will remain in place until the end of the postlude. Then, following the ushers' guidance, those in the back pews will exit first, going directly out the only official exit: the Benton parking lot doors. Please do not mingle inside, and maintain distancing until you are in the parking lot. We encourage you to mingle outside while maintaining physical distancing.
- **Washrooms:** Are not sanitized after each usage. Please only use the ones in the Sanctuary basement, follow all signage and maintain physical distancing.
- **Coffee Hour** is cancelled until further notice.
- **Mingling:** Please do not mingle while indoors and respect 2 metre physical distancing at all times. Please refrain from shaking hands or other physical contact with people outside your social bubble.
- **Pastors** will not be greeting at the door or mingling indoors, but will make an effort to come outside asap after the service. If you wish to talk to them, best to call or email at another time. An in-person meeting may be scheduled.
- **Water Coolers** are not to be used.
- **Access** to the rest of the building (e.g. Office, Fellowship Hall, Scout Hall) is not permitted.

- **Property Cleaning and Sanitizing:** Will be increased throughout this time
- **Thank you for helping to keep all of us as safe as possible during this pandemic, by following these directions!**

## Advent Carol Service

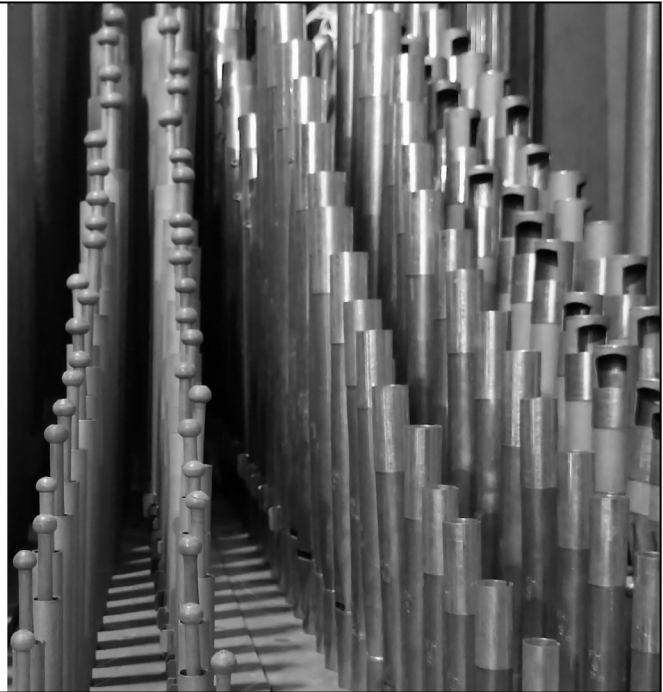
*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Sunday, November 28, 2021  
9:30am

at morning worship  
and on the Golden Hour

Chamber Choir  
Celebration Bells

St. Matthews Lutheran Church  
54 Benton Street, Kitchener



**Church Fire Plan** For everyone's awareness, a copy of the Church Fire Plan for safe exit from the Sanctuary appears in the back of the worship books. Please take a moment to review for your own safety.

## General Announcements

Dear members and friends of St. Matthews,

Our building is now open for worship again! Please read carefully through the informational letter sent out by email, mail and via the website and social media. If you have questions, please contact us. Please note that normal gatherings and meals at the church still remain cancelled and the office is still closed to the public and the building locked.

Our focus remains concentrated on meetings online and via phone. More updates will come as they are available.

All God's blessings! Pastors Sebastian and Carey

**Volunteer needed!** The Worship and the Arts Committee is looking for a volunteer to organize the Guide to Worship Sponsorships, a task that until now was done by the late Judy Howell. If you are interested, please contact Peter Winkler at [pmewinkler@gmail.com](mailto:pmewinkler@gmail.com).



**Annual Budget Meeting** will be held in-person (only) after worship on **Sunday, December 5th**. All members should attend if possible.

**Need to use the lift?** The lift is usable at this time for those who need it to better access the Sanctuary main level. I personally contacted all lift users I was aware of, but just to clarify: the Church Street door is locked on Sunday mornings. If you know you are coming ahead of time, you can send the office (emails not checked on weekends) or pastors an email heads-up, or call the pastors to let them know to expect you.

If you decide Sunday morning to come to church, you can pull up to the basement tower door and alert the usher to the fact that you will need the lift. They will then let the building monitor know to greet you and help you enter. You can do your screening and contact tracing directly yourself by signing yourself in at the "Lift Contact Screening Binder" (you do not need to go to the coat rack area), and then use the lift.

You can see a visual of the binder's location at the 4:50 minute mark of the Re-opening video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VgYNZeeWymw&t=118s> (via our website). If you have any questions, please let me know! Pastor Sebastian.

**Reserved Parking:** On Sunday mornings and other worship services, please *only* park in the 6 spots nearest the office entrance (including the "pastor" and "music director" spots), closest to the wall of the church if you are someone with mobility issues, or a parent with a stroller and young children. Our pastors and our music director come early enough to find a parking spot elsewhere. This is a transitional measure prior to installing permanent signage.



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Space for your notes on today's service, for your personal reflection.

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